Calendar Term 3

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Principal’s Report:

School Administrative Staff – National Recognition Week:
During 1-5 September, it is School Administrative Staff National Recognition Week. This is a time for schools to say thank you to our SASS staff for the amazing, hard work that they carry out each and every day. Parklea Public School is extremely lucky to have the most wonderful SASS ladies around, Rhonda Mutch, Chris Lohmann, Carolyn Bean, Kylie Ellis, Leslie Dunn and Jill Radovic who continually provide invaluable support to the staff, students and parents of our beautiful school.

It is an absolute pleasure to be working with these genuinely lovely and very dedicated ladies who really do provide a ‘service with a smile.’ As principals, we are so extremely lucky to be supported by such talented, efficient office staff who always go above and beyond the call of duty to provide for a school community.

The school office is the hub of our wonderful school and the first line of contact. There is no one better to have greeting visitors to our school than Rhonda, Chris, Caroline, Kylie, Leslie and Jill.

On behalf of the students, parents and staff, thank you for the magnificent work that you do every single day.

Tree Safety:
The NSW Department of Education and Communities engaged the services of professional Arborists to visit all Public Schools in NSW. The Arborist were employed to identify trees around classrooms and
buildings which they felt were a potential danger to students and staff. A number of trees at Parklea Public School were identified as dangerous and had to be cut down or modified to make our playground safe for the all students, staff and families. This week we have been notified that the large gum tree on the back grass, the gum tree on the eastern side of the car park and a smaller tree located behind the demountables will be removed in the last week of this term, weather permitting. This is fantastic news that we are sure will excite all our students as they will have the full back grass area to play on again!

Health Care:
It is important that you inform the school if your child has any changes in medication or their medical information/needs alter. These changes need to be in writing. We need to be vigilant about each child’s medical needs especially when we organise special events and plan excursions.

Zone Athletics Carnival:
Our outstanding reputation was once again on display and evident at last Friday’s Zone Athletics Carnival, at Blacktown Olympic Park. Our students demonstrated wonderful maturity, a sense of great pride and outstanding sportsmanship. The manner in which our team participated and acknowledged teachers and parents was something to be proud of. The way in which our children encouraged and supported each other demonstrated the true unselfish nature of our students. To do these things without being asked is an indication of innate qualities that the children of Parklea possess. These are qualities that our great country is built on and is embedded into the culture of our amazing school and in each and every one of our students, our staff and our community.

Congratulations to all the children who participated so wonderfully at the district event. No matter where you finished on the day, you are all WINNERS!

The Sydney West Carnival will be held on Wednesday 10 September.

NAPLAN Results:
Yesterday, our students’ NAPLAN results were sent home to parents and guardians. When reading these results, please keep in mind that it is one test on one day. Many factors can influence the student’s results including not enough sleep the night before or lack of breakfast in the morning. Individual student reports have now been distributed to all parents of Year 3 and 5 students. Any parent wanting to discuss the report with your child’s teacher is encouraged to do so. The early arrival of the reports this year will allow us to revise those areas that your child is showing learning needs in. We will communicate our achievement data in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all students for their efforts with the test.

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). 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):

@ParkyThePelican
https://twitter.com/ParkyThePelican

We are excited at the possibilities of this online tool. You will also see our school’s
Twitter feed at the bottom of our school website as shown below:

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Behave when addressing an Issue:
Can I remind our parent community that if you have any issues or concerns, please make sure you address these with the appropriate member of our staff. Our office staff work hard to address your concerns to the best of their ability but are not always privy to information about your child over say a teaching member of staff. Please remember that a level of respect is essential when dealing with any issues here at school.

Contacting the School when your Child is absent:
We frequently receive phone calls from parents and carers on the day explaining why their child is absent from school. Despite these phone calls, the school still requires documentation (in the form of a letter, doctors certificate, etc.) that explains the absence from school as soon as possible. Please be vigilant with returning the notes to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP after the absence so our school rolls are as accurate as possible as they are a legal document for monitoring the attendance patterns of students. Please do not ring the front office to report your child’s absence but rather, contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Arrival to School before 8:30am:
Please be aware if your child is arriving to school before 8:30am, they must be sitting under the COLA up until the 8:30am bell sounds as there is no teacher supervision before this time.

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

Daffodil Day at Parklea Public School:
Thanks to everyone who supported Daffodil Day by buying either merchandise, wearing yellow or donating a gold coin. Thanks Eadie (6Green) for those yummy daffodil cakes! Our school raised an outstanding amount on this day. $885.70 has been sent to the Cancer Council. The Cancer Council raises essential funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. Below is a thank you from two of our Student Government representatives; Mason (6Red) and Elouise (4Blue).

I believe Daffodil Day went well. It seemed like more than half the school wore some sort of yellow. I quite liked how the people selling the merchandise also asked for contributions.
from the people that didn’t wear mufti. The two
days of selling the merchandise went really
well. We raised a lot of money for the Cancer
Council. Thanks everyone for getting behind
this fundraiser! Mason

On Daffodil Day we sold a lot of merchandise.
Pens were $6 and Pins were $5. It was really
great to see our families supporting the Cancer
Council and the Student Government. We
raised a lot of money. This money is going to a
great cause. I sold merchandise every
morning. Thanks everyone at Parklea Public
School! Elouise

Once again, thank you everyone for your
support and generosity for this worthwhile
cause.

2014 Leadership Training Day:
Next Tuesday, our Student Government will
be attending their first leadership training day.
This day will be run by Mrs Mutch and the
school leaders. This day will encompass a
wide variety of skill development activities, as
well as beginning to discuss and develop
school projects and initiatives.

Students will attend the training day from
9:30am – 3:00pm. This day will be taking
place in the school hall. Students will still be
attending the school’s Primary Perfection
Assembly.

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

A message from the Live Life Well @
School Team

Is your family Heart Smart?
Here are some healthy heart smart food tips:
- use margarine spreads instead of
  butter
- choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or
  less) for children two years and over
- have fish at least twice a week
- snack on fresh fruit
- don’t add salt to cooking or at the table
- enjoy a variety of foods especially
  fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals.

Thank you!
Mrs Fitz & Mrs Bugeja
(Live Life Well @ School Coordinators)

NEWS FROM STAGE 3

English:
This term, Years 5 and 6 are learning about
and composing Persuasive Texts. We are
investigating the specific features of a
persuasive text such as persuasive devices,
text structure, audience and vocabulary. Our
work in Literacy will involve an exploration of life and sustainability issues in Africa.

Mathematics

This term in Mathematics we are studying Time, Angles, Volume and Capacity, Mass and Decimals. These concepts will be covered in Maths groups.

Integrated Studies:
The current topic being explored as an inquiry unit is, “Water”. The student’s inquiry will develop through an understanding of the use and availability of fresh water as a finite resource. We will be investigating global water issues and creating a persuasive visual presentation that calls others to action.

Stage 3 Camp:
We had a very successful three days in Canberra, visiting many national buildings and participating in educational programs on Federal Government. We survived the rain and cold weather and stood proudly as our school leaders laid a wreath at the closing ceremony of the National War Memorial. The students particularly enjoyed their visit to Questacon where they could touch, play and interact with a wide variety of science exhibits. All Stage 3 students represented Parklea Public School with pride and we had many positive comments regarding their attitude and behaviour whilst on camp.

Gala Day:
We are looking forward to Gala Day later this term on Thursday 18th September. The students are busily preparing their stalls and getting ready for the big day! Thank you to all students and parents who have kindly donated goods to sell or use in stalls on the day.

Celebration of Learning:
Stage 3 has been investigating persuasive writing techniques, such as using modality, rhetorical questions and attack to make their writing more persuasive. These excerpts are shining examples of the learning that is happening in our stage 3 classrooms!

“….Questacon is a very educational place where children can learn new things such as how to make one of the best machines. Teachers and parents sometimes think that Questacon is a place where children don’t learn anything, they think their children will get spoilt, but that is not the case. In fact, Questacon is one of the places where children will learn a lot about Science and scientific experiments. Another good thing about Questacon is that they give you a brief amount of information on how the scientific machines are made. Wouldn’t you like your child or class to be more knowledgeable about Science?...” (Arnav 6 Red)

“….I believe Grade 6 students must visit Canberra because it is a place where they can learn a lot. It is a place where they get to meet a lot of politicians and learn all about the Senate and the House of Representatives. They could also see the process of becoming a Prime Minister. The first reason why I strongly believe year 6 students should visit Canberra is because is a place where kids can learn about government, prime ministers and politicians. It can help them with their studies. If a students was doing a project on prime ministers, governments or parliament house, Canberra is the perfect place to get all the information they need!...” (Suravi 6 Red)

“ Each year that year 6 go on camp, it is clear that one of the best places they get to visit is the Royal Australian Mint. Many students will be and have been interested in the large machinery and Australia’s history of money. ….To conclude, the Royal Australian Mint is the place to be on your year 6 camp, and if you think otherwise, then your head is full of rocks! The Royal Australian Mint’s guided tours are an amazing experience for all and are great quality. So there, it’s settled, year 6 camps MUST visit the Royal Australian Mint.” (Ebony 6 Red)

Important Stage 3 dates:
- 16th September at 5:00pm – First Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting
- 18th September – Gala Day
- Thank you!
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Thank you!
The Stage 3 Teachers

OTHER NEWS

Perfection Assembly Change of Time:
The Infants and Primary Perfection Assembly times have been changed from 12:30pm to 12:45pm to accommodate for the guest speakers who are coming to speak to our students and teachers.

Thank you for your cooperation with these changes.

Holiday Sport Fun:
With the holidays fast approaching, do you need to find something for the kids to do? We have been asked to let our school community know that a sports company is running a variety of sports programs in venues around our local area. Fees vary per program. More information can be accessed at the following website:


2014 Blacktown City Sports Awards:
As you may be aware the Blacktown City Sports Awards program has been organised since 1982. The rationale behind the Awards is recognition, promotion and involvement. The Awards are open to individuals of any age or ability who are residents of Blacktown City. Non-residents are also eligible, however must compete or involved with a Blacktown City based sporting club/school.

The Awards presented monthly at Westpoint Blacktown, also provide opportunity for nominations to be received honouring coaches, teams, volunteers and sports administrators and Clubs.

The pinnacle of the Awards is the Sports Awards Gala Presentation Evening where nominees vie for over $7000 in prize money and trophies in the following categories:

- Blacktown City Sportsperson of the Year (16 years+)
- Blacktown City Junior Sportsperson of the Year (U16)
- Sports Coach of the Year;
- Sports Administrator of the Year;
- Volunteer of the Year;
- U12 Years Sports Encouragement Awards x 3;
- Sports Team of the Year;
- Club of the Year;

A copy of the nomination form can be found at:
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http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/People_and_Community/Awards_Scholarships_and_Ambassadors/Sports_Awards

Feel free to nominate someone or forward on to any interested coach, teacher or friend.

There is no cost and limit to nominating someone. Nominate now for the 2014 Gala Awards Presentation Dinner. 2014 Entries close on Friday 24th October at 4.30pm.

If you require any further information regarding the sports awards, please contact Council’s Events Officer, Mr Mark Gibson on 9839 6075 or email: mark.gibson@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

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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