

NEWSLETTER

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Week 2 Term 1 (Week B)

Office Hours 8:45am - 3:30pm



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:10

Dear Friends

As I wrote last week the above verse will be our Bible focus for 2012. The staff chose this verse as we believe that it holds some very important lessons for our students.

One of the most important lessons that any child needs to learn, is how valuable they truly are. To hear young people talk about how worthless they feel, or that they see no purpose in life is absolutely heartbreaking. Unfortunately, many young people are very good at hiding their emotions and so are able to present an image of 'being cool' and 'having it all together', when in fact they are screaming for help on the inside.

As parents, as adults, we need to ensure that our children and all young people have a good, healthy understanding that they are God's masterpiece. But what does it mean to be a masterpiece?

Firstly, it means that we are unique. There is only one *Mona Lisa*. Yes there have been numerous copies of the centuries, but there is only one original. We are also unique. There is no-one exactly the same as us. Even down to our genetic material, we are one of a kind.

Secondly, we have great value. But this value does not come from the worth of the bits and pieces that make up the whole. The human body has been valued at around \$4.50, if you were to sell each of the chemicals and elements in the body. But we are worth so much more! The most expensive painting ever sold (*The Card Players* by Paul Cezanne) was purchased last week by the Royal Family of Qatar for \$250 million dollars. The next highest price paid for a painting was \$156.8 million for a work by Jackson Pollock. The combined value of both of these paintings is less than the estimated value of the *Mona Lisa*. The value of this painting has been estimated at half-a-billion dollars. It is believed that the security system surrounding this one painting cost around \$7.5 million dollars. And yet the materials used to construct this painting are only worth a few dollars.

But I wonder if any of the museum staff would be prepared to die to save the painting from destruction. This is what God has done for us. He valued us so highly that His only Son died so that we might live.

Finally, a masterpiece takes time. No masterpiece can be constructed at the last moment. We need to give ourselves time to become the masterpiece that God has in store for us. I know we live in a 'microwave society' where everything is wanted instantly – food, phones, love. But our masterpieces need time to fully develop the character and shadings that truly make us unique.

God Bless
Graham

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Full School Assembly every second Tuesday at 2.20pm Primary Assembly each Wednesday at 1.30pm

Primary Sport is on every Friday

High School Sport is on Fridays of Week A

School Banking Day is Thursday

February

13th February—Parent Information Night Kingergarten to Year 6 6.30pm to 8pm

15th February—Parent Information Night Year 7 to Year 10 6.30pm to 8pm

14th & 28th February—Full School Assembly 2.20p

24th February—Zone Swimming Carnival

March

13th & 27th of March— Full School Assembly 2.20p

5th March—State Swimming Carnival (Primary)

7th March—State Swimming Carnival (Secondary)

8am 21st - 6pm 23rd March—Years 3-6 Camp to Lake Burrendong (*notes will be distributed this week*)

30th March—ICAS notes need to be returned to the office

April

10th & 24th April—Full School Assembly 2.20p

5th April—Cross Country

6th April—Easter Holidays begin

Term 2: 30th April—School Photos (full winter school uniform)

NOTICES

St George's Anglican Church Activities

Weekly activities resume at St George's Anglican Church on Tuesday, 7 February at 10am with Little Acorns Play Group

Fun Friday activities commence on 10 February with Kids Club (Primary) from 4pm - 5:30pm

Youth Discipleship Group (High School) from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and SGY's (High School) from 7pm - 8:30pm

Kid's Church is held on the second Sunday of the month.

Sunday School is held weekly on Sundays at 9:30am.

For queries, please contact the Church Office between 9am & 12pm daily on 6862 1868 or email parkesanglican@westserv.net.au

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 10th February 2012 9.30am – 11am in the Parkes Public School Hall, all parent\carers welcome.

For more information contact Sharon 68 643 224 or you can find us on Facebook.

PCS LIBRARY

Borrowing has commenced at the library

All students are encouraged to borrow books from the library. Please ask Mrs Hope for help selecting a book that is best suited to you.

Students will also receive a Koorong Kids Catalogue this week all orders need to be in by the

9th of March

@psclibrary

CWCI Australia Presents: "The Big Question" Ladies Trivia Night Parkes & Forbes

Parkes - Saturday 25th February 2012 at the Parkes Uniting Church \$5 per head with tables of eight *

RSVP Jacquelyn 68634155 or heather 68652267

Forbes - Friday 24th February 2012 at the Forbes Baptist Church Attlee St \$5 per head with tables of eight *

RSVP Jacquelyn 68634155 or Jane 68511462

*Supper provided but please feel free to bring nibbles for your table.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work
experience!

This year the year 10 Students will be undertaking one week of work experience. This will be in the last week of the

July Holidays - 16th – 20th July 2012.

There will be more information coming home about this soon, the deadline for the **return of these forms will be the last week of term 1, 2012**

Please be aware that some work places require forms to be submitted as well as a letter of recommendation form from the school in order to gain a place, other work places have other requirements such as completion of White Card (OHS) training before the work experience can commence.

Parents can you please take the next couple of weeks to talk to your year 10 student, determine where they would like to undertake this week of work experience and then make the necessary steps in order to have the forms completed and returned to School.

After the forms have been completed the forms need to be processed at School further in order for all students to effectively complete their work Experience.

Don't forget first term School Fees are due at the end of this week unless paying by Direct Debit

ICAS COMPETITION 2012

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools operated by the University of New South Wales offers the opportunity for students to undertake a test in competition with others across the country.

Here are the dates, subjects and cost for 2012:

ICAS Subject	Year Levels	Entries Closing	Test Date	Entry Fee per student
Computer Skills	Years 3-10	24 April 2012	22 May 2012	AUD 7.70
Science	Years 3-12	8 May 2012	6 June 2012	AUD 7.70
Spelling	Years 3-7	22 May 2012	19 June 2012	AUD 11.00
Writing	Years 3-12	21 May 2012	18 to 22 June 2012	AUD 16.50
English	Years 3-12	3 July 2012	31 July 2012	AUD 7.70
Mathematics	Years 3-12	17 July 2012	14 August 2012	AUD 7.70

If your child is interested in taking part in any of these please complete the note that will go home this week and return it to the office ASAP.

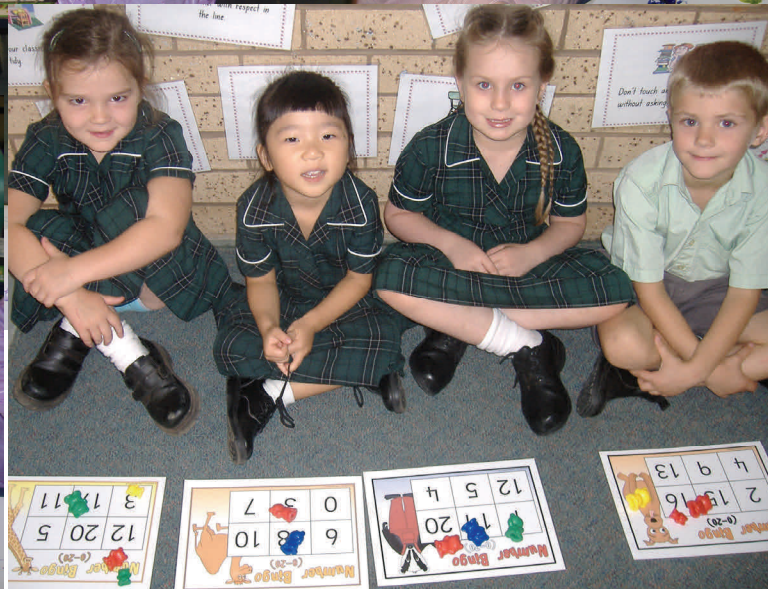


FIRST WEEK OF KINDERGARTEN

A big welcome to our new Kindy students.

There are 15 new students in Kindergarten this year.

The first week for Kindergartens included; a tour of the school, painting, looked at Nursery Rhymes (Jack & Jill and 3 Little Pigs), played soccer for sport and started our handwriting and maths program.



MUSIC LESSONS

Music are available through Mitchell Conservatorium again this year for individual students or small groups. Students can learn Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Viola, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, Bass, Guitar and Piano.

If your child is interested in starting lessons this year, please see the office for information and enrolment forms and post them to Mitchell Conservatorium Inc, PO Box 550, Forbes 2871. **Enquiries can be directed to Margaret Willmott on Tues, Wed and Thurs from 12.30-5.30pm on 6852 3766.**

Students continuing from last year should have already received a 2012 enrolment confirmation form in the mail.

Happy Playing!

Miss Rothe :)

