Week 8 Term 3
5 September 2011

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Canteen Roster—Term 3

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15 Stage 2 and 19 Stage 3 children participated in the School Spelling Bee. A fiercely contested competition saw Jaycob Ruge place first and Josephine Bayliss runner up in Stage 2, while Hayley Woods and Amy Jones finished First and Second respectively in Stage 3. These four students will now represent the school at the Regional Final in Dubbo on September 16. Well done to all students who participated.

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Kindergarten Enrolments for 2012 now being taken. Please see the school office!

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) 2011 Excursion
Monday, October 31 - Thursday, November 3
Don’t forget
7 weeks!

Final payment needs to be made by Monday, October 24. The full cost is $225. We are very happy for parents to pay for the remainder of the excursion by weekly or small amounts. A blue “information for parents” and “medical consent” form has been sent home with the children today. Please return the medical consent form to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your fabulous support. To date we have received 7915 vouchers!

Maths Information Workshops
Parents who would like to attend one of these great workshops on either Tuesday 13 September at 7pm or Thursday 15 September at 12pm, please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Head Lice
Please check your child’s hair on a daily basis and, if you find head lice or their eggs, treat them immediately. Thank you.

SRC Report
The Talent Quest is on again.
Yes, that’s right it’s that time of the year again . . .
Last year’s Talent Quest was a huge success with many children from all stages participating in this great school activity.

Now we are asking children to start thinking about the Talent Quest for this year. You might like to perform on your own, or why not organize a group of friends to perform at the Talent Quest.

Parkes East Public School has lots of children with talent, we look forward to you sharing these talents with the rest of the school!
Entry forms are now available from classroom teachers.

ATTENDANCE “IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY”
Are you aware that if a child misses nine days per term from Kindergarten to Year 12 they have missed two complete years of schooling. By avoiding school, students are taking the first steps in isolating themselves from the community in which they live. Being reliable in attendance is a valuable habit for life and builds connectedness between the students, their teachers and fellow students. Regular attendance is also one of the major factors contributing to a student’s wellbeing and successful transition from a child to an adult. If a student is avoiding school, particularly if parent condoned, then they are putting their future at risk. Whichever way we look at it, schools offer opportunities for positive experiences for students. If your son or daughter is seeking to not attend school, don’t reward their avoidance behaviour by giving into them. Say NO! Should you require assistance in saying NO to your son or daughter in regard to any absence other than genuine illness, please contact your principal. Let’s all work together to make a difference to your child’s future.

Be on time, Be at School, That’s the rule
The education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with a verbal or written explanation within seven days of the absence.

Gary Smith
Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO)

School evaluation surveys are going home today. Please return these by this Friday September 9.
It is important for the school to get parental feedback to continue to improve the learning environment of our school.

Lost — man’s wedding ring at Lions Park. Reward offered

Forbes Touch Football Gala Day
Children participating in the Gala Day will need to be at school to catch the bus to Forbes at 8.45am and will return to school before 3pm.

Players need to take sunscreen, a water bottle, hat, recess and lunch.

A BBQ will be available on the day, but may sell out early:

- Sausage Sandwiches $2
- Rissole Sandwiches $2.50
- Cold Drinks $2

Players also need to wear sports shorts and a Parkes East T-shirt.

If your child would like to participate and needs a permission note they are also available at the school office.

Miss Fitzpatrick

Earn and Learn
Parkes East has 8285 points as of last Friday, 2 September. We are working hard towards assistance with art and classroom supplies as well as Library books. Thank you for your generous support.

PARKES EAST PLAY GROUP
Our transition to school playgroup meets Mondays and Thursdays. If anyone has play clothes, sizes 3-6 that they no longer need, we would appreciate you leaving them at the school office. Thank you.

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