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Canteen News
Due to the short lunch break only Zooper Dooper ice blocks and Slush Puppies will be available. All other ice blocks and ice creams will be available at recess.
A HUGE thank you to all the parents/care givers for volunteering their time in the canteen. A roster will be sent home this week.

To avoid the confusion created by so many “L” surnames we have decided to make the following class name changes.

1/2 L will now be 1/2J
2/3L will remain 2/3L
3/4L will now be 3/4M

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause e.g. with the covering of books (please don’t recover!) etc but it will certainly be easier on the students.

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.

Hoping to see as many new kinder parents as possible at Wednesday evening’s Jolly Phonics Information Evening.

Have a great week!
Michael Ostler

Kinder Jolly Phonics Information Session
There will be an opportunity for new Kindergarten parents and carers to learn about our Jolly Phonics English program on Wednesday 16 February. This will be held in the Kindergarten rooms starting at 7pm. We will include a brief explanation of how the program works and how parents and carers can best help their children at home.

Swimming Carnival Results
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Canteen Roster:
14/02/11 Gail Smith
15/02/11 Debbie Greenberg
16/02/11 Leanne Cornelissen
17/02/11 Karen Collins
18/02/11 Sandra Moss

Congratulations to Arunta who won the carnival on 235 points Warramunga finished 2nd on 140 points, Bundaburra 3rd on 139 points and Maranoa 4th on 128 points.
Bundaburra won the House Spirit competition for great participation, cheering and sportsmanship.
Individual Champions were:
Senior Boy William Cassell
11 Yr Boy Jarrod Hayes
Junior Boy Ben Evans
Senior Girl Tia Rauchle
11 Yr Girl Tamara 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. Since its inception, boys have dominated, but this year, a very determined Tamara Fagan was the winner. Congratulations, Tamara.

Condobolin Lachlan District Carnival
Following our successful school carnival, the following children will be travelling to Condobolin on Friday 25 February to compete in the Lachlan District Carnival:
Congratulations to these students and best wishes for the District Carnival.
Maroon for a Day
All of us have been shocked and moved by the devastation caused by the Queensland floods. Along with hundreds of other schools around NSW, Parkes East wants to lend a hand. So, on Thursday 17 February, we’re going to be Maroon for a Day. Your child is encouraged to wear something maroon and make a gold coin donation. All the money collected will go towards assisting Queensland public schools affected by the floods. The floods damaged more than 90 Queensland public schools. Six TAFE institutes and more than 80 government child care centres have also been affected. We hope you’ll join us in this worthwhile effort.

Library:
Don’t forget, following the stocktake last year the library still has some 2nd hand books for sale. These books will be sold for 10 cents each and will be available outside the library at recess and lunch time next week.

Parkes Library Wrapertorie Workshops
Use waste fabric to create sculptures for the 2011 Parkes Waste to Art Exhibition
Children: age 6+ Saturday 19th March and Sunday 27th March
Cost: $13, includes morning tea.
Adults - Sunday 20th March - Cost: $10 plus any Wrapertorie materials used.
These workshops are proudly sponsored by Parkes Shire Council.
Bookings, with payment at time of booking, are required.
Parkes Library - 68612 2309

Other Wrapertorie Workshops
Adult, Beginners
Sunday 20th March - Cost: $130
Adult, Beginners and Chook workshop
Saturday 26th March - Cost: $130
Book with Rowena Galway for these workshops. 0432344755 or rowswrap@gmail.com

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.

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 $3.00 per photograph, and orders will be taken until 18 February.

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 casino).

Pink Stumps Day, Saturday 19 February, get your HOTPINK on and take your family, there will be a sausage sizzle, kids activities, best dressed, cakes etc. Cambridge VS Reedy Creek 3.30-5pm. Phone 0425 265 527 for further information. This is a fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation.

Reminder: This Friday 18 February is the cut off for music lesson positions. If you are interested, please telephone Gail on 0414 478 535.

St George’s Kid’s Club and SGY’s Sausage Sizzle at Parkes Swimming Pool, Friday 18 February 4-5.30pm. Cost is $3.70 Parents are welcome. Phone 68621868 for further details.

PLEASE LABEL all clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Thank you.

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.

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) $ 7.00
Life Education Van $ 7.00
Bouncing Show (Term 2) $ 5.50
Monsters in My Wardrobe (Term 4)$ 5.50
$35.00

Please pay fees at the school office.
These are less than last year as we have reduced the prepaid school shows to two.

KidzCare Biz
After School Care program has started, catering for students Kinder to Yr 6. Provided is a nutritious afternoon tea, homework time, great activities and much more. Please contact 68623825 and/or call in to the PCYC. The program is run by a qualified teacher and is subsidized by Centrelink.

Congratulation also to Maggie Wright who won the ‘Term 4 2010 Banking for 5 Weeks or More’ award, donated by the Central West Credit Union.