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

Dear Friends
Our school has entered a new phase in its history.

For the past few years we have been focused on growing our school and getting Year 11 and 12 underway. But now the question is, “What next?”

We need to look forward and develop a strategic plan or at least a strategic intent for the near future.

In the past, organisations would develop strategic plans that would last for ten years. However, these days most strategic plans are designed to be more flexible.

One of the major aims of the School and the Board is to develop a plan that has ownership by all of the stakeholders – parents, staff and students.

Therefore, we have developed a survey to gather information from everyone. We are simply asking about STRENGTHS, WEAKNESS, OPPORTUNITIES and THREATS for our school.

I am requesting as many parents as possible visit our survey website and complete the four-question survey. Please copy and paste this link into your web browser:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRPRJHZ

The School Board will consider your responses into account when developing our Strategic Plan for the next few years.

EXAM TIME

Year 9 & 10 completed their exams last week and Year 7 & 8 commence their exams this week.

Students need to have a plan for revision. Small regular amounts of revision will have much better results than trying to do it all in one bite.

The strategy that I have suggested to students is that they spend 10 – 15 minutes each night revising what they have covered in class over the past week, for two subjects. For example, Monday might be set aside for Maths and PD-H-PE. Tuesday is for Science and History. And so on for the rest of the week. Then each Monday, the students simply need to spend 10 to 15 minutes revising what they have done in class since their last revision time. If they don’t understand anything that they have covered, they can approach their teacher the next time they see them.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our recent carnival. The students were magnificent in their participation. The parents that served in the canteen deserve a special mention as do all of the parents who were there to support their students as well as our school. Our teachers did an incredible job of marshalling and running events. We actually managed to finish earlier than programmed!

And a special thank you to Miss Peterson for her efforts in organising the day.

(look out for our next newsletter for a full report on the Athletics Carnival.)

THANK YOU ROBYN GREEN

Last week our staff took the opportunity to say thank you to Robyn Green before she begins her work with Bingham Academy in Ethiopia. Robyn has been a teacher both full-time and part-time for our school for a number of years.

Robyn is responding to the call of God to go and teach in an international Christian school that caters for the children of missionaries and ex-pats living in the capital of Addis Ababa.

Robyn’s Commissioning Service will be held on Saturday 11th June at 2:00 pm at the Baptist Church in town. Please come along and pray for Robyn and show her your support.

(A copy of Robyn’s Newsletter is attached to this Newsletter.)

God Bless
Graham
## Term 2 Dates

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**Reminder to please get your Pie Orders in ASAP!**

Everyone remembers how amazing these pies were last year & this is a great fundraiser for our school. Jump on board and support our P&F and finalise your pie orders today!!

If you have lost your order form, there is a copy attached at the back of this Newsletter.

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

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**PARKES COMMUNITY CHURCH**
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
Every Sunday - 10:00 am @ the School Hall
12th June Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
19th June Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
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

On Tuesday 31st May 6 students travel to Condobolin to compete in the annual CWA Public Speaking Competition for our region. Emma Greenland represented Stage 5 and William Greenland spoke on behalf of Stage 4. Libby Pepper and Hannah Dun presented speeches in the Stage 3 category while William Mayo and Mitchell Unger represented Stage 2. All students did a fabulous job presenting well-rehearsed and well written speeches. Congratulations to all our speakers for a fantastic effort representing our school. An extra special congratulations to William Greenland who was selected to progress to the next level for Stage 4. Well Done!
Community & School Announcements

Parkes Christian School

Trivia Night

Saturday 18 June 2016

7pm (doors open at 6.30)

$10.00 per person

To book, message our face book site or call Jacquelyn on 0407 373 783

Grab your friends and come along for a great night.

Tables of eight.

Tea, Coffee & Soft Drinks available for sale on the night

Bring your own Nibbles

NO ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL PREMISES

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 Collier and Angela Wilson

Email: centralwestspecialneeds@gmail.com

Dates for 2016

Meetings

30th May
27th June
1st August
29th August
19th September
17th October
11th November
12th 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.
The Staff and Students of PCS would like to personally thank our very dedicated P&F team that ran the canteen at the Athletics Carnival.

The canteen doesn’t run itself and that a lot of time and effort goes into preparing to ensure the day runs smoothly.

The P&F raised $937.50 for our school from the sale of food and drinks.

**YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT**

We will be holding a subject selection information night for Year 10 students and parents in the hall from **6.30pm on Thursday, 16 June**.

All high school staff will be available on the night to answer questions about the HSC courses currently taught by the school and courses that could be taught here.

Mrs Wynstra will answer enquiries about TAFE and Distance Education, while Mr Hope and Mr Ballantyne can provide insight into the structure of the HSC.

The night is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to find out the true nature of each subject and what they are suited to studying.

Parents will also have the chance to discuss the level of English and Mathematics their child should be attempting for the HSC.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to find out everything they need to know about the HSC and which subjects they want to select.

If you have any questions about the evening, contact Mr Ballantyne on g.ballantyne@parkescs.nsw.edu.au. Finger food will be provided on the night.

**COMPASSION**

Our Hot Chocs for COMPASSION are proving a great success.

Huge thanks to Bailey Boland, John Penrose and Isaac Mitchell who continue to help making and selling 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**

The PCS Biggest Morning Tea was a huge success, thank you to everyone who baked cupcakes, slices or other goodies. The students and staff all enjoyed the yummy foods. Once again our P&F did an amazing job for rallying troops to ensure the morning was a great success. In total the school raised $386.00 for Cancer Council.

Thank you again for everyone who made this possible.
All orders need to be placed by 12pm 8th June 2016. We have no refrigeration available.

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Price per pie: $9

Total: ____________________________

Students Name: ____________________________

Parke Christian School 2016 Pie Drive
Community Announcements

Safer Drivers Course for young learner drivers

Preparing for your Ps

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.

Only $140 for 20 log book hours

Next Parkes Courses:

- June 11th
- July 23rd
- and September 10th

To book phone 6330 1860 or go to skillset.com.au

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Community Support Skills

Connecting community members with the help they want

Would you like to know how to recognise when someone may not be travelling well? Would you like more information about how and where help is available for mental health concerns?

1.5 hour course

- signs that someone may not be travelling well
- understanding services and how to access them
- how to have a conversation with someone you’re worried about and encourage them to seek help
- how to provide simple and helpful support
- how to help someone at risk of suicide
- how to look after your mental wellbeing

When: Two Sessions on Thursday 9th June at 1:30 pm or 6:00 pm

Where: Parkes Christian School

243 Back Trundle Road

Parkes NSW 2870

RSVP: Parkes Christian School by Ph: 68624162 or Email: administration@parkescs.nsw.edu.au

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Sparks Kids Club

... returns Thursday 28th April

Who? Primary Age Kids in Years 3 to 6

When? Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6.30pm during School Terms

What? Games, Bible teaching, Singing, Craft Activity Sheets, Small group chats, more Games AND Dinner is included!!!

Where? Parkes Baptist Church Hall

Corner Currajong & Church Streets

Cost? $3 per child or $5 for a family

Term fees also available

Contact? Julie Layton 0427 606 818 or Jenna Field 0447 250 738

SPARKS is a Kids Club run by Parkes Baptist Church
Dear Friends,

This past month has been both exciting and incredibly stressful. Lots of people think that it’s easier for single people to go and serve in the mission field because there are less family-related things to work out, and that is certainly true, but on the flip-side, you can’t take your support network with you. A great many people have helped me out with practical concerns and have prayed for me when the little set-backs start to add up and become overwhelming. So I’d like to thank you all for your support and encouragement.

The big question people are asking just now is, “When are you actually going?” Well, there are still some administrative things to take care of – visas, work permits and tickets need to be done in a particular order and not until the last minute – and the packing will take me a while, but if all goes well, I will fly out on 15th June and start language school on the 20th. It’s so soon! The next few weeks will be filled with a myriad of little tasks in between bigger ones, and plenty of list writing and checking off. Teaching Health and PE to primary kids on Wednesdays and Thursdays has been a good change of pace each week.

I’m hoping to be able to catch up with as many of you as I can before I go, but I’ve had a little hiccup with organising that too. In the course of replacing my phone when I accidentally shattered the screen, I have lost the majority of my saved phone numbers. If I had your number before, perhaps you could send me a text with your name so I can save it again, or email it to me. I’d love to see you at my commissioning service if you can get to Parkes on the long weekend, but I understand that’s a really long way for many of you.

Prayer and Praise

- Give thanks for the opportunity to go and learn some language before the semester starts.
- Pray for increased patience and decreased stress and anxiety over all things administrative and logistical.
- Pray that my visa application and work permit, as well as travel plans, all go smoothly.
- Please pray that goodbyes with friends and family will be positive and encouraging for all.
- Pray for safe travel and an encouraging settling in time.

Robyn’s Commissioning Service
Parkes Baptist Church
Corner of Currajong and Church Streets, Parkes NSW
2:00pm Saturday, 11th June
Afternoon tea to follow

If you are able to partner with me financially, just follow this link to the SIM Australia webpage: http://www.sim.org.au/donate/missionary/Find-a-missionary/green/
Alternatively, fill in the response form on my prayer card and send it to the SIM office – PO Box 42 Pennant Hills NSW 2222 or just call the SIM office – 02 9680 4444.

Email: robyn.green@sim.org Phone: 0439 134 135

May 2016

“Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary; but what is unseen is eternal.”

(2 Corinthians 4:17-18).