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

A big welcome to Mrs Brenda Cartwright who will be replacing Mrs Elizabeth White while she is on maternity leave. We are so blessed to have someone with Mrs Cartwright’s experience and qualifications fill this important position.

Our largest Zone athletics team ever, had a successful outing in Dubbo representing our school. From the day we will now have three students representing Far West Zone at the CSSA Primary State Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Centre on Friday 19th August. We also have 13 High School students who will represent our Zone in the CSSA Secondary State Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25th August at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

Last week I had the pleasure of being in Sydney and working with a group of Principals from other independent schools from NSW and ACT. We were working together with the Leadership Centre of the Association of Independent Schools (NSW). Some of the schools represented were large schools (1,850 students). Another school was a small K – 3 from just out of Queanbeyan. We were working on how best can experienced Principals support newly-appointed Principals.

Regardless of our situation there were so many common blessings. One of the posters on display was a quote from Charles Dickens:

“Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every man has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”

We can all feel overwhelmed by our current circumstances. These can sometimes seem to fill our entire field of living. Often this is because we don’t take the time to reflect.

Reflection is not just about recalling what has happened. It is also about thinking about and questioning what has happened. This process will often enable us to find the blessings in the midst of the storm. It can be something as simple as a helping gesture from a friend or even the smile from a child.

If we look hard enough, we can find the small rays of sunshine among the storm. Someone said when bad things happen always look for the helpers. They will be there.

God Bless,
Graham

Enrolments

2017 Enrolments are now open. Please email administration@parkescs.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or require an application to enrol.

Enrolments for 2017 Kindergarten are filling up; if you know someone wanting to enrol, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.
## 2016 Diary Dates

### Term 3 Dates

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Term 3 ends Friday 23rd September  
Term 4 begins Monday 10th October

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**PARKES COMMUNITY CHURCH**

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday - 10:00 am @ the School Hall

14th August Preacher - Mr Graham Hope  
21st August Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
**SPORTS REPORT AND UPDATE**

**ZONE ATHLETICS**

On Monday 25th July our largest number of students ever, representing Parkes Christian School at Zone Athletics in Dubbo! This was an exciting day as 78 primary and secondary students travelled across to Dubbo for a fun filled day participating and competing in a range of track and field events. We had a great time supporting and cheering for each other, and our school achieved some fantastic results!

A big thank you to all parents who travelled across and helped out on the day, to the staff who came along and helped run events, and for our students who displayed fantastic sportsmanship, motivation and dedication on the day.

I am still awaiting final results to come through from MAGS in regards to qualifications through to state athletics. Those students who have qualified will be notified ASAP!

Well done again to all of our fabulous athletes, I am so proud of the efforts you put in on the day!

**FRIDAY SPORT UPDATE**

Friday Sport for Years 7-10 Term 3 will include tennis, lawn bowls and the gym (Year 10 only) If students have their own racquet, or can borrow a racquet, please bring it for tennis. Please check your note in regards to what weeks your year group have tennis.

**SPORT UNIFORM REMINDER**

CSSA representative gear is only to be worn on Friday sport days, not on PE days. No other tracksuits, representative gear, footy jackets etc. are to be worn on sport days.

**7/8 Touch Football**

Due to the 7/8 Touch being cancelled last term, we have re-entered our teams into the gala day. At this stage we have 1x 7/8 boy’s team, and 1x 7/8 girl’s team travelling across to Dubbo on Tuesday 6th September to compete in the NSW Touch Football Competition. Notes will be sent home soon.

**7-12 Soccer**

Keep your ears out for the new date for soccer this term for our junior boys and senior girls. Due to the rain last term, we have had to reschedule. We are trying to work around the upcoming Year 12 trial exams and Year 12 exams with Dubbo to secure a final date!

**PRIMARY STATE ATHLETICS: 19th August 2016**
(Blacktown)

**SECONDARY STATE ATHLETICS: 25th August 2016**
(Homebush)

Miss Peterson
PDHPE
SPORT COORDINATOR
## STATE ATHLETICS QUALIFYING STUDENTS

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Well done to Aron Peters on his achievement in this year’s Zone Athletics Carnival!

CSSA Far West Zone Athletics
Age Champion
18 Years Boys

Children’s Book Week
Children’s Book Week
Australia: Story Country

Week 5 is Children’s Book Week and to celebrate K-6 students and teachers will be dressing up as an Australian book character on Wednesday 24th August. This can be anything from a well-known animal character such as Grandma Poss in Possum Magic, or a person in Australian History books such as Captain Cook or a fiction book character.

We will be celebrating with a special Primary Assembly at 10am. All parents are welcome to join us.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Premiers Reading Challenge ends Friday 19 August.
All reading logs need to be given to Mrs Moss by Monday 15 August as they need to be validated.

Primary Library Days
Tuesday 3,4
Wednesday K-2
Thursday 5,6

Primary Assemblies are now Friday Afternoon at 2.20pm
in the School Hall.

Please feel welcome to bring Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and Friends.
P&F Committee of
Parkes Christian School
Spring Fair 2016
Saturday 10 September
9:00am - 2:00pm
Back Trundle Road, Parkes

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES
Market Stalls
Arts + Crafts
Refreshments
Plants
Games
Cake Stall
Face Painting
Trash + Treasure
and loads more

All interested stallholders please download the stall application from our website www.parkescs.nsw.edu.au
Parkes Christian School - 243 Back Trundle Road, Parkes NSW 2870
Phone: (02) 6862 4164 Email: administration@parkescs.nsw.edu.au
Contract Number: ____________________________
Name: ______________________________________

☐ Time - with pack down from 2pm
☐ between 8am/9pm x 8am/9pm

☐ Volunteer time on a stall

☐ pens, in a zip lock bag – by 1/9/2016
☐ small toys, hair accessories, stickers,
☐ Goodies for Tombola (wrapped lollies,
☐ Quality Second Hand Goods
☐ Memorabilia etc.

☐ Fococes, dinner for two, sporting
☐ Donation of Action Items (fuel,
☐ Lemons for Lemandise
☐ Baking (cake, slice or sweets)
☐ Plants for the Plant Stand
☐ Funds ($) ________________________

☐ Time - with set up from 7:30am

I can contribute:

Decision this section and send back to the school office by

Friday 19 August 2016

PCS PEAT SPRING FAIR
10 September 2016
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Keep this section on the Bridge or put your stall for a reminder

For further Information, please contact Jacqueline on 4075 7378

I’m willing it down, so I don’t forget, I’m contributing:

The PCS Parents & Friends would love your help!

Back Trundle Road, Parkes
From 9am
Saturday 10 September

SPRING FAIR
2016

PARKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Parents & Friends Committee of
LEMONS FOR OUR SPRING FAIR

One of our most popular stalls at our last Spring Fair was the refreshing lemonade stall.

We are planning to make this year’s bigger and better BUT we need your help.

As this is the time lemons are ready for harvest, and in abundance, can I encourage donations of any extra lemons, to our school’s lemonade stall.

You can either drop these into the office or if you have time, please juice and put in zip lock bags already frozen.

Any questions please see or ring the school office.

Miss Hollie Oates

SPARKS is a Kids Club run by Parkes Baptist Church

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation this year will take place at St. George’s Church on Sunday, 16 October 2016.

If you or someone you know wishes to be confirmed, please contact the church office on 6862 1868 to register interest.

Confirmation is open for children who are generally in year 6 or above. Classes will be held on Friday from 6:30pm to 9pm, commencing 5 August 2016.

If you are an adult seeking confirmation, also contact the office and arrangements can be made.

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--- when life gives you lemons make lemonade ---

... returns Thursday 21st July

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

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--- 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: cwutismspecialneeds@gmail.com

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