Term Dates 2016

Term 1
Wednesday 3 February - Friday 8 April

Easter Break
Friday 25 March - Tuesday 29 March

Term 2
Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July

Term 3
Monday 18 July - Friday 23 September

Term 4
Monday 10 October - Wednesday 21 December

Professional Learning Days
Wednesday 18 July
Friday 21 October
Principal’s Report

Noel Atkins: On behalf of the community of Parklands High School, we respectfully acknowledge the passing of Noel Atkins. Noel was Principal of Parklands High from 1963 until his retirement in 1985. He left a massive legacy to the community in his care for young people, his legendary sense of larrikin wit, his larger than life personality and the beautiful trees that he loved so much.

Noel’s funeral was held last Friday and I thank the staff and students, who attended on behalf of the school. Like Noel’s life, it was a time filled with many stories and funny memories. We wish to thank Noel very much for his contribution to our school and its students and send our sincere condolences to his family. See our Facebook page for a wonderful tribute to a man, who certainly left his mark on the early development of the school.

Grade 10 Celebration Dinner: Our Grade 10 students looked magnificent at their Celebration Dinner last Thursday. The night was very much about celebrating the journey of our students over the last four years; a journey of personal growth, friendships with each other and staff and the many shared memories along the way. The atmosphere of the evening was wonderful with everyone clearly enjoying a great evening. Thank you and well done to the Grade 10 for their impeccable organisation, which made everything run so smoothly.

SRC Speeches: Last Thursday, 14 brave Grade 8 and 9 students put themselves out there to make public speeches as part of their campaign to be elected onto next year’s SRC. It’s a tough ask to speak in front of your peers, but they did a magnificent job. I was particularly impressed with the level of preparation that had gone into the speeches and the amount of thought the candidates had given to the question of what leadership actually means. Well done to all candidates and all the best to next year’s SRC.

Presentation Assembly: Our end of year assembly saw an incredible collection of talent and recognised a wide variety of student achievements from the year, in fields academic, practical and sporting. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved and a big thankyou to all our guests, who came along to support our students.

Staffing: At this time of year we usually see some staff changes. We are saying goodbye to some long term Parklands teachers who are moving on to new positions; Dion McCall, Tracy Moon, Bec Youd, Shannon Wolarzuk, Kim Anderson and Bob Stewart. Congratulations to Dion for winning a promotion to a leadership position at Montello. I will always think of Tracy and Bec for their high standards and thorough work in the curriculum development of English and History, of Bob for his high expectations in the teaching and assessment of Mathematics and Science department and Shannon for his persistent endeavours to support students who struggle with regular classroom routines with alternative programmes. Congratulations to Kim for winning a permanent job with the DOE. It has been my pleasure to work with these outstanding teachers and you each have my best wishes for your future teaching. Best wishes also to Jane Roper, who has secured a new job at the LINC. More than a few students can attribute their success in gaining a start on their preferred pathway through their work with Jane.

In Conclusion: I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the staff for their hard work over the year. Government cutbacks on teacher numbers and the loss of the pathways programme, Guaranteeing Futures, have certainly affected our capacity to do everything we would have wished this year, but I certainly acknowledge the efforts by staff to make the most of the year and to do their best to minimise the effect on students.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday.
Parklands High School
Prize Winners
2015

Grade 7 Merit
Shyanne Walters, Toby Clarke, Emily Bowden, Crystal Walters, Coby Mitchell, Jayde Alexander, Chelsey Radford, Emily Rossiter, Kayla Fisher, Ashleigh Thallan

Grade 7 Academic Achievement
Ashnika Sami
Grade 7 Endeavour
Bryony Johnstone
Grade 7 Citizenship
Emily Bath
Grade 7 Best All Rounder
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Grade 8 Merit
Alina Willmott, Ryan Dykstra, Ellie Medwin, Tailey Goninon, Mitchell McKenzie, Sophie Mitchell, Riley Jackson, Kyra Lowery, Natasha Moretti, Natalie Gardam

Grade 8 Academic Achievement
Christian Byard
Grade 8 Endeavour
Kiralee Howell
Grade 8 Citizenship
Shay Barnett
Grade 8 Best All Rounder
Vera Holton

Grade 9 Merit
Logan White, Zac Akhtar, Sharni Duncombe, Maddison Dunham, Annastazia Perales, Grady Bergan, Bailey Jackson, Daniel Streets, Roanan Murison, Quincy Love

Grade 9 Academic Achievement
Arishma Sami and Taylah James
Grade 9 Endeavour
Courtney Gardam
Grade 9 Citizenship
Kimberley Merritt
Grade 9 Best All Rounder
Daniel Riley

D I Bartley Scholarship
Olivia King

Art Acquisition
Ebony Fraser, Tahlia Deverell, Sarah Self, Arishma Sami, Kyra Lowery, Shanae Miles

Grade 10 Merit
Hayley Wescombe, Georgia Roberts, Keith Nicholls, Allison Nairn, Lachlan Barry, Natarlyia Mitchell, Emma Coward, Emma Costello, Thomas Bath, Bronte Dare, Nikayla Haines, Hayley Fisher
Grade 10 Subject Awards

Advanced English: Rosalie Ford-Franz
Boys' Business: Taiten Armstrong
Catering: Jaide Summers
Design in Metal: William Stevens
Design in Wood: William Stevens & Joshua Lockett
English: Rosalie Ford-Franz
Geography: Allison Nairn
Health & PE Boys: Elih Hennessy
Health & PE Girls: Georgia Roberts
History: Keith Nicholls
Information Technology: Matthew Young
Mathematics: Renee Dykstra
Maths Methods: Rosalie Ford-Franz
Music: Victoria Hall & Rex Guest
Science: Hayley Wescombe
Sewing: Shaydel Bugg
Sport Science: Melinda Poke
TAPP: Emma Coward
Visual Art: Danika Spinks

Grade 10 Awards

Beacon Certificates: Maddison King, Leah Davies, Britney Kelly, Natarlyia Mitchell, Rex Guest
Caltex Best All Rounder: Thomas Bath
Braddon Community Leadership: Drew Barrett
Burnie City Council Leadership: Natarlyia Mitchell
RSL Most Improved: Jaide Summers
Joy Coton: Natarlyia Mitchell
Burnie Christian Centre Bursaries: Shaydel Bugg, Nikayla Haines, Chloe Jones
Kevin Breaden: Joshua Lawler
Mavis Tregurtha: Leah Davies
Minister for Education: Chantelle Moretti
Care for People: Maddison King
ADF Long Tan: Georgia Roberts
Jeremy White Foundation: Jordan Wood & Renee Dykstra
Pierre de Coubertin: Samuel Mitchell
Bruce Wall Scholarship: Melinda Poke
Dux: Rosalie Ford-Franz
Read a Book

Quite a significant amount of funding is directed towards encouraging children to read at a young age. This is for a good reason, research shows that the earlier children read, the more they will enjoy it and be better at it. As children get older, studies have shown that they read less and even less for pleasure. This is something we are aware of as a staff at Parklands and we are making efforts to improve the amount of reading and reading for pleasure that is occurring at school.

One of our main aims at Parklands is to make reading accessible and enjoyable. Teachers, support staff and our Librarian, Deb Marshall, spend a considerable amount of time making sure that reading material is engaging, relevant, individually targeted and FUN.

Yes, I said FUN. Fun is a word we sometimes skirt around in education, but when it comes to reading it helps if children are actually enjoying what they read. I have a request for the adults reading this article, make reading fun and not a chore. With the holidays fast approaching why not think about your son, daughter, grandchild and what interests them and buy them a good book about that topic. Fiction, non-fiction, real book, eBook – it doesn’t matter, just get them reading.

You could buy your children a good book for Christmas, spend some time browsing and picking the perfect book, your kids might not say anything (they are teenagers after all), but they will appreciate the time and effort you have taken to find a book that they love. Alternatively, you could buy them a voucher and let them find the perfect book themselves. While I am not a massive fan of shopping, I do enjoy walking into a good bookshop and so should your kids. Take them into a good bookshop and have a browse. You don’t even have to buy anything for it to be a wonderful experience.

That leads me to my next point, reading doesn’t have to cost excessive amounts of money. Great books can be found boxed up and collecting dust in most houses. Get them out and let your teenagers rummage through them. Garage sales, older relatives, second-hand shops are all good places to find cheap, sometimes smelly, interesting books. Some of the best books I have read smelt like cigarette smoke and vomit (not mine). Take a chance on an old book kids, bring it back to life.

The downtown town library (Burnie LINC) is swarming with free, excellent books (also DVDs, magazines, computers, music CDs and more). Students, once the excitement of Christmas has died down and your presents have lost their lustre, go to the library, take a parent/guardian and sign up for a free card if you don’t have one and borrow away. More Parklands students should be making the most of this free resource. What 15 items will you borrow these holidays? Google LINC Burnie or phone (03) 6477 7400 for more information about the free services provided by LINC Burnie. Did you know they provide a phone charging service too?

Model reading for enjoyment to your kids. If your children have never seen you read a book for enjoyment or pleasure, it is a bit much to expect them to. Take some time for yourself, find a good book and read away. I am increasingly finding it more difficult to find the time to make this happen myself, but it is worth it, trust me. One of my favourite authors, Nick Hornby, claims that if a book is boring or you are finding it a chore to wade through, put it down and find another book you will enjoy. Read for pleasure, read for fun and show your kids that reading can be and is fun.

I realise while reading through this article that there is a danger that I might come across as patronising. Trust me that is not my intention and at this stage I really don’t care. If only one person reads this article, gets their child a book and that child reads it and enjoys it, the whole article has been completely worthwhile.

Happy reading, happy holidays.

Dion McCall
Literacy Coach
Raising the Bar

Mr. McCall’s (hopefully) reading list for the holidays:

1. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
2. Orange is the New Black by Piper Kerman
3. Inside: The Autobiography by Chris Judd
4. Paul McCartney: Many Years From Now by Barry Miles
5. A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
Several years ago Parklands High School celebrated its 50th Anniversary. On the morning of the anniversary I was greeted by two students who were interested in researching the history of P.H.S. There was entertainment held at the school that evening so I wrote a speech detailing what it was like at the new P.H.S. in 1963 on the first day of its opening. I have added extra details to the original so today’s students can get a comparison of then and now.

I was not the first student to walk through the doors of this school in 1963, but I was among the first as the doors opened. A new school and not really knowing where any of us were going, girls carrying big green travel type bags with P.H.S. stamped on them and most of the boys carrying the good old Gladstone bag. The last time I saw a Gladstone bag was at the Wilmot museum.

After coming from a substantial solid brick building of the old school at Parklands, which sadly doesn’t exist any more, I remember a boy saying, “Gee, she’s a bit flimsy looking”. A couple of us grabbed hold of the windowsills and gave them a good tug and the whole wall trembled. “Be down around our ears in the first big wind”, another lad said.

The school consisted of two L shaped structures joined by a stair way back then, obviously that part of the building is still standing.

Today’s students would get a buzz out of our school uniforms, they were aptly described in the Advocate newspaper by a former student named Margaret Love; the girls in school tunicsthat reached below the knee, a tie, a blazer and a beret which the girls hated, but we boys thought they made a pretty good Frisbee, even though the Frisbee hadn’t been invented then, maybe we all missed out on a fortune. The boys wore a blazer, a tie and grey trousers. They didn’t have to wear the old English type school cap, but their Burnie High School counterparts did. Other than a wrist watch no other jewellery was permitted, girls, I think were allowed pierced ear rings although I’m not sure on that, but definitely no make up, if a girl had make up on she would be sent home to clean it off and she had to return to school after.

I remember a plantation of pine trees being planted on the eastern perimeter of the school boundary and we were allowed out to watch them being planted, I suppose that has gone long ago. There was a demonstration of what a detonator would do to you if you played with them and they exploded, (they are used to get gelignite to explode) fortunately those things are kept in better security these days. Boys in the army cadets would clomp around in their big boots and the first time at this school a game with the strange name of volley ball was played on the grassy area across from the main entrance on which now has a number of shady trees growing.

We were pretty confined on wet days to indoors because there was very little concrete around the building, even the road up to the school was gravel and a little better than a track, because the red mud would drag in on our shoes and all over the floors and that didn’t please the maintenance man, Mr. Boatwright. He would be forever going crook at us so the teachers kept us virtually under lock and key on those days. When it was cold and windy we found shelter outside where ever we could, over the side of the hill or up against a wall, oh we were a tough bunch. We weren’t allowed to wander the corridors.

I remember an altercation took place on top of the only staircase one day where poor old Speed Lamprey ended up at the bottom of the stairs with a broken nose. A fortnight later Speed was going down the hill after school on his bike towards Mount Road and ran into an old concrete gate post and broke his nose again. His proper name was Neville and he was never known to move too fast, hence the name Speed.

To be continued......
For a considerable time the school was divided with E and D classes (Grades 7 and 8) down at the old Parklands school and C and B classes (Grades 9 and 10) up here. Other than the Science Lab and several classrooms we had nothing, boys would be sent on buses to do wood and metalwork as well as technical drawing at the old Burnie Technical College where the Cradle Coast Authority is now situated. The girls were sent back to the old school for Domestic Science classes. That was good for me, instead of going to class I would occasionally jump off the bus and go home and go cycling.

We had some good teachers and most of them were hard sods, if they roared you jumped and if you gave any lip it would be the sorriest day of your life. The legendary Don Lakin was one of these teachers and a very big man, even though he was stern he was fair and if you tried your best he would do his best to help you but woe betide you if you crossed him. We had a science teacher, Mr. Poulter, known as “T square” Poulter because if you were caught out you got a few good few whacks across the bum with the T square. Noel Atkins who later became Principal of this school (they were known as Headmasters in my time here) was a top coastal footballer as was Don Lakin and they were great motivators in getting students into sport. Mister Athol Campion better known as “Lops” because of his rather large ears was a maths teacher and he could roar like a bull and was a good shot with the chalk and duster. Another man I came to respect was Dr G. Hayward or the “Quack”, as we called him. We had another teacher who we never took too seriously named Mr. Sheehan who looked very much like the cartoon character on the Mr. Sheen advertisement on TV. One day a boy thought Mr. Sheehan was out of earshot around the corner of the corridor and began singing the song to the commercial. Next thing Mr. Sheehan is around the corner and grabbed the kid by the throat, “WHO IS SINGING THAT SONG?'' he demanded. “Not me”, croaked the boy. I think Mr. Sheehan was just blustering that day and would have had a good chuckle afterwards.

Boys use to have competitions to see how many times we could get the cane and which teacher was the best hitter until some sadistic sod introduced a big leather strap. It was a cruel device about six or seven hundred millimetres long, ten millimetres thick with a split about one hundred and fifty millimetres up the middle and needless to say, we didn’t intentionally line up for a second go at that one. Fortunately, it disappeared as quickly as it came thank goodness.

Discipline was pretty tough compared to today’s standards and if you went home whingeing about it you would probably get another clip under the ear for good measure from your parents for getting into trouble in the first place. I don’t think it hurt any of us as most of us turned out pretty good citizens.

I have worked in many jobs over the years and worked in three jobs I always wanted to do, these days I am retired. I could safely say that many things I learnt from this school, especially the technical subjects have stood me in good stead over that time.

A lot of the old teachers have since died as have quite a few of my old school mates. What I use to think of teachers as ‘SILLY OLD FOOLS’, well now I’m becoming a ‘silly old fool’ myself, but it these ‘silly old fools’ that we learn from and I hope that the students here today have learnt something from me.

I urge the students of today, whether you are clever or not, to take notice of what the teachers tell you. In some ways things are much easier for you these days, but in other ways you have so much more pressure on your young shoulders than my generation ever had. I remember the words of one Headmaster (Principal), the late Mr. L. Bonser, at an assembly in my first year at High School and I’ll quote you those words. “NEVER WASTE A MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE, FOR ONCE THAT MOMENT HAS GONE, IT HAS GONE FOREVER”.

Karl Rowbottom  (Former PHS student 1963)
Hello Prue and Catering students

A big thank you for making afternoon tea for the Cradle Coast NRM Coastcare Week event. We had many comments about how scrumptious it was, especially the dreamy cup cakes and mini cheese cakes.

I have attached a couple of photos I took of the students receiving thanks from the Cradle Coast NRM Executive Officer, Richard Ingram.

We wish the students well in the future!

Regards
Anna
Coastal Coordinator Tuesday - Friday

On Tuesday December 8th, 62 Parklands High School students travelled to the Dial Athletics Complex, Penguin, to participate in the 2015 Division I Inter-High Athletics Carnival. The forecast wasn’t ideal and we were greeted by moderate rain on arrival to the complex. The rain persisted throughout most of the day, but it did not dampen the students’ spirits. There were a number of people who were unable to attend/participate on the day due to illness or injury. However, a number of students stood up when needed to help fill in some large gaps in our programme. Some students who displayed outstanding school spirit while assisting us in this area were; Alex Turner, Tyler Medwin, Xanden Martin, Zoe O’Halloran, Melinda Poke and Kyarna Budzul. Bailey Jackson was another student who is to be commended on his effort, competing in a number of events with an injured calf.

We had a large number of terrific results for the day, with the highlights being Elih Hennessy with a commanding win in the Grade 10 Boys’ Division I 400 metres and the Grade 10 Girls’ Relay team hanging on for a nail biting win in their final year representing the school! Unfortunately, the Grade 10 Boys’ team couldn’t match this performance, with Jordan Wood having a nasty slip in a changeover down the back straight. Other students who excelled on the day were Aum Vaenkwaen, Tahlie Walker, Chantelle Moretti, Danielle Poke and Thomas Bath, all finishing with high placings in their events, sometimes on multiple occasions.

One final memorable moment for the day was having to push start one of our buses, which had a flat battery! All in all, it was certainly a day to remember, with constant drizzle throughout the day and many admirable performances. We look forward to having a full strength team for next year’s carnival and some sunshine would be nice too!

Chris Bryan
On the 30th of November, Grade 7 students took part in Challenge Week. As the year has progressed, Grade 7 students have come from a wide variety of different areas and were put into different classes to build new relationships with other students and come together as a team. Challenge Week has been designed to see how those team building skills have developed over the year to see which class can work together in a series of challenges to see who will be crowned the 2015 Challenge Week Class of the Year.

The different challenges that were set were; ten pin bowling, a scavenger hunt, sand sculpture competition, a quiz, pedal buggy competition and a class banner design. Over the course of the week, classes worked hard to complete all these challenges to the best of their ability. The highlight of the week was 7C’s sculpture design of a mermaid, where they covered Damon Thompson in sand to make their sculpture. However, there can only be one winner, which was the fantastic class from 7B. The overall point score for the week was:

- 7A – 194 points
- 7B – 234 points
- 7C – 219.5 points
- 7D – 222 points

As the Grade 7 Coordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to say on behalf of the teachers that it has been a fantastic year for our students and that the skills and knowledge they have learnt this year, needs to be built upon to continue to make 2016 a successful year. I would also like to thank the dedicated staff of Mrs Jackson, Miss Anderson, Mrs Brealey, Mr Hall and Mr McCall for all their hard work throughout the year and I’m sure all of the Grade 7 students have appreciated the effort you all have put in.

Well done to 7B and good luck next year in Grade 8.

Mr Blizzard
Love

Love is endless unless you give it away
It will burn bright if you place it in the light
Love will shine and glisten in your eyes
Because love is a diamond and you are the sun
Which is why neither of you will shine without the other

-Poem

Visit from Ariel Pascoe a Geochemist.

On Thursday the 10th of December, Ariel Pascoe – a Geochemist – came from Port Latta to talk to us about her job. Her responsibility is to ensure the quality and quantity of the iron ore and other compounds are 100% accurate before they get processed. They get their iron ore from Savage River through a pipeline that is 366m long. They turn this sludge into round balls (pellets) for sale to many countries around the world - even as far as China and Greece. They sell it for millions of dollars depending on the size of the ship. One of the ships – the Maverick Gunner - can carry 80 000 tonnes!

Interesting fact: If the load is uneven, the ship can snap in half. (This hasn’t happened to any ships from Port Latta).

We would like to thank Ariel for her excellent talk and for bringing in samples for us to look at.

Grade 7
Sewing Class (aka Brain Children)

Over Second Semester it has been fabulous to see the amazing sewing students develop their incredible sewing skills and create some interesting and beautiful pieces. There was a wide range of projects happening, ranging from quilts, to hoodies, to dressing gowns.

The students were a lively bunch, who were interested and dedicated to finishing their projects, but were also a lot of fun to be around. I have really enjoyed teaching this group of young adults and hope they all keep creating masterpieces (or at least sew their buttons back on) in future.

Thanks Sewing class for your interest, excitement and the laughs,

Miss Holland
During WWI, trench warfare helped facilitate a war of attrition that led to millions of casualties. Men spent years in these holes that effectively cut through Europe. Trench systems were complicated with many interlinking lines of trenches to ensure the enemy did not advance.

As part of the Grade Nine History curriculum in Term Four, we were required to make an authentic model of a trench, like those used by both sides, on the Western Front during WW1. As trenches contained many different facets; (e.g. bunkers, barracks, First Aid station, dugout, machine gun nest) we were required to focus on the details, in order to give a good overview of the trench warfare system.

All thoroughly enjoyed this task and some wonderful models were created and placed on display in the library. A People’s Choice competition took place for one week and every student and teacher in the school had the opportunity to vote for their favourite model. The winning model was number 11, scoring 77 individual votes.

By Jasmine Fawdry, Bella Swain and Courtney Gardam.

Music Project

In Music this term, Kynan has been working hard on restoring an old guitar to make it new again. Firstly, he sanded it and then he spent time painting it a beautiful green colour. Below are some pictures of before and after.

Well done, Kynan!
## Uniform Price List 2015

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Please note: Black shoes must be worn

**Note: prices subject to change in 2016**

**Limited time only**

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**Brixhibition Burnie 2016**

*Do you love LEGO?*

Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. is proud to present Brixhibition Burnie 2016

**WHEN:**
- Saturday 23rd January 2016 - 9:30am to 4:30 pm
- Sunday 24th January 2016 - 9:30am to 4:30 pm

**WHERE:**
- Burnie Arts and Function Centre (Gallery)

**DONATION:**
- $2 per person
- Children under 2 - Free

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**Parklands High School**

**Wednesday 27 January 2016**

**Thursday 28 January 2016**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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**GARAGE SALE**

Due to our REDEVELOPMENT we need to clear out excess furniture and equipment (cooking, sewing, IT and sporting). Come along and **MAKE US AN OFFER**—There may even be a kitchen sink...

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*Department of Education*
*Parklands High School*
IMPORTANT

Please be aware we have changed our system for text messages. The new number to text if your child is absent is;

0429 557 990.

Do we have your email address?

As a way to improve our system on book sales day, we can electronically send any receipts straight to your email. We are also able to send the newsletter via email. Please phone the school to provide your email address.

BOOK SALES

Wednesday 27 January - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday 28 January - 9:00am - 1:00pm

GARAGE SALE

Wednesday 27 January - 9:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday 28 January - 9:00am - 3:00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The uniform shop is open daily from

3 pm—3.45 pm