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

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

What an incredible witness our Spring Fair was to this Bible verse; an amazing number of people working together to bring about such a successful day.

I know that there were a lot of people involved, some upfront manning stalls, setting up and other behind the scenes activities. And I know that if I started to name everyone involved I would end up leaving someone out. So please take this as my genuine and heartfelt thanks for everything that was done in the lead up to the Spring Fair and on the day itself.

Having said that, there are four people that I do want to thank personally. Firstly, the President of our P & F Committee, Jacquelyn Greenland; her patience, persistence and willingness to go above and beyond paved much of the way for such a successful day. Hayley Ballantyne was instrumental in organisating much of the auction donations and promotion.

Then I want to thank Gregor and Marty Sammut-Paul. Their organisational ability is astounding. Again a lot of this was done well before the day, but continued tirelessly during the Spring Fair itself.

I don’t think the Spring Fair would have run so smoothly or been as successful without the efforts of these four people who are so dedicated to our school.

While from a financial point of view the day was an outstanding success, for me, the fact that there were so many people who came that I did not know, was testament to the drawing power of the combined efforts that were put in by a lot of people.

Again thank you. We are blessed to have so many people willing to put their hand up to make days like this such an achievement.

On a very different note, this week marks the final week for our Year 12 students. This is the end of thirteen years of schooling. I am sure that some will be feeling very relieved.

Please join with us on Friday night as we celebrate this very significant event in the lives of these young men and women at our Founders’ Service from 6:00pm with the service beginning at 7:00 pm.

God Bless, Graham
2016 Diary Dates

Term 3 & 4 Dates

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.
Thursday 13th Oct - HSC Commences
Tuesday 18th Oct - Year 7 Immunisations
Thursday 20th Oct - Girls League Tag in Grenfell
Saturday 22nd Oct - Relay for Life
Tuesday 25th Oct - K-4 Shire Library visit
Friday 4th Nov - Final day of HSC exams
Monday 7th Nov - Two week intensive swimming starts (K—6)
Monday 7th Nov - Years 9 & 10 Final exams begin
Friday 11th Nov - Year 12 Graduation
Monday 14th Nov - Years 7 & 8 Final exams begin
Friday 18th Nov - Friendship Games in Dubbo (7-12)
Tuesday 22nd Nov - K-4 Shire Library visit
Sunday 11th Dec - Carols in the Park
Wednesday 14th Dec - Presentation Night
  Last day of school

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
25th September Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
2nd October Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
**SPRING FAIR CRAFT COMPETITION**

A big Thank you to all those Primary students who entered this competition. The judges were so impressed with the variety of ideas you had and the obvious effort that went into each of your craft works.

I really enjoyed seeing the different talents, gifts and expression that God has given each of you in representing His Word in the Bible! Well done to you all!!!

The winners of the competition are as follows:

**Upper Primary**
- 1st – Steven and Bradley Unger
- 2nd – Libby Pepper
- 3rd – Bethany Moss

**Middle Primary**
- 1st - Mitchell Unger
- 2nd – Addison Lewer
- 3rd – Danielle McDonald

**Lower Primary**
- 1st – Zac Herden
- 2nd – Lexi Herden
- 3rd – Dylan McDonald

**Highly Commended** to: Oliver Mayo, Rosemary Mayo, Alex Sammut-Paul and encouragement award to Lachlan Unger.

Congratulations to all of you!!!

Mrs King

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**CRAFT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN HOME!**

Parents if your child needs help collecting their craft – you can pick it up from the Hall this week! Thank you so much!

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**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."
TERM 3 SPORT WRAP

SOCCER GALA DAY
On Wednesday 7 September we had around 40 students who travelled to Dubbo to play a series of friendly matches against Dubbo Christian School. The U15 Boys kicked off at 3:45 pm and passed the ball around well right from the start. At half time DCS was 3-0 up though some good sportsmanship from Jacob Mitchell denied himself a goal when he confessed to a ‘handball’. Though Parkes rallied, we could only peg one goal back with the final score being 3-1 to DCS. The Open Girls who kicked off at 4:45 pm played extremely well as a team and we had some quality players who dominated play throughout the whole game. Our girls came away with a 2-0 win! The Open Boys kicked off at 5:45 pm and played their game under lights. DCS got off to a flying start and scored within the first minute, followed by a succession of great goals. Our boys worked well considering having to mix players from different years to play up in the team. The final score was 7-0 to DCS. Thank you to all the parents who came to support, for the teachers who came along and for everyone for upholding great sportsmanship on the night!

TOUCH FOOTBALL
On Tuesday 6 September our 7/8 boys and girls touch football teams travelled to Dubbo for the NSW Touch Football All Schools competition. This event had been cancelled numerous times due to the weather so it was great that our students finally got to play! Both our teams were put into touch divisions, however they progressed in their skills and abilities throughout the day and had a great time! Well done to our girls’ team who came away with winning one of their matches. We look forward to continuing making this a yearly event for our students.

COUNTRY NSW SOCCER
Well done to one of our sporting stars – Jacob Mitchell on being selected to compete in the Country NSW Soccer Championships! We are so proud of you, and we wish you all the best in the next few week!

STATE ATHLETICS/CIS ATHLETICS
A huge congratulations to all our students who travelled across to Sydney for State Athletics this term! Well done to the amazing efforts you all put into competing and representing our school. A special congratulations to Jacob Mitchell and Luke Magill who have qualified to compete at the next level - “Combined Independent Schools” in week 9, in multiple events each. We wish you all the best and can’t wait to hear how you both go!

UPCOMING SPORT DATES
21/09/2016 – CIS ATHLETICS SYDNEY
20/10/2016 – LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY
18/11/2016 – FRIENDSHIP GAMES DUBBO
5/6 MILO CRICKET TBA
3-6 NSW TOUCH FOOTBALL TBA
Relay For Life – Saturday 22nd October

Relay For Life is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises vital funds for Cancer Council’s research, prevention and support services.

What is Relay For Life?
Relay For Life is a chance for communities to recognise and celebrate those who have overcome cancer or are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. Relay also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer.

Teams participate in a relay-style walk or run, challenging each other to stay on the track overnight. This doesn’t mean you need to walk all night but you do need to be there for your shift and can walk extras. Try getting sponsors to donate per lap to raise the most funds!

Join Parkes Christian School team for the night or for a few hours by filling out below and returning to school before 23rd September and going online to register with our team (if you are having problems registering please call and we can help).

If you would like to be a part of the team please Google Relay For Life and find our Team by searching Parkes Christian School. It costs $20 to register and you receive a t-shirt to wear during the relay.

Please register online by Friday 23rd September to be a part of our team. It is a great family afternoon on Saturday with lots of food games and jumping castles so bring the whole family along. Teachers and parents will be supervising students who are staying overnight and more information will be provided closer to the date. Miss Oates & Miss Peterson

Parkes Christian School Relay For Life

I give permission for ________________________________ to help raise money and support the Cancer Council in this year’s Relay For Life on 22nd October 2016.
I understand that this means walking laps around Northparkes Oval with the team in shifts from 2pm until 10am on Sunday 23rd October and that they will either walk the allocated shift or stay the night.

Please tick whatever is relevant:

- STAYING OVERNIGHT (I understand that by staying overnight I am representing my school at a community event and will be on my best behaviour)
- SIGN ME UP FOR A SHIFT/SHIFTS
- MY PARENT/CARER IS ALSO WILLING TO JOIN THE TEAM
  name/s here ________________________________
- I have registered and paid online for all individuals joining the team
Year 12 Founders’ Service  
Final Assembly

Parkes Christian School would like to invite you to our annual Founders’ Service.

Friday 23rd September 2016  
starting @ 6.00pm.

This evening event will commemorate the achievements of our Year 12 class, as well as recognise the vision of the founding members of Parkes Christian School.

34 years ago our school was established with the vision of providing Christian education from Kindergarten to Year 12. We take this opportunity to continue to celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 classes.

We are excited about this development and would like for you to help us celebrate this special event with us.

A light supper will be served.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated lemons for our lemonade stall! All your hard work picking and/or juicing the lemons was very appreciated - Miss Oates

You Are Invited...

ATTENTION LADIES:  
LACHLAN COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN COMMUNICATING INTERNATIONAL INVITES YOU TO:

Food for Thought

An afternoon of Sushi making fun.  
2pm Saturday 8th October 2016, Parkes Christian School Hall, Back Trundle Road, Parkes.
Cost - $10 (covers Sushi making ingredients and equipment and afternoon tea)
Ladies only – Bring a friend, a sister, mother, daughter (over 12 years).
Guest Speaker: Jacquelyn Greenland
For catering purposes please RSVP- 4th October to Heather on 6863 5730 or 0447652267
Or Jane on 6851 1462
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.

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

Please feel welcome to bring Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and Friends.