Welcome to Term 4:
A warm welcome to Term 4! The 2014 school year seems to have flown by! We are looking forward to an excellent term culminating with our end of year activities including Parent Helper Morning Tea, Performance Night, Year 6 Farewell, Semester Two reports and Presentation Night. A reminder that our comprehensive school calendar, giving you information as to when activities are planned for this term, is available on our school’s website

http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar

School Planning:
2015 begins a new three year cycle for our school strategic planning. As part of the process we would love to engage our school community (teachers, non-teaching staff, students, parents, carers, community partners) in deep conversations about the future educational directions and strategies for Parklea Public School. Strong partnerships between the school, its teachers and the parent community make a positive contribution to student learning. As part of this process we would like to hold a parent meeting on Tuesday 11 November at 9:30am in our school hall. A note will go home next week with more information. We hope to see you there!

Selective High 2016:
Notes will be sent home next week to all Year 5 students outlining the organisation details regarding applying for Selective High School in 2016. Please note that applications close 17th November and no late applications will be accepted. Also, this year all applications
On this night, we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students in a range of areas, from high achievement to work in Creative Arts and Citizenship. As we have combined our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony with the Presentation Evening, we will also be farewelling our current Year 6 students. The names of our new School Leaders for 2015 will also be announced.

Further information regarding this special night will be coming home later in the term.

**ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) 2014:**
Students from Years 2 – 6 participated in ICAS this year and achieved outstanding results. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction at various assemblies throughout Term 3. Mathematics certificates were presented to Year 2 students at yesterday’s assembly and primary students will receive their certificates at next week’s assembly on Tuesday 21st October.

Our students participated in a variety of ICAS tests which were designed to assess their academic abilities in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

School participation certificates have been displayed in our staffing foyer area.

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who participated in ICAS this year.

We look forward to your continued participation in 2015.

**Ms Carter's Baby News Update:**
Below are some photos of Ms Carter’s twins; Christopher Robert and Georgia Anne who are now 10 weeks old. They are both doing very well and Ms Carter is enjoying her time with her beautiful babies. Ms Carter reports Christopher and Georgia are always eating and sleeping (lucky mummy)! Big sister, Isabella is also enjoying her time with her little brother and sister and is a great help.
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Kind regards,
Mr Fisk & Mrs Cardwell
(R/Deputy Principals)

School News

Swim School has been Extended until 24th October:
Can your child swim the length of an Olympic-sized pool easily and with a correct stroke? If not, Swim School is an essential program for them. Swim School is an intensive program of 10 lessons. It is a free activity run by qualified swimming instructors from the Department of Sport and Recreation. The cost of $85 covers transport and pool entry.

I have included some of the wonderful results achieved by our students last year during Swim School, showing the number of metres they could swim on Day 1 compared to Day 9 of the program.

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There are only 20 places left for Swim School. A form can be found on the school website or can be obtained from the office. Don't miss out on this excellent program.

Kind regards,
Mrs Temby
(Swim school Coordinator)

Stage 3 Soap Carvings:
Last term, Stage 3 made soap carvings to represent African tribal masks. However, it is not only Africans who carve wooden masks as I found out while on holiday in Vanuatu recently. I came across a soap carving which reminded me of the wonderful creations made by Stage 3. The grey soap comes from the volcanic island of Ambryn (one of the 82 islands which make up Vanuatu). It is made from coconut oil and is inspired by the traditional wood carving TamTams, exclusive to the island of Ambryn.

The Ambryn soap (2nd from the left) together with soaps made by 5 Red

Regards,
Mrs Temby
(EAL/D Specialist Teacher)

Freeman Cake Stall:
On Wednesday 29th October, Freeman will be hosting their CAKE STALL for our students. A flyer about this event will come home next week. Our cake stalls this year have been raising funds for portable technology in our school.
Just a friendly reminder...when there is a ‘sports house’ cake stall, we ask that students bring in something to sell at the cake stall if they are in that ‘sports house’. So, FREEMAN students, it’s your turn!!!

Also, we encourage students from ‘other’ sports houses to contribute to our cake stalls. Students get house points for each ‘special treat’ they bring for the cake stall.

We look forward to selling an array of toffees, cakes, jellies, slices and other sweet treats next week.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mutch & Miss Kim
(On behalf of the Student Government)

Exciting News from the Maths Department:
This year, the National Literacy and Numeracy Week was held from 25th-31st August. This week highlights the importance of Literacy and Numeracy development for our students. As part of this National focus, my Year 4 mathematics class participated in some online Numeracy activities which involved looking at the use of water in our school and collecting data. As a result of our enthusiasm, we have been selected to win a prize pack! We thought we would share our winning excitement with you!

Kind regards,
Mrs Ogie and her Year 4 Mathematics Class

Activ8 Program:
As part of Parklea Public School’s ‘Student Welfare Initiatives’, a special program called “ACTIV8”, led by Mrs Mutch, has started this term which consists of boys from years 4 and 5.

The program aims to develop:
- self-confidence
- self-discipline
- resilience
- teamwork
- tolerance
- friendship building
- trust
- fitness

Mrs Mlinaric will be working alongside Mrs Mutch each Monday and Mr Andrew Stefanic (PE teacher) from Glenwood HS will also supporting Mrs Mutch every Thursday.

The ACTIV8 program consists of 10 lessons over a five week period. Each lesson includes a variety of fitness based activities set up as a circuit with one whole class team building activity focusing on the following topics/values:
- Cooperation: cooperating with others
- Support: supporting and caring for other people and showing compassion
- Respect: respecting the rights of others
- Integrity: being honest, fair, responsible and loyal
- Friendliness: being friendly and socially responsible, and including others
- Acceptance: understanding and accepting the differences between oneself and others, and including others socially.

Students will work towards the above skills and values through group based activities, while incorporating elements of fitness training (endurance, strength, flexibility) and fun!
FROM OUR SCHOOL’S P&C ASSOCIATION:

Rock!n’ Rides Night:
On **Friday 24th October** our school’s Rock!n’ Rides Night will be held. Thank you to all the families who have pre-purchased wristbands. Pre-ordered wristbands are still available for purchase before Thursday 23rd October by 3pm. Please place your order forms with your payment in the P&C box located in the front office. A payment flyer for this night has been attached to this newsletter.

Pre-purchased wristbands will be available on the night from 4:30pm in the COLA area. The P&C will be selling wristbands on night for $30 each. Individual ride tickets will also be available for purchase for $5 each ride.

Finally, you may wish to also purchase your ticket for our Rock!n’ Rides Night online via the School Connection website by following the link below:


Thank you again for supporting this night!

Kind regards,
Mrs Cardwell
(On behalf of the Parklea P&C Association)
Parklea Public School
Parents and Citizens Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting – 18th November 2014
Time & Location: 6.30pm, School Staff Room

YOUR P&C NEEDS YOU!
JUST DO IT.
Parklea Public School - Parents and Citizens Association

The Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association of Parklea Public School is a friendly, active and productive group of parents and citizens committed to working together with our school to ensure the best possible resources, experiences and outcomes are available for all students at Parklea.

The P&C is involved in a range of activities including:

- Operating the School Uniform Shop with the aim of providing high quality uniforms at a reasonable cost.
- Fund-raising for School priority areas.
- Input into governance, policies, school targets, and procedures within the School.
- Contributions to School development and planning days.
- Discussion of current School and educational issues.

Joining and becoming a P&C member means you will have access to a lot of information. If you would also like to be involved in activities, that’s great, it’s totally up to you. For those who would like to be involved, no contribution of your time and help is too small. Everyone has something to offer and all assistance is valued, especially by your children.

Membership is a small annual investment of just $2, and this will provide you with information about the school. You will receive via email, monthly meeting minutes, notice of P&C activities, special announcements and voting rights for issues under consideration.

Meetings are optional, however if you would like to attend they are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month @6.45pm for a 7pm start, in the Teacher’s staff room.

Our P&C consists of the following roles - President, Vice President X 2, Treasurer and Secretary. These five positions make up the Executive Committee of Parklea Public School P&C Association. In addition there are important roles for a Fundraising Coordinator and assistant and the Uniform Shop Coordinator and assistant.

The annual AGM requires all outgoing Executive Committee members, the Fundraising members and Uniform Shop members to resign and the positions are then open for nomination for the next annual term. So please come along to our AGM, check out what we are all about and perhaps you can make a difference by becoming involved either as a Committee member, a Coordinator or an assistant - or just come along to our normal monthly P&C meetings. Everyone is Welcome.
Caring for KiDs with ADHD Workshop

**When:**
During Public School Terms
**Duration:**
7 weeks, 1 day a week
from 10:30am to 1:30pm
**Where:**
Blacktown
Local Government Area
**Who:**
Parents, Carers, Grandparents
Anyone interested in learning about ADHD.

**Including The Following Topics**
- Understanding ADHD
- The three ‘E’s of parenting
- Using reward systems
- Time out strategies
- Linking with your child’s school
- Self Esteem
- Parental Burnout
- Referrals for further support
- Sleep and Loss Issues
- Love Languages

**Light refreshments provided**

**Bookings Essential**

For further information & Expression of Interest, please contact (02) 9621 3922

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Family Solutions
Parent/Carer Support Group

**Are you a parent or carer with a child or children who experience a Learning Difficulty &/or Behavioural Disorder?**

- Autism/Aspergers
- Dyspraxia
- DDA
- Anxiety
- Fine Motor Skills
- Visual Processing etc......

Come and join us for a chat, a speaker and to meet other parents and carers.

**When:**
Fortnightly
**Time:**
10:00am to 12:00pm
**Where:**
Blacktown LGA

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Small Changes, Big Differences.

Mums, Dads & Carers living in the Blacktown Local Government area with children 0-12 years are invited to attend a Triple P Positive Parenting Program

**Triple P** is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Triple P helps parents to promote your child’s development and communication skills, manage your child’s behaviour and emotions, build a good relationship with your child and take care of yourself as a parent.

**Duration:**
8 Weeks
**Frequency:**
2 times a year
**Time:**
2 hours per week, during public school terms
**Venue:**
Blacktown Local Government Area

**Further Enquiries & Bookings**
contact 9621 3922

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Stop, Think, Do

**What is the STOP, THINK, DO Program?**
Children learn better when they have positive social interactions and this is important both with other children at school and also their teachers.

Helps develop positive social skills that will assist children in forming and maintaining relationships both in school and other areas of their life.

**The Program Aims To Help Children Learn To:**
- Listen and talk with others
- Understand other peoples feelings
- Express their own feelings appropriately
- STOP and THINK before they act, and therefore, make positive choices and decisions
- Make and keep friends
- Learn self assertion skills in how to assert themselves positively
- Cope with and learn strategies to deal with negative pressures, teasing and bullying
- Work in groups and help each other

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NSW Government

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Dear Business owners,

At present in the cold of winter and during the heat of summer, the children at Parklea Public School are, on many occasions, unable to utilise the schools hall as there is no adequate heating or cooling.

How can you and your business help?

Parklea Public School, along with the support of our school’s P&C association, is currently seeking sponsors from the local community to enable the school to purchase air conditioning for the school hall.

The school is offering four (4) levels of sponsorship from Bronze at $100 through to Platinum sponsorship at $1000 or more.

What can the school offer you in return?

Sponsorship provides advertising to your business through our extensive family/community network in the following ways up until 30th June 2015.

**Bronze sponsorship $100**
- 1 small business logo (size half business card) in our school's eNewsletters;
- Your business logo appears in the bronze sponsor section of the school website;
- Bronze Certificate of Appreciation to display for your business.

**Silver sponsorship $250**
- 1 business card size ad in our schools eNewsletters;
- Your business logo appears in the silver sponsor section of the school website;
- Flyer distribution once a semester;
- Silver Certificate of Appreciation to display for your business.

**Gold sponsorship $500**
- A6/quarter page ad in our school’s eNewsletters;
- Your business logo appears in the gold sponsor section of the school website;
- Flyer distribution once a term
- Gold Certificate of Appreciation to display for your business.

**Platinum sponsorship $1000+**
- A5/half page ad in our school’s eNewsletters;
- Your business logo appears in the platinum sponsor section of the school website;
- Flyer distribution twice a term;
- Platinum Certificate of Appreciation to display for your business;
- Exclusive invitation for advertising at school functions (e.g. Performance nights, discos, carols, etc.)

Note: Your sponsorship level and entitlements will be determined by the financial contribution you provide to the school.

How do you become a sponsor?

Businesses that would like to sponsor our school are encouraged to send an EOI email addressed to Mr Scott Fisk (R/Deputy Principal) via our school’s email address as shown below:

parklea-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Due to the setup of our school’s new finance system, donations can only be made by cheque written to Parklea Public School. (Please be sure the cheque is clearly identifiable with your business name).

We thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to building a stronger community together.

For further information please contact; Scott Fisk, R/Deputy Principal
Thank you to all our **Bronze Sponsors** for their continued support!!!

Become a **Bronze Sponsor** and your business logo could be here!!!

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