Dear Parents and Community Members…

Welcome to another week. Preparation for a variety of end of term celebrations is well under way. Juggling the school calendar has involved a number of balancing acts! Over the next nine school days we will see those Aboriginal students who have achieved their personal learning goals acknowledged, the Personal Best assembly, our second Buddy Class Assembly, NAIDOC celebrations and Rewards Day.

Presentations from our Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday, June 22 at 10am. It will be wonderful to see families up here celebrating alongside the students.

Congratulations to our students who have recently competed in Soccer, Debating and at Coolah. The reward of participation can be very powerful learning.

Many thanks to the hard working staff here who put in many extra hours to pull all of these events together. Together with our volunteers this extra work on their part is very enabling for our students.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Melissa Ware, a final year teacher education student, who has been working this term in K/1C with Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Petrie. Melissa finishes her practicum with us this week and has done a wonderful job looking after the needs of the students in her care.

Enjoy your week everyone,

Sue Charles

School Photos

School Photo envelopes were sent home last Friday. If you have not received an envelope, there are spares available at the Office. Yellow family photo envelopes are also available at the Office. Please return all orders and payment by Friday, June 26 (last day of term). No money can be accepted after the holidays. Photo day is Thursday, July 16 (first week of Term 3).

Regional Cross Country

Last Friday eight students from The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School participated in the Regional Cross Country at Coolah Golf Course.

Those running included Luci Donges, Jakeb Gibbins, Adam Thomas, Georgie Duroux, Katie Eaton, Bella Everson, Jade Sargeant and Breanna Chawner.

There were butterflies in stomachs for a few of the students but the nerves quickly disappeared once the races commenced. The competition was tough and the pace at the front was unrelenting across all age groups. Although none of our students progressed to the State Cross Country they all put in fantastic performances and enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and a big thank you to all the parents that made the epic overnight journey to Coolah!

Dance Fever Performance

Our organised curriculum based program Dance Fever is nearly completed. Students are mastering the different dance moves giving them a higher sense of confidence and self esteem.

There will be a display performance for parents on Monday, June 22 2015. The performance times are as follows:

**Primary Hall**
- 11:30-12:15pm Years 3-4
- 12:15-1pm Years 5-6

**Infants Hall**
- 1:50-2:20 pm Kinder/Year 1
- 2:20-2:50 pm Year 2

The P&C Wood Raffle and Street Stall is on Friday, June 19

- **Baking** – baked goods can be dropped at the stall in the main street from 8am onwards.
- **Wood** – A HUGE thank you to Colin Caldwell for the donation of the wood.
- **Selling tickets** – There are still some spots left so if you can help for an hour or two please call the front office.

Save the date – NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC DAY will be held on Thursday, June 25- Week 10.
MEAL DEAL - “Pizza Wheel”

Pizza – A spilt muffin topped with ham & cheese plus a small chocolate milk & TNT ice pole $5.00

Other choices: Macaroni & Cheese $3.50
Hot dog $2.60

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.

Farewell Mrs Charles
Sir Henry Parkes staff held a farewell for Mrs Charles on Saturday night.
We thank her for her dedication, direction, support and friendship during her time here with us.
We will greatly miss her and wish her all the best in her retirement.
This term 1/2A have been writing lots of descriptions and narratives. We have created lots of beautiful artwork to go with the different stories that we have been reading and writing.

This term 1/2R have learnt all about the ANZACs and bears. We have drawn pictures, written information reports and narratives about bears. We have read lots of bear books by Nick Bland.

Both classes have been doing sport together on a Friday. We have played lots of games and practised lots of skills. We have enjoyed playing soccer rounders, dodge ball, teepees and Indians, skipping, throwing Frisbees and bean bags.
Knockout Soccer

Yesterday the boys soccer team competed in Round 2 of the PSSA Knockout Soccer competition. The match was played at Shirley Park in Tenterfield against Ross Hill Public School.

The tempo of the game was fast and furious, with both sides creating opportunities on goal but failing to take the scoreboard advantage. Ross Hill eventually broke the deadlock and went into half-time leading 1-0.

The break reinvigorated the Tenterfield boys and they equalised through Adam Thomas early in the second half. As the game wore on the gaps started to appear in the Tenterfield defence and unfortunately two late goals were conceded to leave the final score at 3-1 in Ross Hill’s favour.

Although the boys were disappointed with the loss, they showed great character and teamwork throughout the match and can be proud of their efforts. Congratulations to the following boys on successfully representing our school: Ralph Thomson, Fletcher Koch, Macca Cox, Jake Gibbins, Jamie Benstead, Tyran Petrie, Eric Richards, Jimi Henry, Luke Bates, Will Holley, Braith Clark, Tobi Lieberman, Adam Thomas and Kori Eaton.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

When is it?: Wednesday, June 17
Who is invited?: Year 2 – Year 6
Cost: $4.00 (includes supper)
Theme: What do you want to be in the future?
Time: 5pm – 7pm sharp