



PARKES HIGH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2019. Captains: Becky Wright and Ethan Pay, Vice Captains: Phoebe Potts and Angus Mill, (pictured above) Prefects: Vivian Tosetti, Madison Bland, Trefor Robinson and Thomas Stechley-Petrikas and Senior Special Education Representative: Sarah McGlashan. Some of the new Senior SRC are pictured below with the outgoing SRC of 2018.



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Our Parkes High School Year Advisors



Year 7
Mrs Peta Moran



Year 8
Mrs Gloria Haywood



Year 9
Miss Kaylee Martin



Year 10
Mr Warren Murray



Year 11
Mrs Sue Riley



Year 12
Miss Belinda Crain

Our Year Advisors are here to help you and your child with any issues or concerns they may have.

Your child can make direct contact with them during school hours. If parents or carers would like to contact them please call the school on 6862 1844. Alternatively you can email them directly using the email addresses listed:

Mrs Moran - peta.moran3@det.nsw.edu.au
Mrs Haywood - gloria.haywood@det.nsw.edu.au
Miss Martin - kaylee.martin2@det.nsw.edu.au
Mr Murray - warren.murray9@det.nsw.edu.au
Mrs Riley - susan.minchin@det.nsw.edu.au
Miss Crain - belinda.crain2@det.nsw.edu.au

Signing Your Child Out Of School

If you send a note to the school in the morning we can have your child waiting at the office for you to collect.

This will save you time waiting for us to get them from their class.

Please make sure you include your child's full name on the note.



Get an early start on your back to school shopping for High School Students!

All students are required to have a BoSTES Approved Calculator for all lessons and exams (even NAPLAN).

You can't use an app!

CASIO FX82AU plus II ... \$25

A4 Grid Books \$2

Mathematics Kits \$4

All available from Parkes High School



2019 School Leaders

Some of the new school leaders are pictured with their family members after their presentation last term.

- Top Left:** Ethan Pay – son of Aleta and Adam Pay
- Top Right:** Becky Wright – daughter of Tanya and Tony Wright
- Middle Left:** Angus Mill – son of Danielle and Brady Mill
- Middle Right:** Madison Bland – daughter of Sonia and Craig Bland
- Above left:** Thomas Stechley-Petrikas – son of Fiona Hayward and David Petrikas
- Above Right:** Trefor Robinson – son of Carol and David Douglas
- Left:** Sarah McGlashan – daughter of Jane and Mitchell McGlashan

Capture, Connect and Contribute

Welcome to the first newsletter of term 4.

Firstly we wish all of our Year 12 students well in the upcoming HSC period. By the time you read this our students will have sat their English Paper One and possibly other examinations. Our staff have again worked diligently in the holidays to bring students right up to speed on the preparations for examinations and I want to publically acknowledge and thank those staff that gave up their time during the holiday period to conduct study sessions. Good luck to all our 2018 candidates in the HSC.

I would also like to thank Belinda Crain Year 12 Advisor, staff and parents who contributed to a most successful final assembly for our graduating Year 12 students.

I also want to congratulate Libby Hoyle for her work in getting Wear It Purple Day into the public eye at Parkes High School. It is some time since we held an acknowledgement of WIP day and in typically Parkes High School fashion, we embraced it in the true spirit in which the day is conducted. We were joined by a number of the local police including Wally Biles and Tracy Bolam on the day. Thank you to those staff, parents and students who supported a number of our students in preparing for the day and facilitated a number of actions that highlighted the importance of this day for our school and broader community.

We have been very fortunate to have had major installations of floor coverings in key areas of the school. We were joined by 13 floor covering apprentices and 3 trainers, as well as Garry Thomas, General Manager, Training Floor Covering Institute Australia for five days whilst a residential was conducted for the 13 apprentices. The library, STEM room, two Mathematics room and our front foyer have all had their existing furnishings replaced. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Christine Crute who worked diligently throughout the second week of the holidays to ensure our visitors were catered for over the five days. We were joined by a number of staff throughout the week who cooked lunch and helped with morning and afternoon teas and were appreciative of their efforts. On Friday at the official handover we were joined by Mr Phillip Donato MP Member for Orange and he spoke about the value of apprentices and the industries of which they are a part. Again I want to acknowledge Michelle and Richard Bligh who put forward our submission, along with Fiona from Choices Flooring Parkes and who spent many, many hours working with our school in measuring, designing and ensuring the project went well. It was interesting to learn that the design for the library (all 330 square metres of covering!) was done by a design team in the USA!

Over the next few weeks we will conduct some tours of the new spaces for parents and interested community members so keep an eye out for the invite.

This term we also welcome Alex Earl in the TAS who will be at our school for the next ten weeks of term 4.

And finally I wish to acknowledge Mr Darren Hamilton, who has left Parkes High School. Darren was successful in gaining an SEO position with Orange District Office and leaves us after a significant period as Deputy Principal. I would like to congratulate Darren and wish him well for the future in his new undertaking.

Duane Rhall - Relieving Principal



Congratulations to Eilish Johnson on receiving her Gold Level Certificate and pin at the last Recognition Assembly. Eilish is pictured is above with Councillor Barbara Newton Deputy Mayor..

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 18 October to Friday 9 November
HSC Examinations

Tuesday 30 October
Charity Day "Do it in a dress day"

Friday 9 November
Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Sleeping Bags Found

Two sleeping bags were found after the girls Year 8/9 Burrendong Excursion.

If you believe they belong to you please see Miss Martin ASAP.

WE'RE FLOORED BY OUR NEW FLOORS!

During the recent school holidays, Parkes High School was unbelievably fortunate to receive new floor covering in several areas. The Floor Covering Institute of Australia (FCIA) created a unique apprenticeship model bringing apprentices, employers, training providers, industry experts and local community organisations to our school.

The scheme sees apprentices from around the state come together to install different types of flooring as part of their training. They gain real world experience, and the lucky recipient gains a whole new look for absolutely no cost. This addresses shortages in the industry and provides a real connection with the local community. We are very grateful to the FCIA, and Fiona and Michelle from our local Choices Flooring for nominating Parkes High as the location for this year's training experience.



The focus for this fortnight is the section of the Library dedicated to fiction and leisure reading. We call it the Yellow Zone, because its walls are yellow. Now, bright yellow carpet tiles emphasise the Yellow Zone, and this design allowed the apprentices an opportunity to demonstrate the impact that floorcoverings can have on a space, particularly one that is the focal point for visitors. Our Library hosts school and community events, and this bright area is the first that students, staff and community visitors see when they enter.

For the last nine years, we have used different coloured zones to help communicate the different uses of our flexible Library. FCIA allowed us to have input into the colour and design, which was approved by Ontera carpets in the US, ensuring it met the needs of the school community. Yellow walls and carpet design help signal to students that this bright space is for relaxing and reading at recess and lunch, encouraging literacy and other activities, like the group that meets on Fridays to knit squares to make blankets for those in need.

The new floor coverings handover took place on Friday 12 October in the Library. Present were Mr Philip Donato, member for Orange, our Principal Mr Rhall, our DPs Mr Currey and Mr Hamilton, our student leadership team, representatives from FCIA and of course, supervisor Pat and the hardworking apprentices (pictured below). Stay tuned for future highlights of other areas that received new floor covering – next time, the STEM room.



\$2000 Raised For Canteen

During the last week of Term 3 our 2018 Captains Emeline Lavaka and Gordon Richter held a fundraising event for CanTeen which included colouring their hair for this great cause. Between them they raised over \$2000 for young people struggling with cancer.

Guest speaker, ex student Rebecca Auld spoke about the importance of CanTeen and how their support has helped her and her family, as well as countless other families dealing with cancer.

Further funds raised during this week's Bandana Day will also assist the essential service that CanTeen provides.



Good Bye and Good Luck Year 12

The Year 12 Class of 2018 was farewelled with an emotional tribute to their six years in high school on the last day of Term 3. The prestigious farewell assembly was well attended by family and friends with standing room only for the student's last function at Parkes High School. Each student was presented with their report and portfolio, and several students were awarded with dedication to studies awards.

Year 12 students Jacqui Simpson and Russell Bicket reflected on the journey of the past six years with many comical memories relayed. The crowd was wowed by two brilliant performances, Year 12 student Georgia Goodrick who sang a beautiful rendition of For Good by Steven Schwatz from the musical Wicked, followed by Gordon Richter on the clarinet performing Golden Wedding composed by Jean Gabriel-Marie.

A major highlight of the assembly was the farewell speech to Year 12 by their Year Advisor, Miss Belinda Crain, who thanked them for the opportunity to be their Year Advisor, in light of the passing of the dearly loved Ms Olney just 12 months before. Students were presented with balloons as they left the school hall for the last time. Staff, family and friends then congregated to personally congratulate each and every student.

Year 12's last week saw lots of activities, a luncheon was held for the Year 12 students and staff, where everyone reminisced about their six-year journey together. The students also had a fun afternoon participating in an amazing race which had checkpoints at various town locations, culminating back at school for their final challenge.

Miss Crain also organised a student action for "Hire a Helper" which saw over \$1000 dollars raised for the school. A big thank you to Mr Geoff Rice who came on the day to run the auction.

Also during Year 12's last week, final preparations to each course were made with the help of dedicated PHS staff, where last minute HSC techniques and wisdom were passed on to all students. This also continued throughout the holidays with numerous tutorials held for all students.

Parkes High would like to wish all Year 12 students the best of luck in the HSC. We hope that their results reflect the dedication and perseverance that they and the staff have applied over the last 2 years in preparation for the HSC.

The school graduation evening will be held at the Parkes Leagues Club on Friday November 9.



Year 12 Graduation Assembly



New Vegie Patch Thanks To Bunnings

Brenda and Jason from the Bunnings Garden Centre stopped by on Friday 19 October 2018 with a generous donation of boxes of seedlings. These are being put to excellent use in the Support Unit vegetable garden. The vegetable garden is to be extended this term due to the generous support of Forbes Bunnings Community Outreach Program. Some of the students are pictured below with Bunnings staff Brenda and Jason.



Hire A Buddy

During the final week of last term Year 12 were hired out as buddies to raise funds for a present for the school from their year group. Year 12 students were auctioned off to do jobs for their fellow students and also for staff. Many of the groups were sold for over \$100 with a top bid of \$137. Year 12 have decided to put the money towards a memorial area for their beloved Year Advisor Melanie Olney.

Many thanks to everyone for their support and a special thank you to Mr Geoff Rice for conducting the auction.



IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

February 2016 Update

A minimum standard of literacy and numeracy is required for your child to receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC).



Meeting the HSC minimum standard will mean that your child has the literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for success in learning and life after school.

THE ONLINE TESTS

Most students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing minimum standard online tests. Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.



There are three 45-minute online tests:

- ✔ a multiple choice **reading** test
- ✔ a multiple choice **numeracy** test
- ✔ a short **writing** test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt.

2017 NAPLAN TESTS

If your child achieved Band 8s or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN tests they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

TEST DATES

Students will have two opportunities a year, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12, to pass each online test.



Parkes High School Test Dates:

Term 2 - 18 June to 22 June
Term 3 - 10 September to 14 September
Term 4 - 3 December to 7 December

WHAT TO EXPECT?

To help your child understand what to expect in the online tests, they are encouraged to visit educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard to:

- ✔ try demonstration questions to get a feel for the test format.
- ✔ view sample test questions and answers online.

Your child's school may also organise short practice tests.



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers to determine whether they are eligible for provisions. A Disability Provisions, Exemptions and Appeals policy, which contains further information, is available on the NESA website.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your child's school principal for more detailed information about the HSC minimum standard or visit the NESA website:

educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

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ALLERGY AWARENESS - IMPORTANT REMINDER

Due to the increasing number of students with severe allergies and anaphylaxis we ask students, parents and all staff to **not bring the following items to school:**

- All nuts, including; peanuts, cashews, pistachios, nut mixes, peanut butter, products including peanut / nut or extract or oil. These include nutella, muesli bars, satay, various sweets, chocolate and biscuits.
- Raw egg

Also, students should not share or exchange food

AECG Meetings 2018

Term 4: Parkes East Public School
Week 4: Tuesday 6 November for AECG Members
Week 5: Tuesday 13 November Junior AECG
Wednesday 14 November Senior AECG

Meetings start 9:30am

Health and Safety Risk Aerosol Spray Deodorants

Aerosol Spray Deodorants are **BANNED** from school as they pose a health risk to students and staff through the potential for asthma attacks and allergic reactions. These will be confiscated if brought to school.

If students need deodorant at school they are encouraged to use roll on deodorants.

Health and Safety Changes

ALL visitors to the school **MUST** report to the office and sign in.

ALL visitors attending assemblies or events will be required to **SIGN IN** either at the office or at the

Parkes High School P & C Executive Contacts

President - Stephen Gaut on 0418 667 180
Vice President - Sharon Woods on 0401 629 020
Treasurer - Tracy Glasson on 0459 661 252

Term 4 Assessment Schedules For Students, Parents and Carers

Please use this as a guide to help your child plan their study schedules and assessment tasks. On occasion, changes may need to be made to this guide due to unforeseen circumstances.

Students can confirm dates with the Head Teacher of the faculty if they have any concerns.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11 / 12
Week 3		HSIE	HSIE IT Timber	HSIE Photographic and Digital Media	
Week 4	Music	Music	Photography IT Metals Design and Technology	IT Timber Design and Technology	
Week 5	Yearly Examinations	Yearly Examinations	Yearly Examinations	Yearly Examinations	
Week 6	Yearly Examinations	Yearly Examinations	Yearly Examinations	Yearly Examinations	
Week 7	Technology Mandatory	Technology Mandatory	Food Technology Creative Writing Outdoor Education	Creative Writing Outdoor Education	
Week 8			Child Studies	Child Studies	English Studies English Standard English Advanced Physics Ancient History Agriculture SLR Legal Studies
Week 9				Food Technology Textiles	Chemistry CAFS Business Studies Mathematics
Week 10					PDHPE Visual Arts IT Metals Modern History Geography IT Timber Biology Engineering Studies

The Townsend Memorial Scholarship

The Townsend Memorial Scholarship is available to students attending Parkes High School to assist students to complete a degree course of study at the University of NSW or University of Sydney in the faculty of Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Architecture, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or Engineering.

Please see Mr Rhall to discuss your application.



Parkes Dragon Boat Club is holding a Junior Come-and-Try (for 12 to 18 year olds)
10:30am to 11:30am 18th November
 Lake Endeavour Parkes
 Call *Beth* to register:
 0418 253 045 billnbeth@bigpond.com

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Young Combined Hockey Association youngcombinedhockey@gmail.com

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A SPECIAL COURSE FOR 2018 YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS ONLY

166-54502 Statement of Attainment in Hospitality Essentials

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides the skills and knowledge to work in a variety of hotels, motels, restaurants, coffee shops and function centres. Open doors to immediate employment. Earn while studying at University or practical skills for your gap year.

THIS COURSE ALSO PROVIDES:

Learning Resources: Workbooks will be issued to the participants at the commencement of the course.

TAFE NSW RSA and RCG requirements: you must be at least 17 years and 6 months at the time of enrolment. The Liquor and Gaming Interim Certificates are issued at the successful completion of the course.

Learner Support, and much more.

COURSE OUTCOMES INCLUDING:

- The units of competency for this course are
 - Provide responsible service of alcohol RSA
 - Provide responsible gambling services RCG
 - Prepare and serve non-alcoholic beverages
 - Prepare and serve espresso coffee
 - Use hygienic practices for food safety

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

First course commences:

20 November, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm for 4 consecutive days

Second course commences:

4 December, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm for 4 consecutive days

COURSE INFORMATION

Location: TAFE NSW Parkes College, 25 Bulwar Street, Parkes, Phone: 02 69281300

Course: 166-54502 Statement of Attainment in Hospitality Essentials

Cost: Fully Government Subsidised Student training program. Material fee \$100,000 for co-existence card.

Note: Each course has 16 places available.

CONTACT US TODAY!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST or for more information

Phone: 131 001
Website: www.tafensw.edu.au
Email: parkescollege@tafensw.edu.au



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- eHeadspace -1800 650 800
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- Kids Helpline -1800 55 1800
- Beyond Blue -1300 224 636
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- MensLine -1300 78 89 78
- Alcohol and Drug Info Service (ADIS) - 1800 422 599
- SANE Australia - 1800 18 7263
- Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511 (24 hrs)

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- <https://www.eheadspspace.org.au/>
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- <https://www.sane.org/>
- <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/Pages/contact-service.aspx>
- <http://www.mindhealthconnect.org.au/>
- <https://au.reachout.com/>
- <https://svhs.org.au/home/our-services/list-of-services/alcohol-and-drug-service/steephol-and-drug-information-service>

Call 000
if **YOU**, or someone you are with, is in immediate danger

Contact your GP, that's a great place to start. Stay connected to family and friends. Eat well, get plenty of sleep and exercise. Be careful of excess alcohol intake and avoid other drugs. Manage your stress. Make sure you take a break and make time for fun. Your local hospital is open 24 hours and can be used in cases of an emergency.



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Now Available At
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the School Office

Polar Fleece Jacket	\$60.00
Blue Shirt	\$22.00
White Shirt	\$22.00
Long Sleeved Shirts	\$22.00
Girls Skirt	\$60.00
Girls Dress Pants	\$40.00
Sport Shorts	\$15.00
Sport Shirts	\$25.00
Trackpants	\$30.00
School Jumper	\$50.00
School Jackets	\$50.00
Beanies	\$10.00
Scarves	\$10.00
School Hats	\$15.00
School Tie	\$15.00

Please note that uniform can not be paid through POP online

POSITION VACANT CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

No experience required. Healthy lunch included.

Enquires to the canteen on 68622805

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