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

It seems that “CHANGE” is the word of the month for me. Now I know some people get a bit edgy when the word change is mentioned. And yet when we really stop and think about it, change is happening all around us. Sometimes the change is happening so slowly that we don’t really notice it. For example, we don’t notice the day-to-day changes happening to our children or grand-children; like them getting taller each day. We don’t notice ourselves getting older each day!

But without change . . . well, nothing changes! Ice-boxes to refrigerators. Wringers to automatics. A whole range of convenience items and tools have changed and have made our lives easier. From communications to travel to entertainment, all have changed for better or worse.

Where it starts to become harder, is when we need to change. We may need to change our attitude, our diet, our way of thinking or even our lifestyle. Sometimes it takes life-threatening health issues to force us to make changes. We know the things that we should do for a healthy lifestyle; yet Australia has one of the highest rates of obesity in the world.

Australia also has one of the highest suicide rates for young males in the world. Why? Because men don’t want to change the taboo of speaking about their feelings. Our lack of physical and mental health is killing us.

I think one reason why people don’t like change, is because they feel that they will lose control of something. But the Bible tells us:

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

This verse tells us that God is in charge. Not only is He in charge, but He has everything worked out for us, PROVIDED we allow Him to lead us. For many people, not feeling in control is a nightmare, a sign of weakness. But are the stresses of fighting God worth the results?

Maybe what we need to do is take a step back and genuinely assess what is happening. Again, it means not being in control. But if we do step back, the outcome can lead to the peace that we are so often missing.

We need to let go and let God.

God Bless, Graham

HSC Exams

Our Year 12 students have completed their first two HSC exams. Please pray for our students in the remaining exams:

Monday 17th October – Information & Digital Technology
Wednesday 19th October – Modern History
Thursday 20th October – Biology
Friday 21st October – Mathematics & Mathematics General 2
Tuesday 25th October – Human Services
Wednesday 26th October – PD – H – PE & Maths Extension 1
Thursday 27th October – History Extension
Friday 28th October – Business Studies
Tuesday 1st November – Visual Arts
Wednesday 2nd November – Legal Studies
Friday 4th November – Design & Technology

A huge welcome to our Pre-Kinder students starting this week.
The last day of term 3 was also the last day for Year 12 at Parkes Christian School. This is the second time that Parkes Christian School has had a graduating Year 12 class. The graduating class were presented with their final reports as well as prizes during the Founders’ Service.

Bethany Magill took out the Dux Award for Year 12. This award was presented by Mrs Jacqueline Greenland, President of the Parkes Christian School’s Parents and Friends Committee. Bethany also won the Long Tan Youth Award for Leadership. The school was honoured to have an Australian Defence Force representative, Able Seaman – Combat Systems Operator Ethan Clifton present to make the presentation to Bethany. Bethany also won the Caltex All-Rounder Award.

The Rueben F Scarf Award for Commitment to Learning was presented to Kaitlyn Strudwick.

During the service the School Captains for 2017 were also announced. Congratulations goes to Rachel Thorncroft and James Simpson. From the beginning of term 4 Rachel and James will head up the newly formed Student Representative Council.

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.
Term 4 Dates

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 Farewell Dinner
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
Tuesday 22nd Nov - Years 7-9 Boys Cricket Dubbo
Sunday 11th Dec - Carols in the Park
Wednesday 14th Dec - Presentation Night

Year 12 2016
Farewell Dinner

It would be fabulous if people could RSVP as soon as possible to help us create the best event that we can.
Please note tickets are $60—this is a per person cost
Also—if anyone has any working white fairy lights they could loan us we would LOVE to hear from you!
Thanks, Katrina and Belinda

Term 4 ends Wednesday 14th December

PARKES COMMUNITY CHURCH
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
Every Sunday - 10:00 am @ the School Hall
23rd October Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
30th October Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
**Author Visit - Jack Heath**

Jack Heath entertained the Year 1-6 students by comically talking about what it takes to become an author.

Some fantastic quotes from Jack were....

“All good books should have helicopters, falling a really long way and surviving.........”

“Boredom is where creativity comes from.”

“Writing gets better with practice.”

“A really good book can forget where you are.”

“Editing your story is more important than the writing.”

“Not a moment of an author’s life is wasted. It can all be used.”

“Do something valuable with your life.”

He did a great job at promoting his books. They were all borrowed out before lunch.

Thanks to the Parkes Shire Library for organising Jack Heath to come and visit us. It was also great to have two students from Bogan Gate Public School join us.

**ICAS Awards**

Well done to our amazing PCS students who have completed various ICAS exams during the year.

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**We need underwear!............seriously.**

Last year at Christmas we asked people to donate women’s underwear and sanitary products to the female inmates in Suva Prison in Fiji. Thank you again to all who gave and allowed us to send a very generous delivery to Fiji.

We also send Prison Bibles which Mrs Naqua’s brother Tui is handing out and counselling as a Prison Pastor and Chaplain.

This year we have been asked if we would consider donating men’s underwear as this is something the prisoners do not have or get and many have been disowned by their families and so have no one to supply even their most basic needs.

Wonderful things are happening in the prisons with conversions and many lives changed from the inmates to the wardens and people outside of prison as a result of the combination of the Bibles, the donations and Tui’s faithful ministry. Matthew 25:36-40 tells us to remember the poor and those in prison so if you can help, we (and they) would appreciate your support. How good it is for them to know that someone they have never met cares for them. What a testimony of Christian love and giving. So as mentioned above, this year please send clean Men’s underwear into the school office where we will have a collection box.

Thank you, from the God driven Fiji Mission team and Suva Prisons.

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

Please feel welcome to bring Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and Friends.
Sausage Sizzle for Relay for Life

**Friday 21st October** at Parkes Christian School will mark the beginning of our Relay For Life fundraising. We will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch. Costs are outlined below. Please complete the form and return all details and money to the Office in an envelope with your child’s name and class details by this Monday 17th October.

Thank you for helping us raise money for such a great cause! Please **join the Parkes Christian School team at Northparkes Oval on Saturday 22nd October at 3.45pm** to cheer us on for the beginning of Relay For Life as there will be many games and fun things for all the family to do!

**On Friday for some extra fun come dressed as your favourite superhero with a gold coin donation**

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Relay for Life Sausage Sizzle

Name: __________________________

Class: __________

Extra sausages at $2 each: __________

  Meal deal includes a Sausage, Popper and an Ice block for $6
SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2016
‘CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY’
PARKES LEAGUES CLUB, 2.00-6.00PM
Chris Ulmer www.specialbooksbyspecialkids.org
Tim & Judy Sharp www.laserbeakman.com
Come and join us for an inspiring afternoon in the Robert Wilson Auditorium at the Parkes Leagues Club. Chris Ulmer will be speaking on ‘How to build relationships and connect with neurodiverse individuals’. Tim Sharp is the creator of Laser Beak Man and is an internationally acclaimed artist. His mother Judy is on of their incredible journeys from when Tim was first diagnosed with Autism at the age of 3 up to what his incredible achievements are to date.

TWO INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED GUEST SPEAKERS
Chris Ulmer
(Special Books by Special Kids)
Tim and Judy Sharp
(Laser Beak Man)
Tickets: $65pp
Book your tickets at
cwautismspecialneeds@gmail.com

Who? Primary Age Kids in Years 3 to 6
When? Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6.30pm during school term
Where? Parkes Baptist Church Hall
Cnr 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

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