



The Parkes East Parrot

17 March 2025

Term 1 Week 8



Merit Certificate Criteria for this week

- Participating safely in practical activities
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Respectful: We listen to others

WHAT'S AHEAD . . .

Week 8

Wed 19 Mar School Photos
Fri 21 Mar Harmony Day

Week 9

Wed 26 Mar Visiting performer "Upstage"

CLAIM THE DATE

Please put this date in your diaries

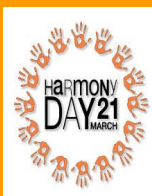
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Saturday 31 May 2025

HARMONY DAY

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 21 March and **invite students to wear a little or a lot of orange** to school!

Harmony Day is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.



Living in harmony

This week we are taking the opportunity to celebrate living in a peaceable society that is inclusive of people of all backgrounds. As a nation our children grow up in an environment that is free from conflicts that plague other parts of the world.

Living in harmony is part of the daily fabric at Parkes East Public School as we live our values of being safe, respectful and responsible.

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C Executive.

May your week be full of kindness, joy and harmony. Michael

P&C 2025 EXECUTIVE

Following on from the recent AGM of the P&C, please meet our new Executive Team:

President	Nicole Rosser
Vice Presidents	Kelly Hendry and Andrew Francis
Secretary	Kerryn Hughes
Treasurer	Judy Kross

As a school we again look forward to the wonderful support that our amazing PEPS P&C provide to our whole school community.

Our date for our fabulous **school fete** has been set for Saturday 31 May 2025.

Kellie Nikolic, our garden stall coordinator, has asked if people can start potting up plants in preparation for the fete.

MERIT CERTIFICATES - Term 1 Week 7 - 2025

Work Ethic

Making respectful contributions to class

KG: Oka-Maree Clarke
K-1MO: Kaeleigh Murray
1-2M: Odin Hando
1-2P: Primrose Edwards
2O: Andie Fitzpatrick
3EM: Milla Harris
3-4B: Jake Schapers
4-5GH: Logan Frame
5-6F: Cohen McGregor
5-6R: Priya Kinsela
5-6T: Harry Clark
K-6S:

Behaviour

Being safe and always being in the right place

Billie Lewin
Alexis Byrne
Ava Harris
Ayla Sloane
Javiera Milson
Quinn Bodiam
Lucas Beuzeville
Koen Harry
Anneliese McNaughton
Ivy Dickerson
Letty Newham-Fardell

Wiradjuri

Hold fast to each other

Aariya Jeffery-Hasler
Ben Hunter
Gracious Chirinda
Obie Medlyn
Zeke Clark
Piper Foley
Sol Rauchle
Harriet Rosser
Oscar Gosper
Cain Lees
Pacey Quinn

Rise Above Self: Aliyah Murray

Love of Reading: Patrick Rowe

SPORTING REPRESENTATION

PSSA Tennis Rnd 1 - Thur 20 March

George Hendry, Tom Wilkinson,
Emily Francis and Anneliese
McNaughton

Western Girls Rugby 7's- Fri 21 March

Zali Lovett, Evie Bayliss-Cox, Pippa
Westcott and Poppy Rodgers

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo day is this Wednesday 19 March. If you wish to have a family photo taken on the day, an orange envelope must be picked up from the school office to be filled out and returned on the day of the photos.

ICAS 2025

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)

All assessments will be conducted online, at school. The dates that we will run ICAS assessments are listed below. Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home. The back of the certificate will show your child's ICAS results and the login details to access the results portal.

If you are interested in purchasing the ICAS competitions, registration for all subject areas closes on Monday 28 July at 11:59pm.

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to sign up to your chosen subject areas using the link and code below. Registration for all subject areas closes on Monday 28 July at 11:59pm.

Sign up here - shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

Access code - BVE063

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

SUBJECT	SITTING WINDOWS	PRICE (GST inc)
Digital Technologies Yr 2-6	4 Aug - 8 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Writing Yr 3-6	4 Aug - 8 Aug 2025	\$24.95
English Yr 2-6	11 Aug - 15 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Science Yr 2-6	18 Aug - 22 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Spelling Bee Yr 2-6	18 Aug - 22 Aug 2025	\$20.95
Mathematics Yr 2-6	25 Aug - 29 Aug 2025	\$20.95

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations, as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions here: (icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf).

Good luck to all competitors.

Parent Payment System

How to buy ICAS tests for your child.
If your school has signed up to the Parent Payment System (PPS), follow these 4 easy steps to purchase the right tests for your child.

- KEEP** the "access code" that your school gives you to use the PPS handy.
- VISIT** shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps and enter your school's access code.
- ENTER** your child's details and select the subjects you wish to purchase.
- PAY** using your credit or debit card. This is the most secure way to pay.

What happens next?

Your child's school will run ICAS from here. In the meantime, you can purchase practice materials from the ICAS Assessments shop <https://www.icasassessments.com/shop-parents/>. Your school will notify you when online results are ready and will send the certificate home with your child.

ICAS
assessments

PULSE ALIVE

Pulse alive is a large-scale event, providing high-quality opportunities in the performing arts for students and teachers from NSW public schools in Greater Sydney and beyond.

After participating in 2024 and auditioning and travelling on numerous occasions to Sydney for rehearsals this year, Year 6 student **Oliver Hughes** will be performing (along with his sister Isabella—Ex-PEPS and PHS Yr 12 Student) on Thursday and Friday Evening at the Ken Rosewall Arena at Sydney Olympic Park.

We are so very proud of Oliver (and Isabella).



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 7 HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2026

Parents of Year 6 students, following the note sent home on Monday 3 March, please ensure you complete the EOI/PNR process to indicate which school you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

This needs to be completed **no later than Friday 28 March 2025**. If there are any questions, please contact the office.

HEALTHY CHILDREN TIP

Ensuring good sleep

Getting enough good-quality sleep is essential to healthy growth. We recommend that each night:

- children aged 5 to 13 years get **9 to 11 hours** of uninterrupted sleep

To establish and maintain healthy sleep patterns, we recommend:

- having a consistent bedtime and wake-up time
- avoiding screen time 1 hour before sleep by keeping screens out of the bedroom.