WELCOME back students, families and to our new students and families.

Not only are we excited to welcome our students and families here at Parkes Christian School but also four new teachers to our staff family and school.

We would like to introduce them to you

K-2 Coordinator, Mrs Elizabeth Harris. Mrs Harris will commence her role with us in Term 2. Miss Natalie Healy is excited to be teaching our Year 1 class this year. Mr Andrew Hardy has joined our High School department and is our PDHPE teacher and Sports Coordinator. Mr Jay Quince will be heading up our Mathematics Department as well as working within the Student Welfare Team.

Some more information for you

Tuesday 14 February is our Swimming Carnival to be held at the Parkes Aquatic Centre. Notes were sent home last week, with all the information you should need. If you have any queries or you need more information please contact our office. Volunteers are always appreciated, and if you can help in any way please see Andrew Hardy or Greg Ballantyne on the day.

During this extremely hot weather, we have been opening the hall up for students to allow them a cool air conditioned space to go during lunch times. Can we please encourage you to check that your child has a hat and water bottle in their bag every day.

Primary Homework Hub will be running each Monday during the term for all Primary students in Year 2 to 6. Our first homework hub will commence Week 3 Monday 13 February. Notes were sent home last week and need to be returned if your child/ren will be attending. Please be mindful that students will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian no later than 4pm.

This year we are holding our Welcome BBQ on Thursday 16 February. This is a great way for our students and families and staff to meet our new students and families. The night will consist of a relaxed BBQ for everyone followed by some information sessions. There will be more information to come, but be sure to mark this date on your calendar for Thursday of next week.

Parent Teacher Interviews are fast approaching. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers and ask any questions you may have. Information letters regarding this will come home soon.

A reminder to keep in touch by viewing our school Facebook page.
**Term 1 Dates**

- **Monday 13th February** - High School PE/Sport Swimming
- **Tuesday 14th February** - Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday 16th February** - Welcome BBQ
- **Sunday 19th February** - School Dedication Service
- **Thursday 23rd February** - Years 3-12 Zone Swimming in Wagga
- **Wednesday 1st March** - Parent Teacher Interviews (info to come)
- **Thursday 2nd March** - Parent Teacher Interviews (info to come)
- **Sunday 12th March** - Moomba Birdman Competition
- **Thursday 16th March** - Year 12 Half Yearly exams begin
- **Wednesday 29th March** - Year 7 Immunisations
- **Thursday 30th March** - Year 7 & 8 Ridgecrest Excursion
- **Friday 31st March** - Year 7 & 8 Ridgecrest Excursion
- **Thursday 6th April** - PCS Cross Country
- **Tuesday 25th April** - ANZAC Day

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**Term 1 ends Thursday 6th April**  
**Term 2 begins Wednesday 26th April**

For all email correspondence with the school, we ask that you now please email:  
office@parkescs.nsw.edu.au

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**2017 School Term Dates**

- **Term 1:** Monday 30th January - Thursday 6th April  
- **Term 2:** Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June  
- **Term 3:** Monday 24th July - Friday 22nd September  
- **Term 4:** Monday 9th October - Wednesday 13th December

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**PARKES COMMUNITY CHURCH**

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday - 10:00 am @ the School Hall

11th February Preacher - Mr Jeffrey Evans
1. A knockout competition attracts 75 entries, and a bye is used every time an odd number is left for a round. How many matches are played?

2. Betty sat a square table with drivers of a bus, a van and a truck. She sat on Tania’s left and Pat sat on the van driver’s right. If Alison (who sat opposite Tania) is not the truck driver, who drives the bus?

3. ‘Aba, Baba and Caba are joined by three straight roads. It is 3 km from Aba to Caba, 8 km from Baba to Aba and 4 km from Caba to Baba.’ What is wrong with this statement?

4. $3 \times \text{NEW} = \text{WINE}$. What digits do the letters represent?

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### Ice blocks Are Back

**Ice-block day is back!**

Starting **THIS FRIDAY** we will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50c at lunch time each Friday during Term 1. Help us continue to support our two Rwandan sponsor children – Nadia and Fiston; while enjoying a refreshing treat.

Miss Harris

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### Primary Sports Days

Sports days throughout our Primary Department for this term will be as follows:

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