Term 4 – Week 4
Friday, 31st October, 2014.

Calendar Term 4

**Uniform Shop:**

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **31st October**
  - PSSA
- **4th November**
  - Kindergarten Orientation (9:15 – 11am)
  - Primary Assembly – Host/Item 5 Blue
- **6th November**
  - High School Taster Lessons
- **10th November**
  - Last week of Library borrowing
- **11th November**
  - Remembrance Day!
- **13th November**
  - 12pm 2015 Leaders Nomination Speeches
  - K-6 Party Day Payment Due
- **17th November**
  - Infants Assembly (2 Yellow and Stage 3 Dance)
- **18th November**
  - Swim School Commences
- **19th November**
  - Primary Assembly – Host/Item 4 Blue
  - P&C AGM & NAPLAN 2014 presentation (7:00pm)
- **24th November**
  - MUFTI DAY
- **27th November**
  - Infants Assembly (2 Red and Infants Dance)
- **28th November**
  - Parklea Perfections Close
- **2nd December**
  - Presentation and Graduation Night
- **5th December**
  - Performance Night
- **8th December**
  - Year 6 Farewell
- **9th December**
  - 3-6 Awards and Perfection Assembly
- **10th December**
  - Parent Helper Morning Tea and Scripture service
- **11th December**
  - K-2 Perfection and Awards Assembly
- **12th December**
  - K-6 Talent Quest

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

**Rockin’ Rides Night:**

A great night for our school community!

On behalf of the students and staff of Parklea we wish to gratefully congratulate our P&C and our whole school community on a very successful night last Friday.

Thank you very much to all those volunteers and teachers who generously gave up their time to distribute pre-sold tickets and/or sell tickets on the night as well as assist in the set up and pack up. It was a really wonderful effort by so many people for a fantastic community building and fundraising event!

We wish to sincerely thank the P&C executive team for their overall terrific coordination of Rides Night. What a super job!!

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Please visit our online school calendar:
http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar

@ParkyThePelican
https://twitter.com/ParkyThePelican

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Happy World Teacher’s Day:
World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to show our appreciation to the thousands of great teachers in New South Wales schools who inspire a love of learning in their students. At Parklea Public School, we have outstanding teachers and we are so proud of each of them. They make a difference educating and inspiring the children of Parklea every day. Unfortunately, in today's busy world we tend to complain quicker than we thank and acknowledge, so maybe this is an opportunity to stop and be mindful of the good things our teachers to for our future generation.

Kindergarten Orientation:
Our Kindergarten Orientation Program is now well underway as our new starters enjoy their first visits to Parklea. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces and witness their excitement and curiosity. They were extremely settled and focused during their activities and we are looking forward to them beginning their learning journey next year. We would like to acknowledge the Year 4 buddies who have been extremely supportive, friendly and caring to our Kinders during orientation. Well done! If you are aware of any families with children ready to begin Kindergarten in 2015, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible.

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 went home for this meeting last week as well as another note this week. If you are interested in joining us, please complete the bottom section of the note and return it to the office or to your child’s classroom teacher. We hope to see you there!

Warm regards,
Mrs Mlinaric and Mrs Gracie
(R/Principals)

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTIES:

Class formation for the 2015 Academic Year:
Earlier this week, we sent another copy of the class formation parent consultation note for 2015 classes. Year 6 did not receive this note as this information is irrelevant to them as they will not be attending Parklea PS in 2015.

Outlined in this note, all issues regarding class placement that have been previously communicated to the school will not be automatically considered and ‘rolled over’ each year. This is primarily because situations do change, expire or become resolved. Therefore, parents are required to contact their child’s current classroom teacher to arrange a face to face interview by no later than Friday 7th November to discuss further (if necessary).
AGM & NAPLAN 2014 Analysis:
This is just a friendly invitation on behalf of the school’s P&C Association for all parents and friends of Parklea Public School to attend the upcoming P&C Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th November in our school’s staffroom. On this night, we will be presenting the school’s performance in this year’s NAPLAN and we know many parents would like to get an overall sense of where our students are achieving when compared to other DEC schools and the rest of the state.

We look forward to seeing you there on the night!

Presentation Night:
Just another reminder that our school’s annual Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 2nd December, 2014 at Glenwood High School. The evening will commence at 6:00pm.

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.

P&C Association Raffle Tickets:
By now, you would have received raffle tickets from our school’s P&C Association. We hope you are working hard to sell as many of them as you can.

All raffle tickets need to be sold by the 21st November. If you require additional raffle tickets, please see one of our office staff.

Remember, any unsold tickets need to be returned to the school office ASAP.

Kind regards,
Mr Fisk & Mrs Cardwell
(R/Deputy Principals)

SCHOOL NEWS:

Reading Recovery:
Reading Recovery is a research-based intervention program for the lowest achievers in Literacy. It provides an intensive, individually designed and individually delivered series of lessons for 30 minutes each day.

There are currently 7 students who are working with us on a daily basis. Our students have been working extremely hard in reading and writing this year to develop and improve their skills. We are very proud of their achievements!

Kind regards,
Mrs Cardwell & Miss Kim
(Reading Recovery Teachers)

End of Year Movie Day:
Just a reminder the students are invited to attend a “Movie Day” as part of our end of year celebrations. Students will travel by bus to the Reading Cinemas at Rouse Hill on the following days:

Kindergarten & Stage 1 – Tuesday 16th December, 2014 to view the movie, “Paddington”.

Stage 2 & 3 – Wednesday 17th December, 2014 to view the movie, “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”

Students will be departing from school at 9:15am and are expected to return to school approximately by 12:30pm.

Your child can bring a small amount of snack food and a drink into the movie. Please pack these items in a plastic bag with their name and class clearly labelled on the front. Disposable items are preferred.

Cost: $17.00 per student (includes the bus transport and cinema ticket)
Please complete and return the permission note together with the $17.00 in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and class to the office by **THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER, 2014.** No money will be accepted after 3PM on Thursday 13th November. Notes can be found on our school’s website.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Elafros**
(Movie Day Organiser)

**Art in K/1 Purple:**
Joshua in K-1 Purple is the artist of this delightful work. He was inspired by Vincent Van Gogh’s work, ‘Starry Starry Night’.

Before creating our own modern interpretation, we enjoyed exploring Van Gogh’s work, through imagining who might live in the city in the painting and what the weather might be like.

K-1 Purple have also been enjoying looking at abstract art, learning that some artists, like Pablo Picasso, make portraits of people to look unusual or different.

Using a photocopy of the student’s self-portraits K-1 Purple made their own abstract art. They loved seeing how their faces changed.

Kind regards,

**Miss McNabb**
(RFF Teacher for K/1 Purple)

**Safety Education:**
This term, during Release from Face-to-Face (RFF) lessons, we are learning about safety education. So far, in road safety, we have learned all about being a safe pedestrian and passenger, as well as the importance of wearing seatbelts and helmets. As the weather begins to warm up, we will also be looking at sun safety and water safety to ensure that everyone stays safe over the summer period!

Kind regards,

**Mrs Elafros, Mrs Koller, Miss Preusse, Miss Kim & Mrs Tanti**
(Relief from Face to Face Teachers)

**LIBRARY NEWS:**
Thanks to the generosity and support for our annual Book Fair last term. We were able to receive $1200 in commission that I’ve recently used to purchase new books for the
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library. Some additional money has also been added so we have in excess of $3000 worth of much needed and requested titles to add to our collection.

Students this term have been honing in on their information skills by determining their own research topic. This has required them to develop low order through to high order questions leading to the need to locate information from a wide variety of resources, including the use of Web Enquiry and student portals, for on-line searches.

As it is fast nearing the end of the school year, it is a time when student loans will cease to allow for the return of all books in preparation for our annual stock-take. Please assist the school library and your child’s organisational skills by reminding them of the need to return any outstanding loans they may have.

HELPERS NEEDED:
There are quite a number of new books that are almost ready for the shelves and need to be covered before they do. If you are able to help in any way, could you let myself or one of the library staff know so we can arrange a bag for you to cover.

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**GENERAL REMINDER:**

**Students arriving to school before 8:30am:**
Please remind your child/ren that if they are at school before the 8:30am school bell, they must be seated under the COLA. We have been monitoring this each morning this week and have been reminding students that they must sit under the COLA and remain seated until the teachers on duty dismiss them.

Please remember, there is no teacher supervision until 8:30am and students should not be arriving to school before this time. We understand students need to arrive before 8:30am, especially when they have other responsibilities such as PSSA, training etc.

We encourage your support and cooperation with this matter!

**The PPS Staff.**

Yours in reading,
Ms Fitz, Miss Preusse & Mrs Ellis
(Library team)
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 at 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.
**Free Parent Educational Workshop**

**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 “H”s of parenting
- Using reward systems
- Time out strategies
- Linking with your child’s school
- Self Esteem
- Parental Burnout
- Referrals for further support
- Grief and Loss Issues
- Love Languages

**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
- ODD/ANXIETY
- DYSLEXIA
- Fine Motor Skills
- ADHD/ADD
- Auditory Processing
- 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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**Social Skills Program**

**Small Changes, Big Differences.**

**FREE**

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 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 friendships both in school and other areas of their lives.

**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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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!!!
Thank you to all our **Silver Sponsors** for their continued support!!!

Become a **Silver Sponsor** and your business card could appear here!!!

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