School Harmony Day celebrations.
State Election: P&C raffle at school
Stage 2/3 School Social
6.30pm Fete/Canteen/P&C Meeting

Canteen Roster: MARCH
Monday 21 Gail Smith
Tuesday 22 Debbie Greenberg
Wednesday 23 Leanne Cornelissen
Thursday 24 Karen Collins
Friday 25 Sharon Ross

Great occasion
It was fantastic to have so many families at our school BBQ yesterday afternoon. A most pleasant time was had by all.

I am happy to report that the garden shed and contents that were destroyed last week by vandals will be covered by the Department’s insurance. A more secure building will replace the “vulnerable” structure.

Hope to see as many children dressed in orange as possible for our school Harmony Day celebrations on Friday.

Have a great week.
Michael Ostler

Merit Certificates for Week 8
KE: Jordan Whalan, Jorja Williams
K/1H: Zacharias Slavin, Belvin Tomson
1/2J: Jye Sloan, Austin Owens
2/3L: Cooper Kearney, Jessie McCarroll, Ruby Dawson, Jolie Norman
3/4M: Caitlin Bell, Adam Vaughan
3/4N: Ashley Hetherington, Bronte O’Shannessy
5/6F: Corinna Angrave, Larissa Chatman, Tamara Riley, Wesley Ormsby
Mr Ranger: Skye McGarrity
Mrs Wright: Riley Ross, Elly Collins
Good Deed Award: Tatiana Lee
Miss Wildman: Isobella McCrae

P&C Raffle
We are in urgent need of parent helpers to sell raffle tickets at the Parkes East Polling Booth on Saturday 26. If any parent is able to sit and sell tickets for an hour on Saturday morning it would be much appreciated. Please contact the school office.

The Prize is an iPod Touch (donated by Central West Credit Union). The SRC will be selling tickets at lunch time at school this week also. Students may bring in money to buy a ticket through the week.

Cost: $2.00 each

Drawn during the Easter Hat parade on the final day of term.

A successful Fete Planning Meeting for our Annual Fete, to be held on Saturday, June 4, was held last Wednesday Evening. The Major Fete raffle will again be $1000 worth of groceries from Cunningham’s IGA. Ticket books will be sent home prior to the end of term. If you have ideas and/or would like to help out at the Fete, please come to the next meeting on April 6.

To our garden enthusiasts if you would like to donate pots of plants it’s a great time to start potting!
To ensure that your child is warmly dressed for the winter months we have **Winter Uniforms** available to purchase at the school office:

- Tracksuit jackets $85
- Fleecy V-neck maroon sweaters $25
- Girls winter skirts $40
- Boys grey trousers $20

We do not have girls navy trousers for sale at the School.

**International Competitions and Assessment for Schools 2011**

There is an opportunity for all children in Year 3—6 to participate in this widely recognised assessment. **Entry fees for 2011 are:**

- $7.70 each for Science, Computer Skills, English and Mathematics
- $16.50 for Writing (individual marking)
- $11.00 for Spelling (individual marking)

**The competition dates for these tests are:**

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Please enclose the appropriate money required in an envelope with your child’s name and the tests they wish to undertake and return this to the school office no later than Friday April 1.

**SRC Report**

**Harmony Day** - although the official day is today, our school will celebrate this special day this Friday 25 March. Harmony Day celebrates that we all belong, this is what makes Australia such a great place to live.

**School Social** - our Term 1 social will be held on Wednesday 30 March. The theme is “Crazy Hair”.

**Easter Raffle** - SRC members will be selling tickets for the Easter Raffle next week. They will be sold under the shade shelter before school and at recess. Tickets are a bargain at 20 cents each.

**Public Speaking Competition**

Students in Stage 2 and 3 will be competing in the Parkes Action Club Public Speaking Competition. Each speaker in Stage 3 is expected to speak for 4 minutes on any topic. Each speaker in Stage 2 is expected to speak for 3 minutes on any topic.

Class finals will be held during Week 10 and Stage Finals will be held on Tuesday 5 April, week 11.

Finals of the competition will be on Thursday 5 May at the Parkes Action Club meeting. Children will be working on these talks at school but may need extra practice at home.

**PSSA Boys Cricket** was played last Monday against Middleton Public School, it was round two of the NSW PSSA knockout competition.

Parkes East won the toss and bowled first, we restricted Middleton to 72 runs with fantastic bowling, Ethan Ball 3/1, James Ward 2/10, and William Cassell 1/10.

A special mention needs to have made because the boys fielded at a very high level and produced some brilliant catches and a run-out.

Parkes East were able to chase the total down in the 14th over with only three wickets lost.

James Ward top scored with 15 and William Cassell with 10 not out.

The sportsmanship shown by the boys was a credit to them and they represented the school with great pride.

We were all looking forward to round three today against Parkes Public but unfortunately this was washed out after commencement of the game, this game has been rescheduled for tomorrow, due to commence at 9.30am at Keast Park No 2.

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**DADS and KIDS (DAK’s)**

The popular men’s group DAKs is coming to Parkes on Wednesday March 30 at 7.30pm at the Cambridge. Please ’phone Michael Browne or John Castles on 68511991.

[www.centacarewf.org.au](http://www.centacarewf.org.au)

**Middleton Public School Fete**

Friday March 25 from 3pm at the school. Lots to see and do. BBQ, hot chips and a range of snacks, drinks and treats.

**Parkes Junior Hockey**

Northparkes Oval March 26 at 11am

Contact Laurie Wakefield on 0414 850 832 for further details.

**Autism, Asperger’s Syndrome, PDD-NOS, Rett Syndrome or CDD**

Parkes and District ASD Support Group meet every 2nd Friday of the month at the Parkes Public School Hall from 9.30am to 11am.

The first meeting will be Friday 8 April.

Please phone Sharon Woods on 68643224 for further information.

**Solo Walk for Leukaemia**

Virginia “Gin” Duffill is walking from Forbes MacDonald’s to Parkes MacDonald’s on April 17 to raise money for Amahnee Rogan, an 8 year old Parkes girl. Donations can be made at BIG W to “Gin” or Middleton Public School.