



eNewsletter

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EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATE

Staff have been working as Collaborative Learning Teams to ensure all students are flourishing both academically and with their social and emotional wellbeing. This has also included a strong focus on knowing all of our students and their needs, and using the data we gather through learning experiences to respond effectively with quality teaching approaches. Our school motto and vision focuses on learning and growing together and these school priorities will continue to assist us with achieving this.

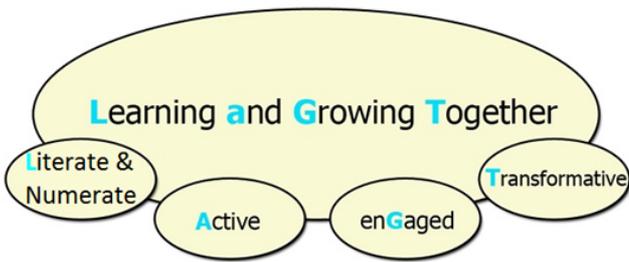
Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the information sessions offered last week, sadly weather has resulted in the delay of these sessions for two year levels. Information on the rescheduled dates will be forwarded to parents shortly. These information sessions were well attended and we thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come and engage in discussions with our teachers about how to support your child in their learning journey and learn about what is occurring in the classroom. We encourage parents to take every opportunity to work in partnership with the school to support student learning and wellbeing.

We intend to provide a number of parent workshops over the year, and we encourage you all to take an active approach to your child's learning and engage in as many of these opportunities as you can. We will try to offer some Facebook live opportunities or videoed sessions, to enable parents to engage from offsite.

School Communication

As a school we use numerous ways to communicate with our community including:

- Our school Facebook page
- Our school website
- Fortnightly school newsletters
- Daily absence text messages



Dear Parent/Carer,

2020 School Priorities

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Collaborative Learning Culture
- Know Our Students

In 2020, our staff will continue their focus on the above school priorities. These were highlighted within the school review last year as a great direction to support school and community growth moving forward. The work undertaken last year, has seen an improvement in School Opinion Survey Data, as well as growth in student achievement data both in statewide testing as well as our internal A-E data. The hard work of our teaching staff, students and wider community can be directly attributed to this growth.



- Emails
- Phone
- Face to face meetings and information sessions
- Parents and Citizens' Association Meetings and Facebook page
- QParent Notifications
- Classroom Communications

It is important that you keep your contact details up to date to ensure that you are accessing these communications. If you are not currently accessing these communication platforms, or need to update your details or seek assistance, please speak with our administration staff who will be able to assist you.

School Attendance:

A reminder to all families that learning commences at 8:45am and students need to be in classrooms seated by this time. Late arrivals have an impact on the learning of all children with disruptions to teaching and focus, as well as those who are late missing out on key content.

This year we will be working towards achieving a 95% attendance rate for all of our students. The rate of absences so far puts us under this target already. Whilst absences due to illnesses and the recent weather are reasonably explained, the growing number of absences for reasons other than illness is significantly increased.

If your child is away from school, please phone the school office or email your child's class teacher. When contacting the school, please don't forget to include the reason for this absence. We will be closely monitoring student attendance during the term and contacting families with significant absences to discuss how we can support improvement in your child's school attendance.

Every Day Counts'

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of school that's
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Once again, we welcome you to the 2020 school year and look forward to our continued partnership.

Have a great week.

The Executive Leadership Team



Ursula Carty, Principal; Sally Parahi, Deputy Principal (P-1); Barb Tong, Deputy Principal (2-3); Helen Derrington, Deputy Principal (4-6); Martina Tramier, Head of Curriculum; Erin Mitchell, Head of Special Education Services.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING - YEAR 5

Our Year 5 Teachers:

- 5A – Mrs Davel
- 5B – Ms Nelson
- 5C – Ms Fiscalini
- 5D – Mr Attenborough
- 5E – Ms Crane
- 5F – Ms Reeves

We have dived into our 2020 year with much excitement and the children have settled beautifully into their new year level.

We are currently studying the novel Deltora Quest – 'Forests of Silence' by Emily Rodda. The children will write their own sequel to the story as their summative assessment for English term one.

As teachers, we are experimenting with a concept called, 'Bump It Up Walls' in English. It explicitly shows the children in a visual and modelled way how to go about improving and developing their written work in preparation for their summative assessment.

Another method we have commenced using to motivate and effectively give feedback to our children about their work is the use of certain coloured pens/ highlighters. The colours indicate how the child is tracking and are instantly recognisable to them. It is an ideal tool for everyday feedback on work tasks, as well as for conferencing, formative and summative assessments. We use the colour pink for demonstrating the understanding of a standard expectation, green for growth and purple for progress.

This is only a tiny snippet of what is happening in our Year 5 world for term one... Please remember to return your child's permission slips for Interschool Sport/ Swimming Carnival and the Obstacool Colour Fundraiser.

Kindest regards,
The Year 5 Team

P&C CORNER

Another productive fortnight with lots of exciting things happening! Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday. It was great to see so many people and get some different perspectives. It really helps us to make the best and most informed decisions.

So what's happening.....



Obstacool Colour Fundraiser

On Friday 27th March we will be holding our annual colour run. This year we have taken on the extra bits so we don't need an external company taking a large portion of our profits. Therefore there will be a few changes, some exciting

additions and a whole lot more fun! The information has been emailed out but if you can't find it we have attached it here for your convenience.

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/485/obstacool_colour_run_consent_forms.pdf

PLSS P&C Chill Out Fund – Air conditioning our school

We are now working on stage 2 – Prep area.

***Important – in order to complete this ambitious project we need help and donations. Please see the attached for more information or email your P&C on pandc@parklakess.eq.edu.au and let us know how you might be able to help.

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/457/stage_2_donation_letter.pdf

Want to be a P&C Member but can't make a meeting?

Print off the attached P&C Membership form, fill it out and pop it into the school office before our AGM on March 17th. After this date all new P&C Members must come to a meeting to be accepted. Spare forms are also kept in the school office.

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/484/2020_p_c_membership_application.pdf

Container Refund Scheme

Watch this space, we are hoping to have this up and running soon. In the meantime you can take them to Express Recycling Nerang or Containers for Change Arundel and use our Scheme ID #C10210045

School Banking

Our Banking day is Tuesday 8am-9am. If you are new to banking please see the attached information on what it's all about.

P&C Booklet

For all new and experienced parents and carers, click on the attachment to see our P&C Booklet with information on our uniform policy, fundraisers and more.

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/415/plss_pc_booklet.pdf

Please feel welcome to email me anytime with questions or queries. The P&C is your parent support throughout the school.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Keep Smiling,
Lee-Anne Millard

pandcpresident@parklakess.eq.edu.au

UP-COMING MEETINGS

Tuesday 17th March, 2020- 6pm AGM

Tuesday 12th May, 2020- 6pm

Meetings are held in the staff room – next to the library. All are welcome.

SMART CHOICES, the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools. You can find details here

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/481/tuckshop_menu.pdf

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/475/name_that_fruit_colouring_page.pdf

HEALTHY HABITS - ROAD SAFETY

SCHOOL CROSSINGS



Today a familiar sight around schools is the School Crossing Supervisor. Their role in the school community is to ensure that the students who cross the road at the children's crossing do so in a safe manner.

Children crossing flags are displayed near crossings around schools before and after school hours when children are crossing the road. A children's crossing may be supervised.

School crossing supervisors use a hand-held stop sign to stop traffic and allow children to cross the road safely.

When the children's crossing flags are on display, you must stop at the stop bars and give way to any to pedestrians on or entering the crossing (regardless of whether a crossing supervisor is present or not).

You must wait until all pedestrians have crossed the road and the crossing supervisor has returned to the footpath.

If you need to stop or park (picking up or dropping of passengers) your vehicle must be no closer than 20 metres on the approach side and 10 metres on the departure side of the crossing. These "NO STOPPING" areas are clearly marked with a no stopping sign.



Remember, road safety is everybody's business.

PAYMENT DATES AND EXCURSIONS

EXCURSIONS DUE

ACTIVITY	YEAR LEVEL	COST	DUE DATE
Interschool Sports Program	Year 4 - 6	\$45.00	9:30am Wed 26th February
Religious Instruction	RI Students Yr 1	\$6.00	Payment Due Now
	RI Students Yrs 2 - 5	\$8.00	

PAYMENT SCHEDULE JAPAN TOUR 2020

Due Dates	Under 12 Years	12 or over
Wed 4 Mar 2020	\$500	\$600
Wed 8 April	\$500	\$650
Wed 6 May	\$500	\$650
Wed 17 June	\$660	\$660

Our bank account details are as follows:

BSB 064-474

Account Number 10252850

Account Name Park Lake State School

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY
FEBRUARY	
Mon 24	Halogen Student Leaders Day
Tues 25	Year 4 St Helena Island Excursion NEW DATE
Fri 28	Year 4 St Helena Island Excursion NEW DATE
MARCH	
Mon 2	Regional Swimming
Tues 3	Student Leader Induction 9:00am
Fri 6	Student Council Free Dress Day - no theme NEW DATE
Tues 17	Interschool Sport Yr 4 - 6
Tues 17	P&C Meeting 6:00pm
Fri 20	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Fri 20	Harmony Day
Tues 24	Parent Teacher Evening 3:00 - 7:30pm
Wed 25 - 2 April	Rakusei JHS Study Tour

Fri 27	P&C Obstacle Run
Mon 30	RI Concert 11:45 - 12:15: RI Students only NEW DATE
APRIL	
Thurs 2	Student Council Awareness; Green Day; Eco Marines Emu Walk
Thurs 2	Year 6 Instrumental Music Transition Day at PPSHS (strings and band)
Fri 3	Cross Country Yr 4 - 6: 9:00 - 11:00am
Fri 3	Japanese Drumming - Yr 4 - 6: Middle and Afternoon sessions
Fri 3	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 20	Term 2 Commences

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 1 2020

PLEASE NOTE

ASSEMBLY COMMENCES IN THE HALL AT 2:00PM

TERM 1	EARLY/MIDDLE/SENIOR	ASSEMBLY HOSTS
Monday 24 February	Senior	5A and 5B
Monday 2 March	Middle	2A and 2B
Monday 9 March	Early	1C and 1D
Monday 16 March	Senior	4A and 4B
Monday 23 March	Middle	3D and 3E - class change
Monday 30 March	Early	Japanese Excellence

YOU CAN DO IT! PROGRAM

Achieve to the Best of Your Abilities



"You Can Do It!" Education

You Can Do It!...at Park Lake State School.

Several years ago, a committee formed to address issues associated with student inter-personal behaviour. After a process of consultation, information gathering and research, it

became clear that a proactive approach in the wider context of student social and emotional development would be required to address such issues.

A program with the goal of fostering the social and emotional development of children, allowing them to develop to their full potential, was selected. This program is YOU CAN DO IT! (YCDI!). Developed in Australia, at the University of Melbourne, by psychologist, Professor Michael Bernard, it has been used extensively and very successfully in the US, UK, and Australia, including many schools in and around Brisbane... click on the link below to view the full article.

"You are what you are and where you are because of what has gone into your mind.

You can change what you are and where you are by changing what goes into your mind."

Zig Ziglar
Motivational Speaker

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/479/snapshot_1_getting_started_plss.pdf

QCWA COMPETITION

On behalf of the Coomera Branch Queensland Country Women's Association, we invite the students of your school to again participate in our Annual Country of Study Competition for Primary School age children.

The country of study last year was Lithuania. Park Lake SS had two first prize winners at our State level of competition.

This year, 2020, the country of study is **Japan**, and we invite your students to "journey through Japan" and we look forward to their involvement once again this year.

Please find attached the competition schedule, including guidelines, the colouring-in picture for Prep and Year1, and the judging sheets for years 5 and 6.

Please ensure that children follow the criteria given. For example, size limits, student name to be included on back of entry (not on the front) and the name of the country – Japan must appear on the front of the entry for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Entries close Friday 24th April, 2020. These will be collected from the school office.

After judging has been completed, prize winners will be notified and invited to attend the Branch International Day on Friday 29th May in our hall on Maudsland Road, Oxenford.

Rosie Murphy
International Officer
Coomera Branch QCWA

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/466/2020_japan_school_childrens_competition_schedule.pdf

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https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/469/2020_year_6_computer_generated_project_booklet_1.pdf

THE MUSIC BUS PARK LAKE SS

HELENSVALE SHS EXCELLENCE PROGRAMS INFORMATION EVENING



YEAR 7 2021 ACADEMY PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE

JAPANESE | E4E | EXCITE | ARTS | SPORTS

Our Academy Programs of Excellence offer students a unique opportunity to pursue their passion in the areas of Academia, Sport, Japanese, Education for Entrepreneurs and the Arts. As a member of the Helensvale Academy, students will engage in challenging learning experiences that foster elite skill development, critical and creative thinking, quality collaboration and effective communication skills. Our expert teaching team are committed to nurturing each and every student to realise their full potential and achieve success in their chosen field.

Information Evening
Monday 2nd March 2020, 6:00 PM
Student Activity Centre, Helensvale SHS

Come and meet our expert teaching team who will be available for Q&A in the Performing Arts Centre from 5:30PM.

One Student One Community Many Futures

COMMUNITY NEWS