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

We URGENTLY need items for our Tombola Stall at our Spring Fair.

Suggested items include hair ribbons and clips, toiletry items, wrapped lollies, toys, gardening items, craft, kitchen, water pistols or any other small item.

Please send them to the School Office no later than next Tuesday 6th September.

Our Spring Fair is fast approaching. This is not only a great fund-raising venture, it is also a fantastic community-building opportunity. I hope that it is successful on both of these levels. Please let all of your family and friends know about our Spring Fair so that they can join us for this great event.

There is a wonderful and dedicated team of P & F volunteers that have worked extremely hard over quite a number of months to bring this event together. Our P & F make an outstanding contribution to our school through their fund-raising efforts but also by being a conduit for new parents to become a part of our school community.

I would like to invite all of our parents and friends to become involved in this valuable and much appreciated group.

God Bless
Graham

New Enrolments 2017

Enrolments are now being accepted.

Kindergarten to Year 11

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a school tour or you require an enrolment application pack please email administration@parkescs.nsw.edu.au

If you know of anyone wanting to enrol their child, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

God will give you strength for every battle, wisdom for every decision, peace that surpasses understanding.
Term 3 Dates

Tuesday 6th Sept - Musica Viva visit K-8
Tuesday 6th Sept - Year 7 & 8 Touch Football Gala day in Dubbo
Wednesday 7th Sept - Jnr Boys, Snr Boys and Girls Soccer in Dubbo
Saturday 10th Sept - SPRING FAIR
Monday 12th Sept - Year 11 Final Exams begin
Tuesday 13th Sept - Year 3-6 Boys and Girls Touch Football in Parkes
Wednesday 14th Sept - HSC Music Performance Marking 2:45 pm Hall
Thursday 15th Sept - Year 5-6 Cricket Gala Day in Parkes
Friday 16th Sept - HSC D&T Marking 9:00 am Hall Foyer
Tuesday 20th Sept - Primary Fun Day
Friday 23rd Sept - Founders’ Service in Hall from 6:00 pm
Friday 23rd Sept - Last day of Term 3.

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

PARKES COMMUNITY CHURCH
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
Every Sunday - 10:00 am @ the School Hall
11th September Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
18th September Preacher - Mr Graham Hope
Primary Fun Day
When: Tuesday 20th Sept, Week 9, Term

Calling all parents.....

Do you have a craft, skill or talent you could share with our Primary Students?

On Tuesday of Week 9 we will be having a Primary Fun Day during the middle session. This will be a time of fun for all Primary School students to participate in a range of great activities, provided by Teachers and Parents.

Activities could include: pottery, card making, cooking, nature craft, painting, pom poms, gardening..... Whatever talents you are willing to share!!!

If you’re interested in running an activity or helping on the day, please contact the school office or see Mrs King!

Look forward to hearing your ideas!!!

Reading Day Activities

Last Friday 12th August, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 went down town to participate in the “Paint Parkes Flame REaD” activities. We had a GREAT time!

Our favourite activities were: relays and obstacle courses, story telling and singing at Parkes Office and Stationery Shop, Zumba at Curves, Thanks Nancy! and we especially enjoyed the Readers Theatre put on by our own High School kids/ rabbits. It was a wonderful day out, we are grateful to all those who organised the event!!!

Mrs King

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES are now FRIDAY AFTERNOON at 2.20pm in the School Hall.

Please feel welcome to bring Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and Friends.
Children’s Book Week

Australia: Story Country

Children’s Book Week Assembly

On Wednesday the 24th August K-6 came together to celebrate The Children’s Book Council of Australia- Book Week. This year’s theme was AustraliA! Story Country, so all our students dressed up as fiction and non-fiction Australian book characters. All the students looked fantastic in their costumes. There were students and teachers dressed as Ned Kelly, Captain Cook, Billy B Brown, a Seven Little Australian, Hey Jack, Thelma the Unicorn, Josephine likes to Dance, Nicholas Ickle from the Wrong Book, Bindy Irwin, Pearl Barley Alice Miranda and her friends, Parsley Charlie and all the colourful sheep from Where is the Green Sheep?

Each student introduced themselves on stage and the year 9/10 drama class entertained the audience with a readers theatre of Sunday Chutney.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the creation of costumes for the day and also to the parents that came to join us for the assembly to see the children in the parade of costumes. It was a great assembly.

Miss Harris and Mrs Richards found it extremely hard to judge the winners of the dress up. It was so hard they created a Highly Commended award. Well done to all the winners of the dress up.

Kinder- Mila Ballantyne and Zac Herden
Year 1- Rosemary Mayo and Samuel Pearce
Year 2- Madison Wynstra and Dylan McDonald
Year 3- Addison Collier and William Burgess
Year 4- Matilda Wilson and Marcus Moss
Year 5- Lilianna Broderick and Joseph Burns
Year 6- Libby Pepper and Connor Westcott
Highly Commended
Lawson Burgess, Alex Sammut-Paul, Addison Lewer, Isobelle Moss, Jesse Cartwright and Oliver Westcott, Broderick Family.

Mrs Moss

NSW Premiers Reading Challenge

Entries have closed for the 2016 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to 50 of our K-9 students that put their entries in on time. They have all been validated and we look forward to receiving their results at the end of the year.

The Challenge is a fantastic way to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure of quality literature in students. Mrs Moss

Primary Library Days

Tuesday 3,4
Wednesday K-2
Thursday 5,6
**YEAR 11 BIOLOGY ZOO EXCURSION**

The Year 11 Biology class participated in Biology Zoo Case Studies on Tuesday 16th August 2016. Students participated in a joint program between Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre, Australian Museum and Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens as related to their Preliminary studies in the Core Unit 8.5 – Evolution of Australian Biota.

Students worked through 3 different workshops;

1) Botanic Gardens – looking at the strategies that plants used to reproduced such as wind, insects, mammals and birds to spread seeds and pollen.
   > Did you know about the amazing relationship between fig trees and wasps?

2) Australian Museum – examining Australia’s extinct megafauna and how they are related to today’s living species – we looked at the Diprotodont and the Wombat, also extinct type of Platypus and the modern Platypus.

Diprotodont facts

   > as big as a small car
   > Largest mammal to have ever lived
   > Possibly ate 100-150Kg each day of vegetation

3) Zoo Education Centre – reproductive strategies used by animals. Students got to pat a Shingle back lizard and a Possum.

Students had a great day of learning and completing hands on activities – such as taking measurements of fossils in order to estimate size and determine other structural features that gives information about an animal’s diet and lifestyle.

**YEAR 12 BIOLOGY SYDNEY EXCURSION**

Stage 6 DNA Study day – held at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. Students had an exciting and interactive day listening to a guest speaker – Dr Ellen Jorgenson, a well know TED speaker and founder of the Genspace lab in New York, a space where anyone in the community can come and do some DNA Biology activities – from finding out is that fish really white Tuna? What does the person look like who ate and then spat out some chewing gum? All this information can be extracted from the DNA. At the moment Dr Jorgensen is currently working on building a database on plant species from Alaska, finding out about their DNA so that in the future these plants can be easily identified.

Have you ever thought that just a people get sick and require some pathology to determine what is wrong, plants also need pathology to determine what is wrong and how to correct it too. We met an amazing plant pathologist who showed us some of her work in the Botanic Gardens at Mt Tomah where she is keeping plants healthy, also this service can be used by others in the community, who have unwell plants – such as orchards or home gardeners. In this session we extracted DNA from fruits, saw some cultured samples of plant DNA and saw some amazing DNA technology that is used to help identify plant pathogens.

We had a workshop on practical ways to identify the difference between ivory, bone and plastic. These techniques are used in a bid to stem the rise of ivory trafficking, also a workshop on using DNA in a forensic application, we determined if a substance was blood or not.

HSC Science exam preparation days – held at the University of New South Wales Kensington Campus – workshops to be held by highly qualified Science Teachers aimed at providing students with hints and strategies to enable them to improve their HSC performance. Students enjoyed hearing about techniques they can use for exams that not only applied to Biology but across all their courses.

A great time was had by all, walking through the Botanic gardens, catching a ferry, buying doughnuts, a walk on the beach were also a wonderful part of this excursion, well done Year 12 Biology.
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
Dear Parents and Friends,

Our biennial PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Spring Fair is fast approaching, and we want to say thank you to all those helping in any way.

We are now putting out final calls for assistance.

How CAN YOU HELP?

ON THE DAY: If you are able to help on the day, for set up, manning a stall, or pack up, it is not too late to call Jacquelyn on 040 7373783. All offers of assistance will be gratefully accepted.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL: Preloved items in good condition can now be dropped to Parkes Stationary, or they can be dropped to the school on Friday the 9th of September in the afternoon or before 9 am on the 10th. If you have big items that you are unable to transport yourself, do not hesitate to call.

BAKERS: Cakes and other baked goods, can be dropped to the school on Friday the 9th or Saturday the 10th. Please don’t forget to label your baked goods with an ingredient list.

GARDEN STALL: Plants and fresh produce, can also be dropped at the school on Friday 9th, or Saturday 10th. If you would like to drop them off earlier, please call Naomi on 0427 565045.

TOMBOLA: We would love to have some more Tombola items, such as wrapped lollies or chocolates, girls hair accessories, or jewellery, stationary supplies and small boys toys.

EGGS AND LEMONS: We are looking for donations of eggs and lemons for our BBQ and lemonade stands.

MONEY: Any donations towards the initial costs would be kindly accepted.

CHILDREN’S ARTWORK: Remember each primary school student will have artwork on display, which can be bought by their families for a small donation on the day of the fair.

Primary parents – don’t forget the creative art competition.

If you would like to help in any way, please feel free to call on 0407 373 783.

MOST IMPORTANT:

COME TO OUR SPRING FAIR,

September 10th!
Contract Number:  
Name:  

☐ Time - with back down from 2pm  
between  am/pm  

Volunteer time on a stall  

pens, in a zip lock bag - by 1/9/2016  
small toys, hair accessories, stickers,  
Goodies for Tombola (wrapped)  

Quality second hand goods  

memorabilia etc  

$5 for the plant stand  

Lemons for lemonade  

Baking (cake, slice or sweets)  

Plants for the plant stand  

| Time - with set up from 7:30am  
I can contribute:  

Friday 13th August 2016  

Details this section and send back to the school office by  

For further information, please contact Jacqueline on 0473 73 783  

I'm willing to do it, 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  

PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  

Parents & Friends Committee of
SIGN UP TO OUR PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEAM TODAY!
Relay for Life—Cancer Council
Saturday October 22nd 2016
https://www.relayforlife.org.au
Go to teams - enter Parkes Christian School

SPARKS kids club

….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

SPARKS is a Kids Club run by Parkes Baptist Church

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 –
Sue Collier and Angela Wilson
Email: cwsautismspecialneeds@gmail.com

Dates for 2016

Meatings
30th May
27th June
1st July
24th August
10th September
17th October
14th November
12th December