8 December 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

The end of another year has arrived and it has been one of our most successful. I would like to congratulate and thank all students, staff and parents for their ongoing commitment to our school and to making our learning environment the best it can possibly be. Many of our students have shown incredible growth throughout this year in their academic and social development and I am very proud of them all.

On Tuesday morning we held our annual School Awards and the Year Six Graduation. This was another very successful event and I congratulate all award recipients on their efforts throughout the year and the recognition they have received. Farewell to our Year Six students as they prepare to enter the world of High School, another huge step forward in their personal journeys. Keep in touch and let us know what you are up to and how High School is going. A list of our award recipients is included below.

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I would also like to announce that our School Captains for 2017 are Emma Godber and Deegan Alderson. Our House Captains for 2017 are Lennix Teika (Lorikeet), Fraser Pantalleresco (Barramundi), Isaiah Fagalilo (Kangaroo) and Freya Brennan (Goanna). Congratulations to these successful candidates who will receive their badges at the Leadership morning early in 2017. I would also congratulate all of the students who ran for one of these positions, the speeches were incredible this year and we had the largest pool of applicants we have ever had, very appropriate as we head into our tenth year in 2017. Congratulations also to our EcoMarine leaders for 2017: Sophie Allen, Lucy Marshall, Kayla Allport and Bailey Masters. I am sure that this group of students will continue the fabulous work of our past EcoMarine leaders.

As this year draws to a close I would like to recognise the contributions made by several staff as they leave Park Lake and move on to other experiences. Mrs Warneke, Miss Gibbs, Miss Bates, Mr Sue Yek, Mr Suter, Miss Ellis, Miss Muir-Wood, Mrs Christensen and Mrs Dale. I wish you all well as you move on with your professional and personal lives and thank you for your contributions to our school. I would particularly recognise Mrs Dale as she is a foundation staff member and has contributed significantly to our support programs during her nine years at Park Lake, she will be a huge loss to our school but I wish her the very best as she moves to her new school.

I would in particular like to thank the amazing team of people who work in the Admin area of our school, these ladies work well beyond the hours they are expected to or are paid to do. They do it because they want to provide the best service to our students, parents and staff. The pride that they have in the work they do and in our school is astonishing. I am very proud of the team of people who support our administration and sincerely thank each and every one of them; Mrs Glinemann, Mrs Bourke, Mrs Harte, Mrs Mornard and Mrs Palmer. I couldn’t ask for a better group of people than these ladies to support myself, Mrs Tong and Mrs Lennox in the administration of our school.

In 2017 we will be strictly adhering to our school uniform policy as approved and endorsed by the P&C Association. Please remember, skorts need to meet the uniform guidelines for 2017. No culottes, no skirts even with bike pants underneath. Skorts must look like shorts at the back, and have a flap across the front to look like a skirt. Our uniform policy is included in this newsletter.

I wish everyone a peaceful, safe and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to the challenges of 2017 as we continue Learning and Growing Together with our almost 990 students.

Regards
Craig Larden
Hello Everyone

I have once again enjoyed the role I hold within our school. I wish to acknowledge and thank everyone for their continued encouragement, support and dedication to making it a great place to be every day.

Cameron from the Bottlenose Dolphin class shared his frozen model of dinosaurs with me, explaining that they were like what really happened during the Ice Age. Great job Cameron, I liked your thinking.

From the Cockatoo class Potiki created a fantastic art piece and Peyton produced some wonderful writing. Congratulations, I was impressed by your work.

Olivia from the Sydney Opera House class shared her innovative narrative with me which was created for the Speed Reading experience. It captured my attention and it was pleasing to see how much progress she had made in this area. Well done Olivia.

Our students: I have watched many of the Year 6 students who will venture off to high school in the new year, grow and develop during their time here at PLSS. I was here when many of them walked through the doors for the very first time and I am here to see them as they leave. I wish them well as they journey to their next phase of learning. Look forward to the new challenges, experiences and adventures. Always find the positive and be the best you can be. Best wishes to you all in 2017 and beyond.

To all of our families who are leaving Park Lake SS, best wishes for the future and thank you for your support and commitment while you were here with us.

Our Staff: The commitment and effort you put into each and every day has been once again AWESOME. Everything you do enables us to be successful. Enjoy your well-deserved break. I am proud to be part of such a wonderful, supportive team. Merry Christmas.

Our families: I hope that you enjoy the holiday period with your children. Each and every day with them is a gift so take the time to share the positives they bring to your life. Make the holiday period a memorable one so that it becomes a fond memory that will always be re-visited as they reflect on their childhood.

Good-Bye and Good Luck: To the staff members who will be leaving us this year: Miss Gibbs, Miss Bates, Mrs Dale, Mrs Warneke, Miss Ellis, Mr Sue Yek, Mrs Christensen, Miss Muir-Wood, Mrs Williamson Girgis and Mr Suter. Thank you all for the valued contribution you have made to our school and I wish you well for the future. You will be missed.

Happy Holidays: take care, relax, refuel, relish in the fun that this festive time creates...and smile. I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kris Lennox
Deputy Principal
they go to, I know that they will keep their strong friendships that they have developed here at Park Lake SS.

It is with mixed emotion, that we say farewell to staff at Park Lake this year. Mrs Sandi Dale, our STLN, has been with us for many years and has made an outstanding contribution to our school. Not only does Sandi assist students with additional learning needs and extension opportunities, she has endlessly volunteered to assist with our choirs over the years. We wish Sandi all the best at her new school and I know that we will stay in contact.

Our Music department has also had significant losses for 2017. Mrs Gemma Christiansen, Mrs Lisa Muir-Wood and Mr David Sue Yek are all saying farewell. These staff members have each done a tremendous job in assisting us to grow our music program in 2016. Thank you for all that you have done. The memories that you have provided to our students through music will live in their hearts forever!

A number of outstanding teachers have also taken transfers to other schools. Miss Gibs, Mr Suter, Miss Ellis, Mrs Warneke and Miss Bates will be leaving us. Not only have these teachers made a significant difference to the students in their class, they have also made a great contribution to the wider school community through their extra curricular activities and involvement in after-hours events. These staff members will be missed at Park Lake SS but I am sure that they will be welcomed with open arms to their new schools where they will be able to have a positive impact on more students.

Finally, we say farewell to Mrs Katrina Williamson who has been our speech pathologist for quite a number of years. Katrina never fails to astonish me with how much she knows about each and every student within our school. Katrina is leaving us to have her first child. I know she will make an awesome mum and I look forward to meeting her knew bundle of joy over the coming months.

I hope that all mums, dads, students and their extended family have a fantastic holiday and I look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Stay Safe
Barb

P&C CORNER

What a wonderful, big Year! We had hard times this year where we ran with a skeleton P&C group only to grow and prosper when the call for help was made.

Thank you to each and everyone who have been a part of our P&C this year!

Honourable mentions to …

Ann DeLosh - for running our uniform shop like a dream! Also for being a contributing voice at nearly every meeting and supporting the P&C as a whole. Additionally, thank you to Hayley Cromwell and Ann’s team of amazing parents who work alongside her in the uniform shop.

Lorrie Watts & Gretchen Isedale – For being happy, approachable tuckshop conveners while continuing to support the meetings and the running of the P&C. Our tuckshop is such a friendly place to volunteer! Thank you to the team of volunteers, who, by helping our conveners, help to keep our tuckshop open.

Kamran Gondal – for taking on the treasurer’s position in the peak of tax time!

Amanda Benjamin and Barbara Mettham – for joining forces in our executive team in the role of secretary(s).

Debbie Kay along with Danielle Milgate – for rocking as our Book Club Organisers. I just love the little notes we get if our kiddies books are on back order (that’s Debbie’s handy work!)

Angie Armstrong and Sarah Welsh – for coming in term 3 and bringing their energy into the position of Fundraising coordinator(s) (allowing me to step down from this role to concentrate on the presidents roll) and are already doing an awesome job and I am excited to see what they are thinking up for next year!

Janet Arthur & Tania Bromhead - for keeping our school banking a regular program and keeping it exciting for our students.

For everyone who attends our meetings and volunteers at events …
Thank you!

Please feel welcome to email me anytime with your questions or queries. The P&C is your parent support throughout the school. On behalf of your schools P&C Committee have a safe break and make amazing memories.

Keep Smiling,
Lee-Anne Millard
pandc@parklace.eq.edu.au

UP-COMING MEETINGS

Tuesday 14th February, 2017 6pm
Tuesday 14th March, 2017 6pm
Meetings are held in the staff room – next to the library.
All are welcome

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will open prior to school commencing on the following days: Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th January from 9am - 1pm each day. Any flexischools orders placed over the holidays can be picked up on those days.

We will open for term 1 on Wednesday 25th January 8.15 - 9.15am.
Please remember, skorts need to meet the uniform guidelines for 2017. NO culottes, NO skirts even with bike pants under. Skorts MUST look like shorts at the back, and have a flap across the front to look like a skirt. We have skorts in stock, from size 2 to size 14. We can get bigger sizes as required.

I am also looking for helpers on the 2 days we are open prior to school going back. If you would like to come along and volunteer your time, please contact me on 0423 232 556. It is a fun couple of days, and I’d love to meet some new helpers.

Thanks so much

**Ann DeLosh**

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Thank you to all of the families who have supported the Park Lake Tuckshop this year. Also a huge shout-out to our EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEERS for your all your help - we cannot operate without you so THANK YOU ALL!

Last but not least - Thank you to all of our Year 6 Helpers! We hope that the road that lies ahead is filled with amazing opportunities - best of luck for the future, we’ll miss you!

We will be re-opening on **Monday 30th January 2017** You will need to update your student(s) class details on Flexi-Schools also at this time.

Stay safe, be kind and have a fun-filled FANTASTIC holiday!

**Gretchen Isedale & Lorrie Watts**

**Tuckshop Convenors**

**SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING**

**School Captain Reflections**

Through this experience it has made me feel that I can contribute to our school and it has given me the confidence to acknowledge that with the right attitude and a little hard work we can all strive to achieve our goals.

**Jordan Warneke**

It has been a great year in 2016 and an honour for me to be school captain for Park Lake State School.

I’ll always remember my first and last day of PLSS and all of my wonderful teachers and friends. I would like to thank my wonderful teacher Miss Bell for teaching me so much this year and thank every staff member for teaching their own wonderful class or making this school a better place to belong. I believe we have done a lot of learning and I know that we are all very thankful to our teachers.

I would also like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe and wonderful holiday.

**Anton Bagino**

**HEALTHY HABITS**

BreastScreen Qld (BSQ) Gold Coast Services will be closed over the Christmas/ New Year’s period.

Bookings can be made before December 23 this year and then again after January 9 by phoning 13 20 50.

Please book in for your free BreastScreen at one of our locations:

- Southport,
- West Burleigh,
- Helensvale or at our mobile:
- Beaudesert (now until December 16),
- North Tamborine (January 9 – January 25) and
- Nerang (January 30 – February 23).

Women 40 years and older are eligible to attend every two years, with women aged 50-74 strongly encouraged to attend. A breastscreen every two years is the most effective way to detect cancer early.

**YOU CAN DO IT! PROGRAM**

You Can Do It!

“GETTING ALONG” – Social Responsibility

Social Responsibility lessons in the You Can Do It! Program teach students that it is important to be a good citizen and to help build a world with fairness, justice, safety and security for all. A student who demonstrates Social Responsibility uses thinking such as …

- It’s important to be caring.
- I need to try hard to do my best.
- I should be fair to others.
- It’s important that everyone has the freedom to say what they think and feel without fear.
- I need to be honest and tell the truth.
- I need to show integrity by making sure that I do what I say I am going to do.
- Showing respect and having good manners is important.
• I need to act responsibly by making good choices and sorting out problems without fighting.
• Caring about nature and other living things is my responsibility.
• I must show understanding and include others who are different to me.

IMPORTANT DATES
SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 23RD JANUARY, 2017

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ADMIN UPDATES
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to everyone who has been part of our Park Lake school community this year. It has been another busy year and every year as we grow and develop, we always take a moment to look back over the last 12 months and often wonder how we ever survived. We wonder how we manage to fit so many activities, excursions and events into the school year. Thankfully we do it as a team and with the support of our school community we are able to provide a fantastic variety of learning experiences for our students. As we look around our school grounds there have also been some wonderful additions including our new Tuckeroo building, and our Japanese and Indigenous gardens which have really enhanced our school environment. A big thank you to our staff, students, volunteers and our P & C for all your hard work and efforts this year.

As we look towards the new school year, I would like to remind parents of the benefit of registering for QParents which is our secure online parent portal. QParents allows you access to your child’s student information and gives you access to reporting and assessment, attendance records, invoices and payment.

Every year we have to say farewell to some of our students, families and staff. Some we may be lucky enough to stay in touch with, but for everyone moving on, we wish them all the best and hope that they continue to enjoy learning, enjoy family and friends, and enjoy life.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing Christmas and holiday season. Stay safe, best wishes and see you in 2017.

Regards
Karyn Glindemann
Business Services Manager

HPE NEWS
House Sport

House sport was a huge success this year. Students had a great time participating in Friday afternoon sessions on their year level week. During terms 3 & 4 students played touch football. Throughout this time the students really developed their knowledge of the game and improved their skills. They understood the importance of working together as a team and displaying good sportsmanship. I would like to congratulate the house winners.

- Year 4 – Barramundi
- Year 5 – Barramundi
- Year 6 – Lorikeet

Thank you to the teachers in years 4-6 who umpired the Friday afternoon games and to our year 6 school and house captains who helped set up the fields weekly.

Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday we had our school swimming carnival for students in years 3-6. It was an extremely hot day but was nice to cool off. I loved that students had a go and participated to the best of their ability. Congratulations to our age champions and winning house Lorikeet.

As we finish for another year I would like to thank everyone for their continued support for PE carnivals and events this year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.

Alison Cook
HPE Specialist
### 2016 AGE CHAMPIONS SWIMMING

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### ECO MARINES NEWS

**ECO MARINES NEWS**

Thank you to everyone for your support this year.

We have made fantastic progress this year in making our school more environmentally friendly and we are definitely on track with spreading the word and raising awareness about environmental issues and what we can do to help.

The EcoMarines are really looking forward to next year and already have a number of ideas and new initiatives in mind that we will be implementing. I would like to say a big thank you to the four ambassadors this year: Taylor, Nishi, Madison and Lilly. The ambassadors have done a terrific job in running our weekly meetings. They have shown initiative, passion and dedication and have made amazing contributions this year to our EcoMarine cause.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to our new ambassadors:
Sophia, Lucy, Kayla and Bailey.

The ambassadors are very excited and keen to get started on some of the fantastic ideas they’ve already had.

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### SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

### UNIFORM POLICY 2017

In 2017 we will be strictly adhering to our school uniform policy as approved and endorsed by the P&C Association. Whilst we have had some leeway regarding shoes for the past few years it has become necessary to fully enforce the uniform policy as some students are now wearing shoes that are nowhere near the black shoe policy.

I am advising you now to ensure that when you are purchasing shoes for 2017 you are aware of the need to purchase black shoes, either leather or sports, to be worn on a daily basis. You will also need to ensure that you have the appropriate coloured jumper or jacket for winter.

Several girls have also commenced wearing skirts to school, this is not to occur under any circumstances.

If you are unsure of the policy the full document can be located on our school website, I have included the dress standards for your convenience:

http://www.parklakess.eq.edu.au

Park Lake State School has the following student dress code:

- Children are expected to travel to and from school each day presented neatly and tidily in correct school uniform (school shirt, school shorts/skorts, black shoes and black laces, white or black socks, school hat, school jumper)

### LANGUAGES JAPANESE CORNER

**Konnichi-wa**

It is that time of year when we say goodbye. It is very sad to say goodbye to the Year 6 students and especially the first class of Excellence Japanese students I have ever had. They have worked so hard since Term 4 2015 and I could not be more proud of their efforts. They have grown in confidence and language ability more than I could ever have imagined. I know they will take this experience forward in life with them and be better for it.

Thank you to Park Lake staff and parents for supporting this new program. I am glad to see the new group of Year 5 students enjoying it also.

Some photos of our class are below. I wish all the students every success, Marija, Lily, Zack, Anton, Griffin, Taj K and Taj N, Isabel, Paige and Leah. Thank you for a year I will never forget.

**Arigatou gozaimasu. ????????**

**Sayonara Mikami Sensei**

http://vimeo.com/194600399
If your child attends school in items that are not a part of our uniform they will initially be issued with an infringement notice as a reminder, if they continue to attend out of uniform they will be sent to the planning room and will miss out on play until the correct uniform is being worn. If for any reason your child is unable to wear their uniform on a particular day then you will need to provide a note, this will not be accepted as an ongoing reason for being out of uniform.

Upon enrolment you sign an agreement to ensure that your child wears the correct uniform and I am asking that you please ensure that your child is prepared for next year with the correct uniform.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Regards
Craig Larden
Principal

Camp Australia will be providing an exciting program these holidays to our school community families over the Christmas break and into the new year. The PLSS Camp Australia Holiday Club flyer is below for further information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BROADBEACH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Broadbeach Christmas Carols is on Saturday December 10, from 3pm in Kurrawa Park. Enjoy an afternoon jam-packed with activities and incredible live-entertainment. Celebrate the festive season with a host of kid's activities from 3pm including a Rock Climbing Wall, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Snow Globe Family Photos, Gecko Sports obstacle courses and more. The Broadbeach Christmas Carols begin from 6pm including Marina Prior, Martin Crewes, kids group The Boogie Woogies, NBN Television's Big Dog and a special visit from Santa and his elves, as well as a breathtaking fireworks display to conclude.

Animal Welfare League school holiday fun for children – to be held at the Gold Coast Rehoming Centre. The day is filled with interactive activities for children, aimed at educating them about responsible pet ownership as well as being safe around dogs!

Safety requirements necessitate the wearing of closed shoes/joggers in leather/vinyl.
Children must wear a sun safe hat in the playground or sit in an under covered area (not shade of tree).
Sunglasses may be worn and should be UV filtering and of good quality plastic construction.
All children attending school excursions must wear full school uniform to ensure safety issues are minimised for the supervising teacher/s.
Plain studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable accessory item.
Nail polish and make-up are not to be worn. Spray deodorants are not to be brought to school, roll on deodorant is acceptable for older students.
The school encourages children to be neat and tidy at all times and to take pride in their appearance, for example tying long hair back in the interests of health and safety.
On free dress days, clothing should be of a standard that is deemed safe, appropriate and not likely to cause offence, and must adhere to the Sun Safety Guidelines if a child is involved in outdoor play or activity.
Surfers Paradise Alliance is excited to announce 3 family friendly events coming this holiday season! Christmas in Surfers Paradise, Carols on the Beach and New Year’s Eve Carnival. All FREE events celebrating all things Christmas and New Year’s spanning from 13 December – 1 January.

Step from the sun-drenched sands of the Gold Coast’s most iconic beach and into vibrant Cavill Mall to meet surfing Santa and his elf helpers in his quintessentially Aussie surfboat sleigh pulled by kangaroos. Roving performers including acrobatic elves and cheerful carollers will keep the festive atmosphere buzzing, while summer-styled Santa statues and oversized gifts will enhance the summer holiday spirit throughout the precinct from 13-24 December.

Bring the family and enjoy the spectacle and fun of balmy Christmas nights in Surfers Paradise with Carols on the Beach Presented by G:link on Sunday 18 December.

And to finish off the year, bring the kids and count down the New Year beneath one of the largest fireworks displays - in Surfers Paradise Firework shows will be held at 8pm and midnight on Surfers Paradise Beach. Additional fireworks can be seen at 10pm from the Surfers Paradise Riverside.