**Principal's Report:**

**School Planning:**
An enormous thankyou to those parents who gave up their time to attend the school planning meeting held last Tuesday in the library.

We were able to present the new directions for the Department of Education and Communities and then work together to brainstorm ideas and suggestions for the future directions for Parklea Public School. In the coming weeks, we will publish the results of our planning meetings held by the parents, students and staff.

One of our parents wanted to thank the school for taking the time and allowing all parents to be involved in this process. She found it valuable to have her say in the planning process as well as get an understanding the various reforms and changes to the way schools are operating.

**Calendar Term 4**

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P&C AGM:
A reminder that the Annual General Meeting for Parklea Public School's P&C will be held next Tuesday 18th November in the staffroom beginning at 7:00pm. We hope to see lots of parents there.

Please visit our online school calendar:
http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar
2015 Leader Nominations:
Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding 2015 leader nomination speeches held on Tuesday:


We wish all of the candidates the best of luck with the voting process. The leaders for 2015 will be formally announced at presentation night.

2014 Presentation Night & Year 6 Graduation:
This year, we have combined our Presentation Night & Year 6 Graduation ceremony. This trial is due to the large amount of feedback the school has received in the previous years identifying that hosting graduation within school time is disruptive to our parents work schedules and personal commitments. There was also concern that there were too many dates close to the end of the year where parent’s commitments are once again disrupted. Combining these events will reduce disruption to our parents and school staff schedules by making one less date to commit to and also provide a much larger audience (including our prestigious special guests) to see our Year 6 students graduate. We appreciate your support with these changes. More information about the graduation component will be being sent home to our Year 6 families next week.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTIES:

Class formation for the 2015 Academic Year:
As per our two previous newsletter as well as two notes that have been sent home, our class formation parent consultation process closed last Friday 7th November. Your child’s current classroom teacher will be feeding back any necessary outcomes within the next week. Thank you for taking the time meeting and having discussions with our teachers.

AGM & NAPLAN 2014 Analysis:
Just another reminder that at next week’s P&c AGM meeting, we will be presenting the school’s overall performance in this year’s NAPLAN. This is a great opportunity to get an overall sense of where our students are achieving when compared to other DEC schools and the rest of the state. We hope to see as many families attend the P&C AGM as possible.

Rockin’ Rides Night Pizza Lunch Class Winner is…
3 Blue! 3 Blue sold the most tickets and are now entitled to a pizza lunch (donated by our P&C Association). Miss Warren (classroom teacher) is preparing for this special treat and a note has gone home to 3 Blue students about when their pizza lunch will be taking place.
Congratulations 3 Blue. What a great effort!

2015 School Swimming Carnival:
Our 2015 swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 10th February, 2015 (Term 1, Week 3) at Riverstone Swimming Centre from 12 – 3pm. More information about this day will be coming home next week.

School Leaders Candidates 2015
On Tuesday, we held our ‘school leaders candidates speeches’ for our 2015 school leaders. Students from Years 2 – 6 were part of this event. All candidates delivered well prepared and informative speeches on what
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makes them a great ‘school leader’. Congratulations to all our candidates!

Students Leaving our School:
If your child will not be attending Parklea Public School next year, with the exception of Year 6 students, please advise the school in writing as soon as possible. We are beginning to plan for 2015 and one of our important issues we need to accommodate in our planning, are student numbers. If you have told someone at school you are leaving, you must put this in writing. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

NSW Public School Terms and Holidays:

Selective High Schools:
Online applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Creative Reading:
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNk3

Remembrance Day:
Mr Fisk along with our school leaders, Mason and Courtney attended a Remembrance Day Service at the Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub-Branch to honour and remember the courageous sacrifice of those who served our country in war and conflict.

During the service, Mason and Courtney placed a wreath at the service on behalf of our school. Thank you to Miss Viscomi for organising the wreath for this special occasion!

We have included a thank you from Robin Young (Hon Secretary: Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub-Branch) about our attendance on this day:

“The executive and members of the Riverstone-Schofields wish to thank you and your students for their participation in the Remembrance Day Service. It was good to see them to help commemorate the day and we hope to see them once again at next year’s Anzac Dawn Service.”

Our school paused for a ‘minute of silence’ on this day to honour those veterans who have taken their own lives after returning from battle.

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

Kindergarten Orientation:
2015 Kindergarten Orientation took place in Week 3, 4 and 5. Congratulations to all the prospective 2015 Kindergarten students on a successful orientation experience. The Kindergarten rooms were filled with interest and excitement as the children participated in singing, reading, writing and developmental play activities.

I would like to give a big thank you to the Year Four buddies who helped each week during Orientation. It was great to see all students display wonderful leadership qualities and teach our new students about how to be safe at Parklea. They were excellent role models throughout the whole experience!

Thank you also to Mrs Dhillon, Mrs Gibb, Mrs McGregor and Miss Brunetta who helped organise and run a smooth and settled orientation and helped the children prepare to come to ‘big school’ next year.

We look forward to meeting our new 2015 Kindergarten students when they start here at Parklea next year.

Kind regards,
Miss Akmens
(Early Stage 1 Supervisor)

Freeman’s Cake Stall:
Freeman’s cake stall was a great success. $826.15 was made on the day. Wow!!! This success wouldn’t have been possible without the efficient organisation of our school leaders, Freeman House Captains and Vice Captains and our organised Student Government. All students worked as a team to ensure cakes, toffees, jellies, and other special ‘treats’ were available on time to all our students.

Thank you to those hardworking and dedicated mums who came along and assisted us with setting up, serving and packing away.

Thank you also to all the students and families for all your support with this cake stall. Your time and effort with making and providing an assortment of cakes, toffees, jellies, biscuits and toffee apples assisted in a successful cake stall.

House Points for our fundraisers this year have been calculated and the winning house will be announced at Presentation Night.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mutch
(Student Government Coordinator)

HEARTKIDS Fundraising:
Thank you to everyone who supported Heartkids by wearing blue or red and donating a gold coin. Our school raised $623.35 on this day. The money has been sent to Heartkids NSW and will be used to research heart diseases and support for families with children with congenital heart disease. Thank you again for your support and generosity!

Mrs Koller, Mrs Mutch, Mrs Marshall & Miss Kim
(On behalf of the Student Government)

Learning and Support Update:
This term, the Learning and Support teachers have been working with students in Year 1 during writing lessons. The students have been learning about using correct structure and punctuation when writing sentences. We have also been supporting a small group of kindergarten students to learn to read and write the single sounds of the alphabet, how to work out words they don’t know when reading and how to write basic words like ‘cat’.

Regards,
Mrs Mendyk & Miss McNabb
(Learning and Support Teachers)
**STAGE 1 NEWS:**

**English:**
This term, Stage 1 has been busy working on our entertaining texts program. This program explores the key concepts of ‘friendship’ and ‘characterisation’. We have been looking at these key concepts through a variety of multi-modal texts including ‘The Rainbow Fish’, ‘Wilfrid Gordon Macdonald Partridge’, ‘Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley’, ‘Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten’ and ‘Toy Story’. We have explored the interactions between characters and how they became or remain good friends. Students have produced some exciting and entertaining responses to the texts, with students working towards writing their own stories.

This Term in Year 1, we have also established ability based Writing Groups to cater to the needs and talents of our students. Students have been thoroughly enjoying their time in these groups and are developing their writing skills and understandings through our key concepts program.

**Mathematics:**
Stage 1 has learning about 2D shapes and angles, 3D objects and their properties, addition and subtraction of money and multiplication and division. Students are also learning about money through the daily ‘Fast Facts’ program which allows them to sort, order and count money using concrete materials. Stage 1 students have enjoyed being involved in hands on games and activities to consolidate their learning in Mathematics.

**Integrated Studies:**
This term, Stage 1 is continuing our ‘How Does Your Garden Grow’ unit. Our focus is on using the Techthink design process to design a garden. We are using all of the information we have learnt about what our plants will need such as water, height and width apart, amount of sun and soil to help us decide on our plants. The design process begins with a prototype and then we evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our design, before creating a final design. Students are very excited about their gardens and have some great ideas. We will also be creating garden tags, which will let people know information about the various plants. We think Mary Mary Quite Contrary will be very proud of us!

**Creative and Performing Arts:**
In Creative and Performing Arts, we have been creating art based around the books that we are reading during our English sessions. First, we read ‘The Rainbow Fish’ and we made friendship bracelets by plaing wool or embroidery cotton then adding fancy beads. Next, we read ‘Wilfred Gordon MacDonald Partridge’, and we made a memory basket and attached our favourite memory to it. After reading, ‘Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley’ we made drama masks that showed the contrasting personalities of the main characters. Stage 1 have been very creative and are making very interesting artworks!

**Personal Development Health and Physical Education:**
Physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Stage1 have been working hard this semester to practise our sport and fundamental movement skills. Year 1 and 2 have been playing modified games of netball, soccer, cricket and basketball. In these games students have been learning and practising their batting, passing, shooting, dribbling and kicking skills. Our students have loved working as a team, and use all equipment fairly and safely. Many students display great sportsmanship!

We have also been learning about Road Safety, and how to be safe around cars and when crossing roads.
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.
Dear Parents / Carers,

Well, it’s that time of year again!!

Once again, we are asking for donations of Christmas presents and non-perishable food items for hampers.

These items are given to Mr Warren Weir. Warren and his team then distributes them to needy families in our community.

Warren is always overwhelmed with the generosity of the Parklea Public School Community. Thank you!!

We would appreciate it, if presents could be wrapped and labelled e.g boy / girl and age. Don’t forget Mums, Dads, Nannas and Pops, Aunties and Uncles.

Please place presents and food under the ‘Giving Tree’, which is in the foyer in the office.

Come on Parklea...let’s make this a very special Christmas for families who need a bit of help at this time of year.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards

Rhonda Mutch
School Administration Manager
Parklea Public School needs your help!
Now is your chance to support the community that supports you.
Become a sponsor today!

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.

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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Friday, 14th November, 2014

**Term 4 - Week 6**
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Become a Platinum Sponsor and your business could advertise here!!!