Calendar Term 3

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**Dates to Remember:**

8th August  
Stage One Excursion ‘Field of Mars’ (all Year 1 classes but not including the Year 1s from K/1 Purple)  
PSSA & School Sport (as per usual)

12th August  
ICAS Mathematics (Years 2 - 6)  
Year 5 Wings Program at Glenwood HS  
Primary Assembly (Hosted by 3 Green) - Begins at 12:30pm in the school hall  
Student Government Induction Assembly (12:30pm)

13th August  
Riley Cake Stall Fundraiser (Students in Riley House are asked to supply cakes)  
P&C Disco (Infants 5:30pm – 6:30pm & Primary 7:00pm – 8:30pm)

14th August  
Year 5 Wings Program at Glenwood HS  
Year 3 ‘In the Bin’ EnviroMentor Workshops

15th August  
Stage One Excursion ‘Field of Mars’ (all Year 2 classes as well as the Year 1s from K/1 Purple and the Year 2s from 2/3 Purple)  
PSSA & School Sport (as per usual)

18th August  
Book Week Begins

19th August  
Year 4 Catchment EnviroMentor Workshop  
Semester 2 Leaders Training Day

20th August  
Mufti Day  
Daffodil Day

21st August  
Infants Assembly (K Green & K Yellow) – In the school hall from 12:45pm  
Year 5 Wings Program @ Glenwood HS

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

Please visit our **NEW** school calendar at the following link:  
[http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar](http://tinyurl.com/ppscalendar)

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**Principal’s Report:**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at very short notice and apologise for the lateness of this communication. I was informed officially yesterday that I have been seconded as a Principal School Leadership Officer based at Nirimba Education Precinct for the next two years.

My role will be to work alongside the Directors Of Schools in supporting schools leadership teams as we move towards a Local Schools, Local Decisions government agenda.

In my absence, both Mrs Mlinaric and Mrs Gracie will be sharing the rel. Principal position. Both of these school leaders have done an amazing job in the past and fully deserve the opportunity to relieve as Principal. I am sure that you will agree that Mrs Mlinaric and Mrs Gracie know the school community, students and staff very well, are both committed to achieving the very best for the students at our school and are very credible, approachable and fair leaders. I have confidence that you will continue to work alongside us in maintaining all that is fantastic about Parklea Public School.

Mr Fisk and Mrs Cardwell will be relieving Deputy Principals. They have both done an extremely good job in their past relieving positions and are very focused in supporting the school leadership team to achieve great results.

My secondment comes as a direct result of the wonderful achievements of our school. A school that is held in high esteem for the
innovation in teaching and learning, the focus on student-centred learning and outstanding student welfare programs. I am extremely confident that school directions and priorities will continue to improve on what we have thus far achieved with our relieving team of school leaders and your continued support.

Please note that I have also sent this information home to each of the families here at Parklea Public School in a letter today.

Best wishes for continued quality education

Regards,
Mr Sutherland
(Principal)

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTIES:

Attendance:
The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence.

We have a number of students at our school who have a level of attendance that is concerning. These families will be contacted in the close future and required to submit explanations for their child’s high absenteeism.

Please be aware that not all absences are considered justified regardless if a note arrives to school explaining the circumstances. For example, taking a day off school because a sibling is sick, taking a day off school to attend the Easter Show or Wet ‘N’ Wild or even taking a family holiday outside of the regular school holiday periods are considered unjustified reasons for being absent from school.

Interestingly, there has also been a recent study outlined in the news that identifies a correlation between a student’s NAPLAN results and their attendance at school. The article can be found here: http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/skipping-school-for-just-one-day-affects-naplan-results-study-finds-20140802-zzjmr.html

Lost Property:
Please take the time next week to check our school’s lost property basket situated under our COLA area. It is very full of many items so if you are missing things such as jumpers, hats, lunch boxes, etc., chances are they might be located here waiting for their owner to find them.

At the end of this school term, all items within the lost property bin that have no clear name will be sorted and donated to our school uniform shop for redistribution.

Update on ‘the tree’:
We appreciate your patience in regards to the large gum tree that is currently roped off on the back grass of our school playground.

We have had a variety of arborist site inspections and are currently awaiting reports, guidance and decision from the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) as to what will happen to this tree. Until we receive this notice, the tree will remain roped off.

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 school's 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!

Have a great weekend!

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

Book Week & Mufti Day:
On Wednesday 20th August the Student Government Representatives are organising a Book Week Mufti Day. A flyer has come home with your child this week. The Book Week theme for 2014 is, ‘Connect to Reading’. Connect to Reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds. Reading to connect has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media.

On this day, students are asked to donate a gold coin and come dressed as their favourite book character. Please let us know what book you are from by making a sign or label etc. We ask that students dress in a safe and respectful manner; no outfits that portray violence. Students must also wear covered shoes and modest clothing; no short skirts or dresses, singlet tops or strap dresses.

Our school’s ‘NO HAT, SEEK SHADE’ policy applies.
We look forward to seeing some thoughtful, creative and well known book characters on the day.

Riley Cake Stall:
On Wednesday 13th August, Riley will be hosting their CAKE STALL for our students. A flyer about this event went home early this 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, RILEY 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.

It's Daffodil Day at Parklea Public School on Friday 22 August, 2014:

This fundraiser raises essential funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Wear YELLOW and donate a gold coin for the Cancer Council.

The Student Government Representatives will be selling Daffodil Day merchandise before school from 8:30am (in front of the flagpoles) on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st August. Every item they sell makes a difference to cancer patients and their families.

This is a fundraising initiative led by the Student Government Representatives!

Premier’s Reading Challenge:
Just a quick reminder that the Reading Challenge ends on the 22nd of August. Make sure you log on and register books that have been read. Keep reading and start logging those books on the PRC website. Your username and password is the same as your DEC student username and password. Please see your classroom teacher to obtain this.

Ridges Festival of the Arts:
Congratulations to our Infants, Stage 2 and 3 Dance Groups and our Infants and Primary Choirs on their successful auditions. As a result, each of these groups gained a place in the Ridges Festival of the Arts.

These groups have been invited to participate in the Ridges Festival of the Arts which will be held on Friday 10th October 2014 at Hillsong Convention Centre, Baulkham Hills. This will be a great opportunity for our groups to showcase what they have been learning this year in dance and choir. Stay tuned for more details coming regarding the Ridges Festival of the Arts.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cardwell, Mrs Mutch & Mrs Marshall
(On behalf of the Student Government)

Kind regards,
Mrs Gibb
(on behalf of the CAPA team)
Athletics Carnival 2014:
This year, the Infants and Primary Athletics Carnivals were held on Tuesday 22nd July. The entire school walked up to Cornucopia Reserve where the sun was out waiting for us! The Infants children enjoyed participating in their running races and their tabloid activities, including everyone’s favourite, Chicken Javelin. The Primary children rotated through long jump, shot put, 100m races, ball games and high jump, where we had a new record in the Senior Boys high jump. Jaiden (6 Green) managed to jump the previous record height of 1.25m to set a new record height of 1.28m.

Everyone involved had a great day and I’m sure everyone slept well that night. Thank you to all the parents that went above and beyond to help out all day and help pack up at the end of the day.

The Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 29th August (Week 7) and all children that have qualified for this carnival will be notified after the completion of the 200m finals this Friday 8th August. Well done to all our ribbon recipients and to all our teachers, students and parents for another successful Athletics Carnival!

Kind regards,
Miss Phillips
(on behalf of the Sports Committee)
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Athletics Carnival 2014

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**MULTICULTURAL OPEN DAY 2014**

Mr Fisk and Mrs Gracie serving coffee for parents

The busy Library during the Book Fair which raised over $1,700 commission to buy books for the library from $8,000 in sales

The Band performed for parents at recess

The wonderful support from parents to watch the performances

Year 5 performing a combined drumming and dancing item from Zimbabwe, introduced in Akan and English by Diana and Nathan, 5G.

The item performed by the Years 3 and 4 Girls was a traditional Torres Strait Islander song called ‘Inanay’ about a goanna. They also performed an emu dance learnt at the Cultural Infusion incursion. It was introduced by two of our Aboriginal students, Liam and Max, 5B.
Years 1 and 2 Boys showing everyone some of the moves of the ancient art of Kung Fu. This was introduced in Cantonese and English by Liiy, 4/5P.

Kindergarten showing their Bollywood moves! Introduced in Hindi and English by Arnav, 6R and in Punjabi and English by Mahek, 6R.

Years 1 and 2 Girls performing the graceful Chinese scarf dance using ribbons, introduced in Mandarin and English by Bowen, 3G.

A certificate presentation by Mrs McGregor to Austin from 1B who raised $450, the highest amount on the Discover-a-thon. 1B was also the highest money raising class and Taj accepted the certificate for 1B from Mrs Iredale. 1B will receive a pizza lunch for their wonderful effort. We were also presented with a cheque from Stanhope Shopping Village for $3,000 for second place in the shopping docket competition.
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Years 3 and 4 Boys performing a modern interpretation of Aboriginal movement to a Yothu Yindi song, introduced by two of our Aboriginal students Max and Liam, 5B.

Year 6 danced and sang to the Shakira song ‘Time for Africa’, introduced in Akan and English by Nathan and Diana.

Our closing ceremony saw the Junior and Senior choirs lead the whole school in a celebration of our country and multiculturalism. We all sang the chorus of the Seekers song ‘I am Australian’ with the lyrics ‘I am, You are, We are Australian’ while our presenters, student leaders and several 5B students led a colourful parade of flags from a variety of countries.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to celebrate our learning during Education Week. We hope you enjoyed our Multicultural Open Day and Book Fair and visiting your child’s classroom to see the wonderful things we have been learning this year.
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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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.
Wednesday 20th August

BOOK WEEK MuFTi Day

GOLD COIN DONATION!

Organised by our Student Government Representatives

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Thank you for your participation!

Parklea Public School
Student Government Representatives
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!