Monday, 27 February 2012

Information Sessions
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Big CONGRATULATIONS to Zac Knowles, Sammy Marshall, Maggie Wright and Sophie Wright, who, as a result of their efforts at the Lachlan PSS Swimming Carnival will be representing at the Western Region Carnival. From all reports our student were wonderful ambassadors for our school at Condobolin.

Have a great week!
Michael Ostler

Kinder Jolly Phonics/L3 - Information Session
There will be an opportunity for new Kindergarten parents and carers to learn about our Jolly Phonics/L3 English program on Tuesday, 28 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.

Merit Certificate Criteria for this week
Being organised with materials
Being a positive role model

What’s Ahead . . .
28.2.12 Kinder information Evening
5-9.3.12 Priority School Survey Week
6.3.12 Stage 3 Indigenous students to dance workshop at MPS.
7.3.12 P&C AGM
21.3.12 Years 1-6 Information Sessions

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Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival
27 Parkes East students travelled to Condobolin last Friday to compete in the Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival. Mrs Owens was extremely impressed with the behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by our students on the day.

The following children will go on to compete in the Western Region PSSA Carnival in Dubbo.
- Zachary Knowles - 8yrs 50m freestyle
- Sophie Wright - 8yrs 50m freestyle
- Maggie Wright - 10yrs 50m freestyle
- Samantha Marshall - 13yrs 50m freestyle

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Great NEWS
As a result of enrolling new students in the past week we have been able to gain an extra teacher and form a new class. Miss Clair Terrill will be taking 1/2T (until the Department indicates how this is to be filled permanently). We have been able to create two kindergarten classes with 18 students each. This is wonderful news!

**GREAT NEWS**
Pictured above are five students from Parkes East who are members of the Parkes Combined Schools Choir. They travelled to Canberra on Saturday as guest performers at the very prestigious CAT Awards which recognise the best performances throughout regional Australia. Some of Australia’s most well-known TV and stage actors were in the audience to watch the choir wow the crowd with their performance of ‘Do-Re-Mi’ which they first performed at last year’s Opera at the Dish. On Sunday, the children visited Questacon which they voted as the ’coolest ever’ before travelling back to Parkes. All the students were wonderfully behaved and a great credit to Parkes East. Well done, girls!

**Merit Certificates for Term 1 Week 5**

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Rise Above Self Award: Phoebe O’Brien
Love of Reading: Courtney Goulthorpe

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Parkes & District ASD Support Group
Caring for the Carer
The Parkes & District ASD Group has been formed to give carers of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder the chance to meet others in a similar situation, talk, listen, support others and be supported, because a little support goes a long way.

Our next coffee 'n chat will be Friday, 9 March 2012 at 9.30am – 11am in the Parkes Public School Hall. All parent/carers welcome.
For more information contact Sharon 6864 3224 or you can find us on facebook.

Student Banking
Students are reminded that Student Banking with the Central West Credit Union is available every Tuesday. Please bring your banking in your banking folder to the office at the beginning of the school day. Any students wishing to open an account may collect a form from the office.

ROCKET READING HELPERS:
Our Rocket Reading Program is a very successful program and we would like to thank those of you who have volunteered to help with this program. We still require additional helpers so 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.

2012 PSSA Netball Team
Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in the school PSSA netball side.

Training will be held each Monday at recess.

P&C- Annual General Meeting
Parkes East P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting next Wednesday, 7 March at 7.30pm in the school staff room.
After a long association and having thoroughly enjoyed her time as a member of the P&C, our current Secretary has unfortunately decided to resign from this position. Please consider if you may be willing to take on this role (the current Secretary will be available throughout the year to help you in any way).
All parents and community members welcome.

Composting Cook-Offs
Parkes Shire Council will be hosting composting cook-offs during 2012.
Where: Greenparkes Garden Centre, Forbes Rd (near rear gate)
When: 4pm— first Thursday of each month

Junior A.E.C.G News
Last Tuesday, we held elections for our Junior A.E.C.G. President and Vice-President during our first meeting for 2012. Elected into these positions were; Skye McGarrity (President) and Brandi-Lee Jeffery (Vice-President).
Other members in the group include Corrina Angrave, Jaycob Ruge and Tatiana Mitchell-Hoey.
We look forward to working on the Wiradjuri Respect Garden this year and attending the Junior A.E.C.G. meetings with Mr Ostler and students from other schools. Our members will also deliver the Wiradjuri Welcome at our weekly assembly and present the Wiradjuri award.
Mrs Dunn

DON’T FORGET TO LABEL all clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles!