Congratulations
What a great day at the swimming carnival! To see so many children entering events that they had never done before again underlines the fantastic “have a go” attitude of the students at Parkes East. I am so proud of all our students. Every child is a winner in my eyes.
Have a great week!
Michael Ostler

Merit Certificate Criteria for this week
Neat presentation of work
Taking pride in school uniform

16.2.12  Stage 2&3 Swimming — morning
28.2.12  Kinder Information Evening

Canteen Roster:
14/02/12  Gail Smith
15/02/12  Debbie Greenberg
16/02/12  Leanne Cornelissen
17/02/12  Karen Collins
18/02/12  Sandra Moss

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 50th Anniversary Meeting has been postponed from this Wednesday and will now be held on Wednesday, 22 February at 7.30pm in the school staff room.

Congratulations Bundaburra House Spirit Winners 2012
Points are earned throughout the year for participation in sporting and other house events.

No merit certificates presented last week due to the swimming carnival. Merit certificates for Week 3 will be presented at this Friday’s whole school assembly.

Reminder to all parents to complete and return information forms to the front office as soon as possible.

Swimming Carnival Results
Congratulations to the children who attended and participated in Friday’s Swimming Carnival.
Thank you to the many parents and ex-students who volunteered as time keepers, judges and starters. Thank you to Mrs Weaver who was carnival referee.
Congratulations to Arunta who won the carnival and Bundaburra for winning the House Spirit award.
Individual Champions were:

Senior Boy:  Jarrod Hayes
11 Yr Boy:  Harry Dawson
Junior Boy:  Luke Knowles
Senior Girl:  Portia Ivey
11 Yr Girl:  Peta Fagan
Junior Girl:  Maggie Wright

One of the most exciting events at the carnival was the Elliot Cup. The fastest 7 children over 50m competed in this event. This year Jarrod Hayes was the winner. Congratulations, Jarrod.

Condobolin Lachlan District Carnival
The following children will represent Parkes East at the Lachlan District Carnival at Condobolin on Friday, 24 February. The team will be accompanied by Mrs Owens. Jarrod Hayes, Harry Dawson, Zac Knowles, Calvin Matthews, Cooper Kearney, Kyle Richardson, Luke Knowles, Ben Evans, Lachlan Tory, Gordon Richter, Jordie Oraha, Casey Cavickas, Riley Ross, Cori Turner, Damian Thornton, Matt Bermingham, Maggie Wright, Capri Ivey, Sophie Wright, Sally Richter, Cordelia Moon, Josephine Bayliss, Peta Fagan, Sasha Karaitiana, Stacey Ross, Portia Ivey, Lori Ross and Marnah Cunningham.
**Combined Schools Choir**
The Combined Schools Choir will travel to Canberra to perform at the Canberra Area Theatre (CAT) Awards on 25 February.
In order to raise money to assist with expenses for this trip, a fundraising concert will be held this Saturday, 18 February in the Parkes Public School hall commencing at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased from all school offices and at the door on the night. Admission is $5 or $10 per family, including supper.

**Kindy Photos:** Mrs Massey has taken some wonderful Kindergarten first day photos. If you would like to view them, please call at the school front office. Cost is $2.00

**School Fees:**
The school fees this year are $35.00. If you pay them before 25 February you will get a $5.00 discount, making the fees only $30.00.

The fees are made up of the following:

- Voluntary School Contribution $10.00
- Technology (including Mathletics access and Craft fee) $ 6.10
- Life Education Van $ 7.00
- Utter Nonsense (Term 2) $ 4.40
- Earth, Wind and Sea (Term 3) $ 7.50

$35.00

Please pay fees at the school office.

**ROCKET READING HELPERS:**
Our Rocket Reading Program is a very successful program but we are in desperate need of helpers so that it can continue to operate within the school. If you have any spare time and would like to help children who are having some reading difficulties please contact Mrs Massey on 6862 2021 as soon as possible. Even if it is only an hour a week it would be greatly appreciated. Don’t forget to invite Grandma and Grandpa to come along.

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**Reminder:** Stage 2 & 3 Swimming for sport is on **Thursday** morning this week not Friday afternoon (pool is being used by another school for a carnival).

**Hot Shots Tennis**
Free - Come’n’try for ages 5 - 10 years on Saturday, 11 February at 10am. Bookings are essential. Please contact Helen Magill on 6862 5262. Hot Shots coaching sessions start 13 February.

**Interested in Tennis?** Register online at www.hotshots.tennis.com.au. Chance to win a $10,000 Tennis in schools package, which includes coaching, a visit from Alia Molik and school appearance on Channel 7’s The Morning Show. Competition closes on 28 February.

**Water Bottles in Class**
Students are permitted to have their water bottles in class if they are wrapped and secured in absorbent cloth or bottles encased in absorbent non drip material. These bottles are now available from local stores.

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**Charles Sturt University (CSU) visit to Parkes East**
As part of a drive to increase students from rural locations CSU is making school visits (called the Future Moves project). This Thursday all students will attend a CSU workshop. Attached to today’s “Parrot” is an image consent form. If you are happy for your child’s photo to be taken and used by CSU, please return the form to school.

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**Triple P Positive Parenting Program**
**Practical Tips for Everyday Parenting**

Parkes Family Support & Benevolent Society

Triple P programs help families learn about: Building strong relationships, Helping children grow, Encouraging desirable behavior, Managing misbehaviours appropriately and Enjoying being a parent.

Group consists of 4x 2 hour group workshops.
2 phone support sessions and final group session.

**Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.30pm**
Parkes Neighbourhood Centre
80 Currajong Street, Parkes

Information and registration contact Kristy on 6862 1872
Programs are free.