Dear Parents and Community Members...

Over the past few weeks we have had many Year 5 students run for a 2016 School Leader positions. Last week we listened to their speeches and voting took place. I would like to thank all of the students who ran for a position and remind them that there will be more leadership opportunities early next year (sport house captains and SRC). I would like to congratulate the following students who will represent our school as the 2016 school leaders; Nikkala Hillier, Zoe Nalder, Braith Clark, James Ibbett and Georgie Duroux. I know they will do their best and make us proud.

Today we had our 2015 Presentation Day. Congratulations to all of the students who received end of year awards, recognising all of their hard work from throughout the year. Congratulations to Jarrod McIntosh for receiving the staff award. I would like to thank him for his dedication, for being a positive role model and supporting students and staff.

This will be the last newsletter home for 2015. I would like to thank everyone for all of their support and kind words while I have been in the role as Acting Principal. I have enjoyed working with everyone in this capacity again. The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School has a dedicated, caring staff and a wonderful, supportive community. I welcome Anna Starcevic into the Principal role next year and look forward to returning to my position as Instructional Leader.

After all of the changes that occurred at the beginning of this year, we have decided that students will not be finding out who their teacher until next year.

I wish all of our Year 6 students good luck as they move on to High School.

The first day back for students in grades 1-6 will be Thursday, January 28. 2016, Kindergarten students have their Best Start meetings during the first week and will begin Week 2 - Monday 1 February.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a relaxing and safe holiday! I look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Have a wonderful week!

Lorello O’Brien

K - 2 Information

Home Readers - All Home Readers are due back to school this Wednesday, December 9. Please return all readers so that we can conduct a stocktake of the books. Any missing Home Readers will need to be paid for at a cost of $8 per book.

Party - We will be having an end of year party next Monday, December 14 (same day as Rewards Day). Each child is asked to bring some food to share. If you do not want your child to participate in this party, please let your class teacher know by the end of this week.

Social - We will be having a Christmas Social next Tuesday, December 15. This will be held at school during the day. Children can come out of uniform and the theme is red and green. Please ensure your child is wearing sunsafe clothes that are suitable for the playground.

PBL

Next year, our school will be implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) across the whole school. PBL is an evidence-based whole school system that provides both staff and students with a consistent approach to behaviour.

In preparation for next year we have been collecting data from students, parents and staff to develop three values that are important to the whole school community. From the data collected, our three school values from 2016 will be:

- Safety
- Respect
- Learn

Thank you to all the students who have created a ‘Henry’ mascot. They look wonderful and we know it has been a hard decision for everyone who has voted. We look forward to announcing the winner.

Regards,

PBL Team

"STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK"

Rebekah Preston

I have been working at Sir Henry Parkes School now for 8 years.

I grew up in Tenterfield and attended Sir Henry Parkes Primary, then went onto Tenterfield High School. After High School I moved to Lismore for a couple of years, then decided to move back home to be with family.

I then met my Husband Brad and moved to Brisbane, we spent 4 years there and decided we wanted to buy a house. So we moved to Tenterfield as we both agreed it was the perfect place to raise our two children; Katelyn, who is in year 8 and attends Tenterfield High School and Luke who is in year 5 at Sir Henry Parkes.

I started working causally at Sir Henry Parkes as a teacher aide and then was offered a position in the front office. I now have a permanent position as a School Administrative Officer.

I absolutely love my job and wouldn’t change it for the world.

I love seeing the kids grow and become little adults.
**Meal Deal—“Dog Gone”**

Enjoy a hot dog in a roll with cheese & tomato sauce plus a popper and a calippo icy pole $5.50

Other choices:
- 6 chicken nuggets $3.00
- Ham & cheese sandwich $2.50

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**Tenterfield Junior Cricket**

This Thursday will be the final cricket session for 2015. There will be a free BBQ for all players at the conclusion of the afternoon’s activities.

Uniforms for our junior players have been ordered and should arrive shortly. Once again they will be $10 for a matching shirt and cap. What a bargain! See you all on Thursday.

**Junior Golf**

The Christmas Party and last Coaching Lesson for 2015 will be held this Friday, December 11 at Tenterfield Golf Club commencing at 3:30pm.

**Book Packs**

Will be available form the canteen on Friday, December 11.

Prices: Kindy $15
- 1-2 $16
- 3-6 $20

**Community Notices**

**Tenterfield Carols by Candlelight**

Will be held on Friday, December 11 from 7:30pm onwards in Bruxner Park (in front of Council Chambers). Candles and glow sticks will be available for a small cost. (Or bring your own) For more information contact Merelyn Gibbons on 0447 387 921

**Youth Group Introduction for 2016 year 7’s**

There will be a BBQ dinner, games, bible talk and ice cream for dessert.

Cost- $2.00
Starting at 6:30pm-9pm
Date- Friday, December 11.
Where- Christ Church Anglican
For enquires contact Amanda on- 0403 620 379

**Student of the week**

**Infants:** Addi Gibbins, Indianna Crotty, Beth Phelps, Taneeka Kennedy, Tahli Neal.

**Primary:** Rylee Scott, Nate De Rooy, Nicholi Robinson, Toby Watt, Kristen Swan.

**SHP Police Award**

Troy Campbell, Hedley Dones, Max Collier, Abby Wilson, Maddie Stevens, Mirri McGrady, Sophie Toulson, Ryan Sutcliffe, Jazz Wakelam-Cohn, Shikya O’Connell.

**Bronze Awards**

Nessa Butler, Elsie Cross, Katie Eaton, Kelsie Ellis, Josh Ryan, Adam Thomas, James Blain, Kerry Thomson, Sophie Toulson, Josh Beltrame, Braith Clark, Georgie Duroux, Sophie Halliday, Nicholi Robinson, Ajay Sandhu, Jade Sargeant, Hannah Sheppard, Georgia Battersby.

**Silver Pennants**

Max Collier, Norman Cutmore, Klay Foster, Jai Duroux, Jasmine Finnerty, Blake McCotter, Brooke Everett

**Principal Award**

Savannah Caldwell, Tiffany McDonald
Wow Week 10 already!!! This term has been an extremely busy and productive term for 1/2A and 1/2R. We have continued to work hard as we ready ourselves for next year. 1/2A have been busy learning all about dinosaurs. We spent time researching a variety of dinosaurs and have learnt lots of interesting facts about the animals from millions of years ago. We even pretended to be palaeontologists digging for bones (except we used toothpicks and choc chip cookies) it was great fun!

1/2R have read lots and lots of fairy tales. We have looked at the old classics, compared them with newer fractured versions and even had a go at writing our own. Our room is covered in pigs, stick houses, Goldilocks, lost posters looking for the Ugly Duckling and wanted posters as we need to find the fox from the Gingerbread Man and the crocodile for the Lamington Man. If you see them please let us know! They may be able to run as fast as they can but we will catch them!

We are very excited about Rewards Day and the K-2 social next week. We have learnt so much and all of us have grown this year. As we write this we are almost ready to leave year 1 and year 2 behind. We will come back next year and be year 2 and 3. Miss Rowe and Miss Rivett would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe festive season. Enjoy the time that you can spend with your family and we will see you in 2016.

Many thanks from Vicki

The time has come to say goodbye to everyone at Sir Henry Parkes. It is the wonderful staff and families that I have worked with over the years that has made my time here most enjoyable.

To everyone I say thank you for your help and support that kept our canteen providing such an amazing service to our children every day.

I am taking with me many happy memories and I will treasure them forever.

To the incoming Canteen Manager I wish you well and I hope you enjoy your time at Sir Henry Parkes as much as I have.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Vicki Petrie
Holiday Reading

Keeping your child reading through the holidays both brings enjoyment, and helps them maintain the gains they made during the school year.

When selecting a book, the most important advice is to choose one that will generate enthusiasm for and an interest in reading, leaving your child with a feeling of achievement and motivated to read another book.

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child.

If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

All children, regardless of age, like to be read to.

Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions.

Below are some suggestions on how you can help you child when reading.

Some are for early readers, others for more advanced readers.

You help your child in reading when you:

- show your child that you value reading by reading whenever you can.
- provide a variety of texts for your child to read to you, eg stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines, children’s recipe books.
  - point out words on street signs, packets and labels.
- encourage your child to predict what a book is about from the cover and illustrations.
  - reread favourite books.
- talk about the different purposes for reading a picture book, a novel, a TV guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopedia.
- point out the first sound of a word and encourage your child to think of other words that begin with the same sound.
- encourage your child to read books for enjoyment as well as for information.
- praise your child when they are reading, eg “well done - that was a difficult word”.
  - encourage a positive attitude to books.
- encourage your child to talk about characters and events in texts.
- encourage your child to make sound effects for the characters and events.
- ask your child to think of possible beginnings and endings for stories read and heard.
  - praise your child when they are reading.
- encourage your child to have a go at reading words that are unfamiliar.
- ask your child to read on past the unknown word to gain clues from the rest of the sentence.
  - show your child how to find the meanings of unfamiliar words in dictionaries.
  - encourage your child to watch films and videos of books they have read.
- talk about the ways in which a film version of a book compares with the print version.
  - encourage your child to borrow books from the Tenterfield library.