Calendar Term 3

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Please visit our NEW school calendar at the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar

Principal’s Report:

Athletics Carnival:
The weather was extremely pleasant for the recent school athletics carnival held at Cornucopia Reserve. The students were all eager to participate in every possible event which was fantastic. In particular, the K-2 students looked fantastic as they rotated through the huge range of throwing, running and jumping activities. They were exceptional in their walk from school to the oval and returning to school – very safe and respectful towards each other and community members who shared the pathways. The weary look on each face told the story as the end of day bell rang – hopefully all slept soundly. A huge thank you to parents, nans, pops and caregivers who took time out to participate and support us throughout the day. I am sure you’ll agree with me that it was a fantastic display of participation from the children and I would also like to add a huge thank you to staff who were up at the oval from 7.00am setting up for the day’s activities. A great team effort all round, well done!

Education Week:
Next week is Education Week and we look forward to seeing many of you at our Open Day activities which will occur on Wednesday 20th July. Have an enjoyable visit.
The main activities include:
- Book Fair, School Library from 9.30am – 2pm;
- Open Classroom visits from 10.15am – 11.00am;
- Whole School Multicultural Concert from 11.45am – 1.15pm;
• Morning Tea 11.05am – 11.30am Tea $1, Coffee $2 and biscuits available for school visitors;
• Parky’s Picnic Lunch (parents/carers and students) – Please remember a picnic blanket to sit on;
• Sign-out table in COLA for early leavers;
• Normal afternoon in classrooms from 2.00pm – 3.00pm

As traffic in and around the school will be extremely high on the day, please consider walking to and from school to ease the congestion and be kind and safe towards each other if driving.

Kind regards,
Mr Sutherland
(Principal)

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTIES:

Jaiden – What an achievement!
We would like to acknowledge Jaiden in Year 6 for his outstanding accomplishment in being selected for National Level Soccer! For anyone who has seen this amazing sportsman play, you will agree this is well earned!

On behalf of Parklea Public School, we would like to acknowledge the hard work Jaiden has shown as well as congratulate him on this amazing achievement, especially for someone so young. Best of luck at State!

Jaiden will be selling raffle tickets before school in the coming weeks. Please show your support by purchasing tickets.

Our ‘New Look’ Website & Online School Calendar:
Please be aware that we have a new template for our school website. The template is pictured below:

The school’s online calendar is subject to change. As such, it is recommended that parents, carers and students check this calendar on a regular basis. The direct link for this calendar is:

http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar

Also, a reminder that our school newsletters are published fortnightly on even weeks of each school term.

Responsibility for our belongings:
We would like to remind students that if they choose to bring items and belongings from home to school with them that they must remember to look after them. We have had a few incidences in the school where things have gone missing or have been misplaced; some have reappeared whilst others have never returned.

We encourage our students to be responsible for their own property and make sure they...
make good choices as to where they choose to leave their items and belongings.

School Sponsorship:
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 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 bronze 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.)

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

Kindergarten 2015:
If you have children at home who are eligible to begin Kindergarten in 2015, please come into the office and collect an enrolment form. Also if you have neighbours who are within our school boundaries, please advise them of the same. This will enable us to plan for effective transition or all of our new kindergarten students and ensure a successful beginning for students and parents. The sooner, the better!

Another Uniform reminder:
We will keep emphasising the importance of wearing FULL school uniform each day to school. We will continue to monitor the uniform K-6 informally over the next few weeks. We are proud to say that there has been a significant improvement in the overall standard of dress (especially girls wearing ties) and would like to congratulate the students and thank the parents and carers for their continued effort and support.

Have a great weekend

Kind regards,
Mr Fisk, Mrs Gracie & Mrs Mlinaric
(Deputy Principals)
**English:**

**Talking and Listening:** Students will participate in News this term. Each week there will be a set topic. Students will need to include information to describe what, where, when, who and why. Students are encouraged to speak clearly using an audible voice and to make eye contact with their audience.

**Reading:** Students will continue to learn 5 sight words each week and at least 2 sounds. Single sounds will be revised and we will also further develop our knowledge of digraphs. Kindergarten will continue with a daily guided reading program. Students are encouraged to self-correct to maintain meaning and begin to read using a level of fluency and expression. They will explore comprehension strategies such as; predicting, using illustrations, sequencing a story that includes a beginning, middle and end and beginning to understand inferred meanings. Home readers are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Writing:** This term, Kindergarten students are learning to deconstruct and compose simple entertaining texts. Students are explicitly taught about the use of capital letters and full stops, nouns, verbs and adjectives. They are involved in daily writing experiences and are continuing to develop their ability to sound out unknown words and consistently use finger spaces. Students will be given a picture stimulus and encouraged to write imaginative stories that include an orientation, complication and a resolution.

**Mathematics:**

This term in Mathematics, we are learning about Subtraction, Mass, 2D and 3D Space, Fractions and Decimals, Patterns, Volume and Capacity Time and Whole Number. We encourage students to count forwards and backwards daily from any given number, give the number before and after and identify numerals to 30.

Students will continue their ‘Count Me In Too’ (CMIT) program.

**Integrated Studies:**

Kindergarten teachers and students are very excited about the current Integrated Studies topic. Students will be challenged to create their own seat cushions for use in the classroom. Kindergarten students will decide on the properties of materials they would like their cushion to be made of, choose materials (fabric) that match their properties, choose shapes and sizes, and decide how they will join their materials together. Students will use a design process to make their cushion.

**Sport:**

This term, Kindergarten will be participating in school sport. Students will be involved in a number of activities that develop their fundamental movement skills including, catching, throwing, kicking, bouncing and coordination.

**Homework:**

This term, Kindergarten will begin homework. It will be sent home on Monday and needs to be returned completed by Friday. We encourage students to participate in approximately 15 minutes of homework each night. Students are given an opportunity to engage in a variety of tasks that consolidate their learning at school.

**Infants Assembly will now commence at the new time of 12:45pm on Thursdays of even weeks.** This term Kindergarten classes will have a turn of hosting or performing at assembly.
Stay tuned for an upcoming Kindergarten excursion note.

Thank you!
Kindergarten Teachers

PBL @ PARKLEA NEWS

What’s happening in PBL at Parklea?
Thank you again to everyone who had a guess in the Jelly Bean competition. The proceeds have been put towards art and games boxes for our new passive play system to take place on the wonderful soft fall and picnic tables' area. The children of Parklea were surveyed to ask what they would like to use in the area and the top responses were art and games. The money bought items such as crayons, twist crayons, textas, stamps, paints, and pencils etc. The games also include card games, game boards, maze games, skill games and connect blocks etc. Children will be able to borrow an art box or a game to play in the passive play area, and will be responsible to return it.

If you have any games or art supplies (such as textas, twist crayon or pencils) to donate please advise Miss Klaack or Miss Jacoby. Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Miss Jacoby & Miss Klaack
(PBL Team Leaders)

SPEAKING & LISTENING NEWS

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition 2014:

On Thursday 19th June 2014, four students from Parklea Public School travelled with me to Sherwood Ridge Public School, Kellyville for our Local Area Finals in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition 2014. Those students were: Lachlan (Year 3), Emily (Year 4), Callum (Year 5) and Jacob (Year 6).

Our school representatives spoke confidently and with great passion on their chosen topics and impressed the Arts Unit adjudicator, Mrs Karen Pearson with their creative treatment of the subject matter. Our speakers were praised for their confident engagement of the audience, their ability to use personal opinion and humour to balance the facts presented and in their delivery styles that were used effectively to emphasise the speakers key ideas. Our finalists were judged on the three M’s, matter, method and manner. Lachlan and Emily delivered an excellent impromptu speech on the topic ‘Chances are’, while Callum and Jacob presented equally creative impromptu speeches on the topic ‘building a foundation’. This is a remarkably difficult task that I believe most adults would struggle with. They all did an outstanding job within their 5-minute time limit.

At the end of the day our finalists were given the opportunity to receive personal feedback from Arts Unit adjudicators and were presented with beautiful certificates to recognize their outstanding achievement. In particular, Emily was awarded a Highly Commended from Mrs. Pearson, which is runner up to our regional finalist. Congratulations Emily on this excellent achievement. I was very proud to be a teacher from Parklea as our finalists represented our school with dignity and honour. They are all exemplary public speakers and I am sure will see great things from these potential leaders in future.
Premiers Debating Challenge Workshop 2014:

On Thursday 8th May 2014, eight students from the Senior Debating Team accompanied by myself and Mrs. Temby to Strathfield North Public School to learn about the art of debating. Those students included Abi (Year 5), Aretha-Mae (Year 5), Makayla (Year 6), Mehak (Year 6), Dhruv (Year 5), Mason (Year 6) and Arnav (Year 6). The students participated in games that focused on the skills of persuasion and had the opportunity to debate against other students from other schools.

Mrs. Temby and I were very proud of the students who had a go at all activities and discussions. They all represented Parklea with dignity and respect.

Here are two student reflections from the day:

On the 8th of May, three boys and four girls from the Senior Debating Team went to Strathfield North Public School to learn all we could about debating in one day.

We learnt about how to make a good argument with the PEEL (Point, Explain, Example, Link) technique and how to make a great rebuttal with the SEEL (Summary, Explain, Example, Link) technique. We also learnt about what the roles of each speaker are, played some public speaking games and had a go at using our newly learnt skills to debate against other schools.

Mason (Year 6)

I feel so proud to share this valuable experience with everyone. I was very excited on the 8th May 2014 and I was a part of the school debating team who participated in this workshop. We learnt lots at this workshop; PEEL, SEEL and lots of speaking games.

At the end we all had to organise arguments for a debate. Our team’s topic was ‘Mufti Day should be everyday’.

Mehak (Year 6)

Kind Regards,
Mr Roche
(Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator)
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES – SEMESTER 2**

A letter went home early this week, informing parents and carers that our Semester 2 Student Government Representatives will be receiving their badges at our school’s Primary Assembly on Tuesday 12th August at 12:45pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, on Tuesday 9th September, our school leaders will be leading the ‘Leaders Training Day’ for our Semester 2 Student Government Representatives. This is a whole day event and will be taking place at school in our school hall. Information regarding this day will be sent home in Week 7.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cardwell, Mrs Marshall & Mrs Mutch
(Student Government Organisers)

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Congratulations to Parklea Public School – ‘Shop for our School’ Promotion @ Stanhope Village:**

**We won $5,000!!!**

Thank you to our school community who SHopped and SHopped and SHopped and thus supported the ‘Shop for your School’ promotion at Stanhope Village Shopping Centre.

The cheque presentation will be held at our school’s Open Day (Education Week) on Wednesday 30th July at 12noon by Kelli Shoesmith (Marketing Manager) and Michael Mitchell (Centre Manager) from Stanhope Village.

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**FROM OUR P&C**

Our school P&C are still on the hunt for an external auditor for the 2014 accounts. Someone with financial experience is preferred but this is not essential. If you are interested, please contact the P&C via the email address included below.

The P&C are also looking for someone to take the position of Fundraising coordinator. If you are interested, please contact the P&C via the email address included below.

parkleapandc@bigpond.com

Thank you!

The 2014 P&C Executive

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Mrs Cardwell
(PPS ‘Shop for your School’ Coordinator)
Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**Banish the “I’m bored” complaints:**

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do whether you’re staying put or on the go:

- [Destination NSW](http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
- [Winter school holidays in Sydney](http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
- [School holidays in Newcastle](http://bit.ly/1nljlp9)
- [Winter school holidays Central Coast](http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)
- [Attractions for kids in regional NSW](http://bit.ly/1E8vmWm)
- [Sydney Olympic Park – What’s On](http://bit.ly/1lXUJ7Z)
- [Australian Museum](http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
  - Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation (http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

**Keep those brains ticking:**

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment, don’t forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G](http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G)
Parklea Public School
2014 P&C Disco!!

Wednesday 13th August

Kindy to Year 2 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Year 3 to Year 6 – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Tickets: $7.00

Includes - Disco entry, Sausage on a roll and bottle of water.
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
Become a **Bronze Sponsor** and your business logo could be here!!!

Become a **Silver Sponsor** and your business could advertise here!!!

Become a **Platinum Sponsor** and your business could advertise here!!!

For more information, please email parklea-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Seeking Team Members for our Book Fair!

Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school during Open Day on Wednesday July 30.

The exciting theme for 2014 is Book Fair Garden: Catch the Reading Bug! Our Book Fair will be a stroll through a world of bugs and flowers, overflowing with exciting books students will really want to dig into. We hope you will share your talents and join us as we help students get a buzz for reading.

If you have some time to help us plan or conduct our next Book Fair, please complete the form below and circle the areas where you would like to help out. Send the form back to the library staff.

Sincerely,

Lynne Millson
Teacher Librarian

Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

Name________________________________________ Telephone____________________
E-mail_______________________________________

I have circled areas where I’d like to help out:
• Decorating
• Setting up the Fair
• Helping shoppers at the Fair
• Cashiering
• Packing up the Fair
40km/h school zones

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms. Gazetted school term dates for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 are listed below. Gazetted school term dates can be found on the RTA website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies and the NSW Department of Education and Training.

**Western Division**

A small number of schools in the Western Division of NSW commence the school year one week later than schools in the remainder of the state.

**Non-standard 40km/h school zone times**

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. Red signs at these schools display the non-standard times which apply.

The minimum penalty for speeding in an operating 40km/h school zone is a $141 fine and the loss of 2* demerit points.

**Dragon’s teeth road markings**

To increase motorists’ awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings will indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

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**GAZETTED SCHOOL TERM DATES**

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*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.

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For further enquires: www.rta.nsw.gov.au | 13 22 13

More Ahead with Street Sense is a road safety education program delivered as part of the PDHPE program in all NSW primary schools.
Meet Eli
He is a HeartKid

Heartkids is an organisation that provides support to families of children with heart disease while raising awareness and vital funding for research.

Team Eli

Team Eli is participating in this year’s CITY2SURF to raise funds for Heartkids. Please give generously to help reach our goal!