Calendar Term 3

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Dates to Remember:

- **22nd August**: PSSA & School Sport (as per usual)
  Premier’s Spelling Challenge Finals
- **25th August**: Stage 3 Camp begins
- **26th August**: Primary Assembly (2/3 Purple)
- **27th August**: Greenthumbs & EAL/D Planting
- **29th August**: Ridge Athletics Carnival
  No PSSA
  Perfections Close today
- **1st September**: T4 Band Invoices home today
- **2nd September**: Father’s Day Stall
- **4th September**: Infants Assembly (K Red & K/1 Purple)
  Kindergarten Excursion Payment Due Today
- **5th September**: PSSA & School Sport (as per usual)
- **9th September**: Primary Assembly & Perfections Assembly
- **10th September**: Sydney West Athletics Carnival
  2015 Kindy Information (6:00pm in School Hall)
- **11th September**: Infants Assembly (K Yellow & K Green) & Perfections Assembly
- **12th September**: No PSSA
- **16th September**: Principal’s Morning Tea
- **18th September**: Year 6 Gala Day
- **19th September**: No PSSA
  T4 Band Payments Due
  Last Day of Term 3, 2014 (Happy Holidays!!!)

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

School Plan 2015 – 2017:

Our school plan for 2012 - 2014 is continually being reviewed and we are pleased to say we have achieved the vast majority of intended outcomes for this period. There are some things that will carry over into the next three-year planning phase. Priorities also need to be set for new initiatives we can address during the next three years.

As part of this process we are seeking your help. With the development of a new school plan we need to ensure all stakeholders in our school have some input into the selection of priorities. This would also include consultation with the wider community. To ensure this consultative approach takes place, we will be seeking your feedback via a few different methods – parent surveys (Term 3), and a parent meeting (Term 4), addressing our new school plan for the next three years. At this parent meeting, we will be sharing the feedback parents, teachers and children have given us (from the surveys), and asking you for future directions.

There will be further information about this coming home soon. We value your input to our school planning process and look forward to working with you to plan Parklea’s future directions.

Traffic around the school:

During the second week of the school holidays, Glenwood Park Drive from Ipswich St to Thompson St will be closed for resurfacing. We have been provided with the 29th September as the possible start date. The footpaths and crossing will still be...
accessible. OOSH have been notified as this will affect parking for pick up and drop off.

**Flashing Lights:**
Hooray!!! Our school flashing lights have arrived!!! Our school zone flashing lights will begin to be installed on Monday 25 August (weather permitting). The work will take several hours to complete and partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers.

**Camp:**
127 Year 5 and 6 students along with staff members will be leaving Monday morning at 7:30am for a 3 day and 2 night excursion to see the sights and sounds of Canberra. We wish them a safe and entertaining journey!

Regards,
Mrs Mlinaric and Mrs Gracie
(R/Principals)

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTIES:**

**PPS on Twitter:**
The school has now established it’s very own Twitter account for one way communication (i.e. school to the community). We will be trialling this account on the Stage 3 Camp and posting intermittent updates on what’s happening, etc. Please be aware that at this stage, no child’s photo be taken and published onto Twitter. To take advantage of this information feed, you can either download the app onto your phone (in which you’ll need to create a Twitter account) or simply visit the School’s Twitter website (below):


**Update on Ben in 6 Blue:**
Below is an email from Mr Considine giving the school an update about Ben’s progress at the Tennis Nationals that we would like to share with you all:

“Hi Parklea,

Hello from sunny & warm Darwin. 32 degrees every day & no sign of rain up here - unlike yourselves!

Just a quick update on Ben & the NSW Tennis team. NSW are undefeated so far in the Bruce Cup Teams event, defeating ACT,
Tasmania, NT & WA. They are playing great. 3 very hard games ahead of them though.

In the Singles event of 64 boys Ben was knocked out today by the No. 1 seed boy and so has finished in the top 16 boys in Australia. This is an excellent result for him. We are very proud of him.

A couple of photos for you. Ben getting an after match debrief from Todd Woodbridge... the NSW team doing the team chant & the NSW boys at the airport.

Will keep you updated. Thanks for your support. Doing Parklea PS proud.

Michael Considine"

The Parklea school community wishes Ben continued success at the Tennis National!

**UWS Practicum Placements:**
On Monday, we will have 5 student teachers from the University of Western Sydney begin their school professional placement here at Parklea. We would like to welcome them to our school and we wish them the very best of luck as they prepare to enter their teaching career into 2015.

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

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Riley Cake Stall:**

Last Wednesday, RILEY held their first cake stall for the year. It was a great success. RILEY made $643.90!!! This success wouldn’t have been possible without the efficient organisation of our school leaders, Riley House Captains and Vice Captains and our newly appointed 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. They also did an amazing job at selling these during their recess time until everything was ‘sold out’.

We are safe, respectful, learners
Thank you to Mr Fisk who assisted with the cake stall throughout the morning and ensuring everything went to plan. We were also very fortunate to have some hardworking and dedicated mums come along and assist us with setting up, serving and packing away. We would like to also thank Mrs MacFarlane, Mrs Moharib, Mrs Johns (who once again stayed back at recess to the ‘very end’) and Mrs Appugol for their support.

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 and worthwhile cake stall. A special thanks to Mrs Mazzucchelli for making all those jellies! It is wonderful to see students who are not in ‘Riley’ support our school fundraisers.

We look forward to Freeman’s cake stall in Term 4.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cardwell, Mrs Mutch & Mrs Marshall
(Student Government Coordinators)

‘Book Week’ Mufti Day:
A big THANK YOU to all the students and staff who kindly donated to the Student Government’s Mufti Day Fundraiser on Wednesday August 20th. A total of $500 was raised with a vast majority of students and staff celebrating the Book Week theme: Connect to Reading by coming dressed as a book character and donating to the cause.

It’s been quite a few years since we’ve had a dress up as our school population had grown too big for a traditional parade for families to come along to. So it was nice to have a ‘pop-up parade’ to allow some time for each class of students and their teacher to show the rest of the school their amazing outfits!

As Indigenous Literacy Day is just around the corner, not to mention a fantastic organisation, the monies raised will be donated to the foundation. It’s nice to continue the Book Week theme to CONNECT TO READING by supporting our neighbours in remote communities to have the opportunity to enjoy reading as much as the children at Parklea Public School do!

A few of the photos from the day have been included in this newsletter and a display of each class from the pop-up parade will be in the library before the week ends.

Mrs Fitz
(on behalf of the Student Government)
NEWS FROM STAGE 1

Gardens – Integrated Studies:
Stage one has begun their Integrated unit on living things/gardens. The students were delivered a special letter from Mary Mary Quite Contrary, announcing that she came to visit Parklea Public School to look at our garden. She was in quite a shock when she saw our garden and has therefore given stage one a challenge - to bring Parklea’s garden back to life! The students were very excited when they received the letter and map and went straight to look at the garden. We are all working hard to learn about living things, in particular plants. Stage one will design and create a garden for Parklea Primary School. Each stage one class will be in charge of choosing a plant, the soil they will use, the amount of water and sunlight their plant needs and if there are any parts of the plant that you can eat. Students will then create information cards about their plant to teach others about the plants in our garden. We know that this unit will be a lot of fun and the students are already learning a lot of interesting things about plants and living things.

Writing and Public Speaking:
In Writing, Stage One is learning to deconstruct and compose persuasive texts through joint, guided and independent writing experiences. They are developing an understanding of the purpose of persuasive writing and the role of the audience when selecting arguments. Stage one are building their understanding of language features that enhance persuasive writing such as modal verbs. This explicitly links to our Stage One Public Speaking task this term. Students will be writing and presenting a speech to their class on their chosen topic. Students will need to persuade their listeners towards the point of view they have selected for their topic. Stage one have been practising our public speaking skills including eye contact, voice projection, expression and clarity.

Stage 1 Excursion
As part of our learning about Living Things and Gardens unit, Stage One went on an excursion to Buffalo Creek guided by Field Of Mars Environmental Education teachers. Below is a recount from Indiana in 1 Red.

“On Friday the 8th of August Year 1 went to Field of Mars. 1 Green and 1 Blue went on a bush walk while 1 Red and 1 Yellow stayed at the garden. We caught spiders, caterpillars and other insects. Then we let them go. Next it was time to swap over and 1 Red and 1 Yellow went to a wet and dry environment. We drew pictures and did other cool stuff. Finally, we were all very tired and it was time to return to school. It was a great day!”

Mathematics
This term in Mathematics, Stage One is learning about Chance, Mass, Whole Number, Volume and Capacity, Patterns and Algebra and Position. Students have particularly enjoyed measuring the mass of objects using equal arm balances, hefting, pushing and pulling. They have also been completing daily Fast Facts to help develop speed and accuracy when solving problems in Mathematics.
A message from the Live Life Well @ School Team:

What is your favourite breakfast food? Does your family enjoy a healthy breakfast each morning? In their studies of Africa, our year five students were amazed to learn that most of their fellow students across the waters must survive without breakfast every day.

Why is breakfast important?

- Children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration.
- Children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements.
- Children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese.
- Eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example

- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt
- raisin toast with sliced banana
- muesli, chopped fruit and yoghurt
- wholemeal crumpets with sliced banana
- grilled cheese and tomato on toast
- tinned baked beans and toast
- porridge, sultanas with reduced-fat milk
- tinned fruit and yoghurt
- rice or noodles with lean meat or vegetables

No time for breakfast?

Try some of these quick breakfasts children can enjoy “on the go”.

- reduced-fat yoghurt, or a yoghurt drink
- reduced-fat milkshake
- healthy cereal in small plastic bag (a small carton of milk can add a calcium boost)
- slice of banana loaf or other low fat fruit loaf

For more information about a healthy lifestyle, visit our new Live Life Well @ School page on our school website.
'BOOK WEEK' MUFTI DAY

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EVEN THE STAFF HERE AT PARKLEA PUBLIC SCHOOL ENJOYED GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE ‘BOOK WEEK’ MUFTI DAY!!!
Welcome to Parklea PS

Kindergarten Information Night
Wednesday 10th September 6pm

Kindergarten Orientation Dates
Tuesday 21st October 9:15-11am
Tuesday 28th October 9:15-11am
Tuesday 4th November 9:15-11am
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