Dear Parents and Community Members…

It is with a tinge of sadness that I write my last contribution for The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School newsletter. As one door closes though, another one opens and I am very much looking forward to my retirement with my husband, and the important time it will give us with our family.

There are numerous wonderful people who have contributed so much during my time at this school. There are parents, community members, retired teachers, representatives from service organisations and a host of other volunteers who give willingly of their time, their expertise and their wisdom. My many thanks to each and every one of them.

This school has many fine assets in terms of dedicated staff. Their work on a daily basis with our most precious asset, the children, cannot be underestimated. Schools are busy places with a diversity of students who have a huge range of needs. Trying to meet these needs in a meaningful way requires commitment, hard work and lots of care. Thank you to the staff who give their best.

And finally, thank you to the students. Every day I am greeted by a sea of smiling faces and a sense of that eagerness to learn. Some days are more productive than others for some of our students, but there is always a bright spot for them along the way. I am keen to follow the fortunes of the students as they progress from here to high school, and into the community beyond. I wish each and every one of them well.

Congratulations to our award recipients from today's PB Assembly. They are worthy and deserving of recognition, and great examples for the student body.

Mrs. Lorelle O’Brien will be relieving principal for the beginning of next term. I am sure you will support her in her work, and I wish her well.

Best wishes to the entire school community.
Sue Charles

School Photos

A reminder that all photo orders and money are due to school by this FRIDAY, JUNE 26. NO orders will be accepted next term. Family photo envelopes are available at the Office.

Infants Social – Rewards Day

The Infants will be holding a social for Rewards Day. The social will be held at school during the day. Children are allowed to come out of uniform (please ensure your child has enough warm clothing for the playground). Sensible, covered shoes are also required. Lollies will be given out as prizes at the social. Please contact your child’s teacher if you do not wish them to receive lollies.

PLP Awards

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their Personalised Learning Plan goals: Shikya O’Connell, Nariah Chamberlain, Angus Pitkin, Norman Cutmore, Jasmine Stuart, Georgie Duroux, Suzy McGrady, Gerry McGrady, Zoe Nalder, Karen McGrady, Kristen Swan, Latea Nicholls, Timahnya Tandy, Jakheem Binge, Matari Wightman, Ashton Davies, Mary Binge, Lucia Davies, Troy Campbell and Jara Duroux.

Colour The Earth - Visual Arts Camp, Stage 3 Students.

Congratulations to Zoe Jenkins, Alex McCowen, James Ibbett, Grace Butler and Jessica Thomas who were selected to attend a Visual Arts camp for two days at Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre. They were chosen based on their artistic ability, good school attendance, ability to cooperate and positive behaviour.

James Ibbett- I enjoyed using the shadow fading paper which allowed me to put an object over the paper and use the sun to create a shadow. I had to put the paper in water for two minutes and then keep it in the dark to leave the mark on the paper.

Jessica Thomas- My favourite activity was painting an abstract piece of art using the shadows of plants.

Grace Butler- The highlight of my time at camp was when we played a huge game of Pictionary because it was entertaining.

Alex McCowen- I enjoyed drawing the sugar glider because we got to draw on a black piece of paper, which is different to what we usually use.

The P&C Wood Raffle

P&C Wood Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Rosemary Mitchell and thanks to Colin Caldwell for the load of wood.

Thank you also to everyone who provided home baked goodies or sold tickets on the day to help make this fundraiser a success.

We raised $1,200 which will contribute to our students education.
MEAL DEAL – “Doggy Dinner”
Enjoy a yummy hotdog with cheese plus a popper and a scoop of ice cream topped with M&M’s $5.00

Other choices: 2 mini pies $2.40
6 nuggets $2.20

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
Infants: Jason Edwards, Lila Newton, Jarrod Brown, Thomas Hennessey, Adele Butler.
Principal Award: Katie McCowen, Lucy McCowen.
Silver Award: Darcy Rolph.
Bronze Award: Matilda Ebbern, Scarlet Ray.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
School Holidays Soccer Development Clinic
When: Monday 29th June
Where: Shirley Park, Tenterfield
Time: 8.30am – 11.30am
Ages: 6 –12 years of age
Cost: $35 (including soccer ball to take home)
This soccer clinic will help players develop their ball skills, teamwork and understanding of the game. For more information or to register go to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=northwest or phone 02 6766 1200.
Places are strictly limited so get in early.

Junior Border Bears
Attention Border Bears Junior Rugby League Players - The game this weekend against Stanthorpe has been postponed until the 11th July which is the last weekend of the school holidays.
Under 8,9 and 10’s NO training this week. Bigger kids need to contact their coaches for training schedule.
Training will start on Tuesday, July 7 for the under 8,9 and 10’s.

“Women in Gold” Movie night
Movie night – Thursday, June 25 starting at 5:30pm for 6:30pm.
Screening at the Tenterfield School of Arts Cinema.
$20per person includes Movie, Soup, Slices Tea/ Coffee.
Bookings Kris McCowen on 0438 154 657 (for catering).

CAFE

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**CAFE ROSTER**
Wed 24 Jen Sutcliffe, Help needed please
Thur 25 Nikki Phelps
Fri 26 Michelle Wilcox, Help needed please
Wed 15 Lea Rossington (TERM 3)

**HOMEBAKE (first week term 3)**
Wed 15 Bec Ebbern (TERM 3)
Fri 17 Kelly Coleman (TERM 3)

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**
We have had Miss Ware working in our room most of this term. We have been learning about Aboriginal stories such as “How the Birds Got Their Colours” and “Enora and the Black Crane”. We have talked about healthy foods and why we need to eat these foods. We have been making patterns. We have made threading patterns and block patterns. These are some of our patterns. (Unfortunately some of us were away or working in other parts of the school.)

NAIDOC Day

This Thursday, June 25 our school is celebrating NAIDOC Day. Students will be involved in a variety of Aboriginal art and craft activities. Please feel free to come along and help celebrate NAIDOC Day at our school.

9:40am -Principal’s Welcome, Welcome to Country and Flag Raising Ceremony
10am-Activities begin.

12:40-1:15pm- Lunch (Sausages $1.50, Poppers $1)
1:45pm- Students return to their own class.
On Friday afternoons, infants students involved in the Early Action for Success program have ventured to the Tenterfield Community Gardens with Mr Thomas. Students have used this opportunity to learn about local food production, from sowing seeds to watering, weeding and nurturing a wide range of fruit and vegetables. The final part of the production cycle is harvesting and the students have enjoyed devouring fresh strawberries, corn, radishes, capsicums, tomatoes, beans, snow peas and a variety of other tasty, fresh produce.

The students then use this knowledge to complete a range of literacy activities in the classroom.

Here is what some of the students have said:

“I love eating the juicy, red strawberries.”

“Mr Thomas made yummy popcorn to share with us.”

“I enjoyed planting and eating the broccoli.”

“The tomatoes and capsicums were delicious. I took some home to share with my family.”

“The beautiful sunflowers were covered in bees. I gave some to my teacher, Miss Rivett.”

“It is fun to water the plants and watch them grow.”

“We harvested the pumpkins and Mr Thomas let us take them home. Mum made some pumpkin soup.”

Multicultural perspectives public speaking

Last Wednesday Amelia Wishart travelled to Ross Hill Public School, Inverell to compete in the junior zone final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. In the final Amelia competed against eight other Grade 3 and 4 students from Moree, Ross Hill, North Star and Gum Flat Public Schools. The students had to speak in a large hall in front of parents, students and an adjudicator. Firstly Amelia presented her prepared speech on the topic, “The Same but Different”, which lasted for just under 3 minutes. In the second part of the competition, students were given 5 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech on the topic, “Lies”. The adjudicator was impressed with the content of Amelia’s prepared speech and she was able to include humour in her speech to get a laugh out of the audience which is a great achievement for a young public speaker. Well done Amelia!