FROM THE PRINCIPAL

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Philippians 4:8 NLT

Words of Encouragement

So many times people come into my office and at the heart of the conversation is often the words someone has chosen to use.

There is one thing throughout life that will never change regardless of our health or even our financial situation, nor can anyone ever take it away from us…and that is, no matter what happens we always have the choice to choose the words we use.

This includes the words we choose to speak to ourselves in our self-talk and the words we choose to use towards others.

The majority of bullying issues inside a school, stem from the words that students choose to use towards each other.

Ephesians 4:29 “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

The power of the tongue and our choice of words, can enable or disable, encourage or discourage.

“Some people have just enough religion to HATE but not enough religion to LOVE”

Brian Houston

Our students have just completed the NAPLAN tests in the previous week, while it is important to educate our students with the basics of English and Maths, as Christian Educators I believe with all my heart that our job doesn’t stop there. Imagine if we could ensure that every child that graduates from Parkes Christian School graduated with the knowledge of just how important their spoken words will be. Then I will believe we have succeeded as Christian Educators.

I want to ensure our PCS students know how powerful their words can be. Even our little primary students that are still learning the phonics and can’t write in full sentences, still have the power to encourage and lift others with the words they use.

From time to time I try to walk around the playground and just observe how the students are playing and interacting with each other. During a playground walk this week, I came across three of our kindergarten students. One had fallen over and skinned his knee. His little friend whom was running alongside him, got down put her hand on his leg and prayed (in the playground). Her little voice whispered “Please Jesus fix my friends legs please don’t let it hurt or bleed”. They got up and kept running. It’s times like this, that I love being a Christian Educator.

“Significance is not found in the advancement of one’s self…but is in your impact you have on others”

Brian Houston

The impact these Kindergarten students have on each other is massive!!

Choosing to use words of love and encouragement to uplift and not pull down takes knowledge. As teachers, parents and friends it is our duty to teach our students and kids this all important life skill.

Proverbs 11:17 “Your own soul is nourished when you are kind, but you destroy yourself when you are cruel.”

So this week when you’re sitting at your table having dinner with your kids, I challenge you to ask your kids the following question:

What was the kindest thing you said to someone today?

Encouraging our students to encourage each other, speak life into each other and speak words of love will put our students in good stead for life.

Society these days has so many added pressures. I often see students who are struggling and this often stems from the pressure they have put on themselves. From this pressure can come negative self-talk. “I can’t do this” “I don’t know the answer” “I’m not smart enough” “I’m not a band six student”

I believe it is imperative for our students to be taught to be speaking words of love towards others but even more importantly, words of love towards themselves.

No pressure is ever worse than the pressure we put on ourselves.

Remember when saying goodbye to your children in the mornings to encourage them to encourage someone else in their day and to believe in themselves.

When we have purpose in our hearts, we’ll have purpose in our mouths.

Luke 6:45 “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”

Have a blessed and encouraging week.

Graham

Be the kind of person that inspires a “CAN DO” spirit in others.
**Term 2 Dates**

- **Tuesday 24th May** - K-4 Shire library visit
- **Thursday 26th May** - PCS Biggest Morning Tea
- **Friday 27th May** - CSSA Primary & Secondary State Cross Country
- **Monday 30th May** - Athletics Carnival
- **Tuesday 31st May** - Year 9 & 10 Half Yearly Exams start
- **Tuesday 31st May** - ICAS Science
- **Tuesday 31st May** - CWA Public Speaking in Condobolin
- **Thursday 2nd June** - Yr 12 HSC Day in Dubbo
- **Friday 3rd June** - Yr 12 HSC Day in Dubbo
- **Monday 6th June** - Year 7 & 8 Half Yearly Exams start
- **Thursday 9th July** - Mental Health Workshop at PCS
- **Monday 13th June** - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **Tuesday 14th June** - K-4 Shire library visit
- **Wednesday 18th June** - ICAS Spelling
- **Thursday 4th Aug** - Pre-Kinder 2017 Info Night

**PLEASE NOTE DUE TO CSSA COMMITMENTS OUR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO**

Term 2 ends Friday 1 July
Term 3 begins Monday 25 July

**Reminder of Notes that should be heading back into the office:**

- Student Details Verification Notes
- Pie Order Forms
- Athletics Carnival Lunch Orders
- Any Excursion Notes

**PARKES COMMUNITY CHURCH**

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday - 10:00 am @ the School Hall

29th May Preacher - Mr Jason Wynstra
5th June Preacher - Mr Paul Heavers
**LEMONS**

When life gives you lemons give them to the Christian School! If you have any lemons growing wild on your tree from now until the Spring Fair in September we will gladly take them off your hands. The school is making lemonade and would greatly appreciate your donations of lemons. They can either be dropped into the office at anytime or if you’re feeling up to it, they can be squeezed and the juice can be brought in in a zip lock bag. Any questions see Hollie Oates.

**CWA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Entry date is coming up soon. Tuesday 31st May at the Wiradjuri Study Centre in Condobolin. The topics are as follows:

**Year 3 and 4:** I just don’t understand
- I can’t wait
- ‘Whatever happened to my kitchen?’ said Mum.

**Year 5 and 6:** If I could be someone else
- Family matters
- Sport is a health hazard

**Year 7 and 8:** Overcoming Barriers
- Books vs iPads
- Pictures

**Year 9 and 10:** Living between cultures
- Making the best of it
- Tomorrow

See your Primary class teacher or Miss Harris for High School for more information. This is a great opportunity to develop essential speaking skills. Two students will be selected from each stage to represent our school.
PCS Sports Wrap

Netball Gala Day
On Wednesday 18th May, we had 4 teams from our school compete in the NSW Netball Gala Day held here in Parkes.

Our teams consisted of 2 year 5/6 teams and 2 year 7/8 girls teams. Our students arrived with great enthusiasm for the day getting into training and warming up as soon as they arrived at the courts! The day saw a large number of schools from around the area competing to qualify to progress though to Orange later in the term.

Our 7/8 girls teams were in the competitive draw and started off the day with some stiff competition, however their determination was held high throughout all of their games. Our year 8 girls’ team won one of their games and had 2 very close games later in the day, only going down to 4-5 goals each game. Our year 7 girls played extremely well and didn’t give up despite not coming away with a win throughout the day. Well done to one of the year 5/6 mixed teams who won 4 out of their 5 games! Unfortunately they were in the non-competitive section so wont progress through to the next round, but we were extremely proud of their efforts!

A big congratulations to all of our students who competed in the day, never gave up and showed fantastic sportsmanship in every game they played. They were complemented by a number of other schools on their sportsmanship on the court, so well done to everyone!

Thankyou to Miss Barrass, Mr Denmead and Mr Pearce who helped out with the teams on the day. Also a big thankyou to Laura Cabban in year 8 for helping out with training and organising the teams.

We look forward to further developing and strengthening the sport of netball within Parkes Christian School.

Miss Peterson
PDHPE Department
Sport Coordinator

Community & School Announcements

Central West Autism & Special Needs Awareness Group

Our aim is to create awareness, provide information, and offer support to families of children with special needs, in the Central West of NSW.

Awareness – Understanding – Acceptance

All are welcome to attend our meetings!

When – Monday mornings, 9:30-11:30am
Venue – Generosity Church (located in Bogan street next to the library)
For more information, please contact the facilitators of the group –
Deb Colling and Angela Wilson
Email: cwaustismspecialneeds@gmail.com

Dates for 2016

Meetings
30 May
27 June
1 August
29 August
19 September
17 October
14 November
12 December

Parkes Christian School is looking to increase its pool of Christian casual teachers for both day-to-day and block relief. Teachers are needed for both Primary and Secondary Departments as well as across all Key Learning Areas.

Please email employment@parkescs.nsw.edu.au or ring the School Office (6862 4164) for an application pack.
NEWS FROM MISS HARRIS

Parents and students are encouraged to go to my website for all kinds of information about the subjects I teach and the areas of social justice I promote.

The website is: http://kharris01.wix.com/pcsmissharris

Parents and students can find things like:
- Copies of assessment tasks & due dates – if you feel you might need to ‘remind’ your students to keep on top of things!
- Outlines for upcoming exams can be found on the English homepage for Years 9 and 10
- Links to places that could be helpful for working on assessment tasks – yay!
- New links to schools of performing arts for students wishing to pursue careers in this area
- Parents and students are welcome to make comments or click on the link to my email – feel free to let me know if there is anything you would like to see on the webpage.

Miss Harris

COMPASSION

Week 1 of our Hot Chocs for COMPASSION was a great success. We sold over $160 worth of Hot Chocolate. Huge thanks to Bailey Boland, John Penrose and Isaac Mitchell who helped make and sell the delicious cups of chocolate. Hot chocolates will continue to be sold each Friday to raise support for our Compassion Sponsor Kids – Nadia and Fiston.

SAVING: To avoid waste and lower costs – students who bring their own reusable cup to the counter will pay .50c LESS for their hot chocolate (amount of hot chocolate sold will remain the same regardless of cup size!)

PCS BIGGEST MORNING TEA

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016 – 11:00am

This year we are supporting Cancer Councils’ Biggest Morning Tea. The students will be able to purchase hot chocolates and cupcakes for their morning tea.

We would like to invite our Parents, Carers and Grandparents to come to school on this day and support Biggest Morning Tea. Hot drinks and cupcakes will be available for purchase in the hall foyer.

Last year we had a donation of large quantities of packet cake mix. We are asking parents to take home some of these mixes to make for selling on the day. The more willing bakers the less work for a few. Please contact our school office if you are able to help in this way and to collect the free mixes.
CHARITY GOLF DAY

The details are as follows:
Charity golf/family day fundraiser for Andrew Cusack and Toni Day
Sunday 5th June 2016

4 man ambrose - shotgun start 9.30am or 12 pm
Nomination forms available at Sportspower or at the Golf Club
$120 per team which includes green fees and a BBQ lunch
Also on the day we will have kids activities, auction items, silent auctions, raffles and cuppa and cake.
Golf nominations close on the 1st June.
For more information contact Jim Daley on 0448626844

SPARKS is a Kids Club run by Parkes Baptist Church