FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parent/Carer

Our strings students and Mrs Sullivan attended the music Fanfare last Wednesday and were awarded GOLD for their performance; this is an outstanding achievement for such a young strings group. Congratulations to all of the participants and to Mrs Sullivan on her fantastic work in helping the students to grow their confidence and learn their instruments to such a high standard.

Congratulations to the students who attended the District Cross Country last Friday, the students demonstrated excellent behaviour and most placed in the top fifty in their events with all races having over one hundred and ten competitors. Special congratulations to Jordan Chalmers who placed seventh in the under 10s event and will now participate in the Regional Cross Country. Good luck Jordan!

Last Friday, 23 May, we had a fantastic day for Walk to School Safely Day with over 420 students walking to school either with a parent or with their friends. It was fantastic to hear from parents who just parked a little away from the school and then walked the last part with their child, this is a great way to start to become involved and it really only takes a little organisation and leaving home those few minutes earlier. Congratulations to the winners of our ‘Bling Your Boots” competition, I saw some amazingly colourful and decorative shoes on Friday morning as students entered our school.

Don’t forget that we are trying to start a walking school bus. This concept is based on a group of students meeting at one place in the community and walking to school one day a week, at least to start with, under the supervision of several trained parents/carers. To start the process we need to gather the names of parents or carers that are interested in being trained as a walking school bus supervisor. The Gold Coast City Council will provide training and will lead the introduction of the walking school bus, supporting the supervisors during the first part of the process. If you are interested in being trained and supporting this initiative please let the Admin staff know either through an email, call, note or just drop in to the Office. I am looking forward to this new initiative starting at our school and once again promoting active travel to school.

We also celebrated Under 8’s day on Friday with some fabulous activities and lots of fun. I think that in amongst all of the pressures of school we sometimes forget that our children need to just have fun some times. Thank you to Mrs Lennox and the Early Years staff for organising another fabulous Under 8’s day.

Our school had a discipline audit last Wednesday and the results of the audit were very good. We received ratings in the high and outstanding ranges for most areas of our school. The feedback was very positive and we also received a few ideas to assist us in continuing to develop our whole school discipline processes and ways to interpret the data we are collecting on positive and negative behaviours. Thank you to the staff, students and parents or carers who were contacted by the auditor, your input was important in gaining a full picture of our school.

Just a reminder that if you would like to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher you are more than welcome to do this at any time. All I ask is that you please make an appointment with the teacher so that they can ensure that they are focused on the discussion and are not being interrupted by other preparation or activities. Please remember that your child is not the only one in a teacher’s class and they need to ensure that time is provided for all families throughout the week and term.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards
Craig Larden
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS P - 2

Hello Everyone

Wow! Wasn’t Under 8’s Day Great! The rain held off and we had an enjoyable afternoon at Flooded Gum park. A huge thanks to Miss Wood, Miss Geerligs and Mrs Ashley-Hyett and all our Early Years Staff for making this a wonderful experience. The range of adventures that were on offer were engaging and filled with fun. It was awesome to have the Kindergarten children join us for the day. The

Great state. Great opportunity.
Let's Play certainly encouraged students to be involved in the activities of: ribbon dancing, tug of war, parachute games, hula hooping, skipping, drawing, ball games, play dough, construction, races and games which initiated various forms of communication. An absolutely fantastic session for our students: once again staff well-done for all the extra things you do for our children.

This past week saw us conduct our first Early Years Partnership meeting. Many of the Directors and Teachers from the Kindergartens and Long Day Care centres, that operate within and just outside our catchment, took us up on our invitation to visit our school. It was a very exciting event that hopefully see us working together to assist children in their transition from these early childhood environments to our school.

Over the past fortnight I have also encountered some other awesome experiences. I wanted to share a few examples of the great things I have witnessed across the school.

- Last week Mrs Cook and Mrs Palmer took a number of students to District Cross Country. They reported that our students performed very well but more importantly made special comment on their excellent behaviour and sportsperson-ship while participating. Congratulations to the students who participated. We are very proud of your effort. Recognition must be given to Jordan Chalmers who will now run at regional level. Well done and best wishes Jordan.

- Our Instrumental Strings team lead by Mrs Sullivan won GOLD at the Fanfare last week. That is a first for our school and I was personally proud of their efforts. I have watched a number of students in the team grow and develop their musical ability. All that practice has paid off and they have been rewarded for their efforts. Awesome result.

- ‘Bling Your Boots’ and National Walk to School Day was held last Friday with a huge number of students enjoying the celebration. Thank you to Mrs Wood and Miss Marks for organising this event. It was a lot of fun. Many students walked to school and received a breakfast treat which was provided by the Gold Coast City Council for their efforts.

Finally, students are sent to visit me as a reward; to share their great work. This is my favourite part of my role. Not only are they excited to see me but so too am I by sharing time with them and listening about their learning. This past week I have had a number of students and I would personally like to acknowledge their efforts:

Carissa, Charlize and Abbey from the Koala class read their narrative fairy tales to me. I was really impressed with their ability to retell the story in detail. Great job girls.

Joseph from Platypus shared with me his design of a ‘perfect playground.’ I would love to see our school implement this idea, having a slide into a pool. Great plan Joseph.

Hopefully if you are reading this on Thursday I am still celebrating New South Wales win in the first State of Origin clash for 2014. If not, the next one’s ours.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours In Education
Mrs Kris Lennox

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS MIDDLE PHASE

Last week, I had the pleasure of going to Upper Coomera State College to watch our Strings Ensemble participate in FanFare. The children played exceptionally well and came away with our first ever GOLD award. A big thank you to Mrs Teena Sullivan who has done an outstanding job in teaching our Strings students and preparing them for their first big event in teaching our Strings students and preparing them for their first big event this year. I am looking forward to seeing what the Gold Coast Eisteddfod holds for us.

Congratulations to all of our staff and students who participated in “Bling Your Boots” day last Friday. This was certainly a successful day. It was great to see so many of our students walking safely to school and it was even more exciting to see some of the bright, colourful shoes that students took the opportunity to wear. Congratulations to “Uluru” who had the most students walk to school – a massive 21 students from the one class! What a sensational effort!

Over the last fortnight, we have had some external feedback from supervisors and auditors about how we are travelling as a school in both academic and behavioural domains. Overall, the feedback was extremely positive. Our Executive Director has to date, visited quite a few of our classrooms and always speaks favourably about the learning that she sees occurring within our classrooms. It is impressive to walk into our classrooms and “feel” the learning that is occurring. When we speak with students, they are able to tell us exactly what they are learning and why. This is something that is consistent from Prep through to Year 7. Our pedagogical coaches, Mrs Martina Tramier and Mrs Sam McGregor have been instrumental in ensuring that pedagogy is consistent and effective across the entire school. When our teachers are consistent in their approach to pedagogy, it makes it easier for our students to transition from one year level to the next. Have you had a chance to ask your child about “Smart Maths” yet? Martina and Sam ran a parent workshop yesterday which was attended by many appreciative parents. If you were unable to attend and would like some further detail on this, please contact Sam or Martina at the school.

It is particularly noteworthy to mention the fantastic job that our P-4 teachers are doing in the teaching of reading. My visits into the classrooms during “Daily 5” show that the children are excited about reading. They are developing some great, independent skills in reading. They are reading because they want to read.…it excites them, not because they “have” to read. The feedback that I am hearing teachers give to their students is exceptional. I would like to extend a thank you to Miss Jackie Diamond who has been our key coach in this area. I can see that her efforts are certainly making a difference to student outcomes.

The discipline auditor also spoke extremely positively about how the behaviours of students at the school are managed. I
would like to thank our parents for this. Parents at Park Lake work together with classroom teachers and the administration of the school to ensure that we are consistent in what we are teaching the children. There are always occasions when children make mistakes, and it is working with parents that we are able to ensure that children learn from their mistakes and don’t make the same mistake twice.

Our children are busy completing a lot of assessments over the next few weeks in preparation for reporting. Please ensure that your child is at school each day unless they are genuinely unwell. Remember that classes are competing for a turn at the jumping castle at the end of the term. But more importantly than that, every minute of learning in our classrooms will assist your child on their educational journey. It is amazing how much a child misses out on if they are absent for even just one day. If you are worried about your child’s progress, please ensure that you make an appointment with their teacher so that we can ensure they are getting the very best support that they can get.

Regards,
Mrs Barb Tong

P&C CORNER
Thank you to all of the Students & Staff for recognising our P&C Members last Friday for P&C Day! It is nice to know that what we do is appreciated and a little ‘Thank You’ goes a long way.

We all know how much our students love technology!

Digital technologies are increasingly transforming the way we work, live, learn and play, offering new opportunities, better tailoring educational choices, and unprecedented access to services and resources. Social media, online games, multimedia, cloud computing, interoperable systems and mobile learning have become a pervasive and necessary part of everyday life.

Check out this great website for more info on Learning with ipads & Educational Apps!

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Thank you to those who attended our P&C meeting last Tuesday – it was great to see familiar faces and to welcome some new ones!

EVENING MEETING
Tuesday 10th June, 2014 – 6.30pm
(In the staff room – next to the library)
Our next morning meeting will be held next term in Week 4;

MORNING MEETING
Tuesday, 5th August, 2014 – 9.00pm
(In the staff room – next to the library)

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop operates;
FRIDAY’S
8.15am to 9.00am

TUCKSHOP
Our Tuckshop is still actively seeking volunteers!
If you can help out – even just for an hour
We would love to hear from you!
Please call in and see our Tuckshop Staff or you can call
Tania on 0409 036 672

Tuckshop Hours
Monday – Friday
From 8.30am

Thank you for your support

THE ATHLETE’S FOOT
The Athlete’s Foot Helensvale support Park Lake State School by making a donation back to the school whenever you make a purchase of school shoes/runners/footy boots. Many parents will purchase new shoes for the second semester – please consider a purchase from the Athlete’s Foot! And don’t forget to tell the cashier that you attend Park Lake State School when you are making your purchase. Thank you

OUR COMMUNITY NOTICES
Pacific Pines and Community Expo - Sunday 15 June, 10am - 5pm

Now in its fourth year this event is getting bigger and bigger. Come along and support the Pacific Pines Residents Group and other community groups. Featuring rides, entertainment, small business expo and much more. For information contact Nikki on 0414 181 570.

The Big Family Fun’anza - Saturday 31 May, 10am - 4pm

Country Paradise Parklands. This family event will host the biggest Lions Club barbeque, the biggest day of family activities, as well as entertainment galore.

Big Picture Exhibition - Saturday 31 May, 10am - 4pm
This unique photographic exhibition will see three metre by two metre canvass photographs of Gold Coast community groups at work or play exhibited in the scenic settings of Country Paradise Parklands. The brain child of Shed 11 Studio this type of exhibition has never been attempted before and is to be staged over a week long period. For information contact Sarah Jayne on 0418 197 877 or sarah@shed11.com.au

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING
The Year 7 students have had a very busy term and have been working well on a wide variety of tasks. Now that NAPLAN testing is over we are focussing on life-writing in English, specifically, students will write a memoir of a significant event in their life. Having taught this unit of work a couple of times before, we know that students really do enjoy writing about their own life and their writing can range from being awe-inspiring and reflective to embarrassing and humorous. If your Year 7 student starts asking you for information about an event from a
few years ago, you will now know why! We are also continuing to focus on a wide range of reading and comprehension skills during our reading rotations in English and are becoming increasingly familiar with the Question-Answer Relationship (QAR) approach to comprehension.

In Mathematics we have just completed a unit of work on algebra, with students learning how to solve algebraic equations and graph equations on the cartesian plane. Lots more work on fractions and perimeter and area is ahead for the remainder of the term. Students have also been participating in SMART Maths activities at the start of each Mathematics lesson. This has included problem solving and mental arithmetic strategies as well as quick facts and looking for number patterns.

We are nearly half-way through both the term and the year and look forward to great things from our Year 7 students for the rest of the year.

Dave Englert and Kris Woodyatt
Year 7 teachers

CURRICULUM CORNER

SMARTS Program at Park Lake: Howard Gardener devised a theory around eight different intelligences. He suggests that, ‘students possess different kinds of minds and therefore learn, remember, perform, and understand in different ways’ (Gardener 1991). At Park Lake we recognise the many different ways in which students learn and achieve and we refer to the Multiple Intelligences as ‘Smarts’ because they describe the different ways that we are smart. Our students’ ‘Smarts’ are catered for within our classroom teaching practices, nurtured through our Gifted and Talented Program and celebrated through our weekly awards.

HEALTHY HABITS

Be aware - Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact, 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. Currently there is no cure for food allergy, avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction.

Keeping each other safe is all about AWARENESS, AVOIDANCE and ACTION.

AWARENESS - Know what your classmates are allergic to.
AVOIDANCE - Never share food and wash your hands after you eat.
ACTION - Tell a teacher straight away if someone with allergies looks sick - even if they don’t want you to!

IMPORTANT DATES

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Fri 27th | Last Day Term 2
28th June – 13th July | School Holidays

**ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 2 2014**

PLEASE NOTE:
**EARLY PHASE ASSEMBLY – PREP TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS**
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**ADMIN UPDATES**

Current Invoiced activities are as follows:

- **Lexile Reading Licence**
  - Year 3 plus
  - New students in Yrs 4/5/6/7
  - $10.00
  - Due now

- **Religious Education Book**
  - All students doing Religious Education
  - $6.00
  - Due now

- **Pat M & Pat R Assessment Materials**
  - Year 1 - 7
  - $3.00
  - Due now

- **Life Education**
  - All students
  - $4.00
  - Due by 9:30am Tues 10th Sept

- **Lake Ainsworth Camp**
  - Year 6 - 7
  - $285.00
  - Balance due by 9.30 am 16th July

Our bank account details are as follows:

BSB 064-474
Account Number 10252850
Account Name Park Lake State School

**Regards**

Karyn Glindemann
Business Services Manager

**HPE NEWS**

**District Cross Country**

Last Friday I took a team of 20 students to represent Park Lake at the Gold Coast North District Cross Country Carnival. Our students did an outstanding effort with the 10 year olds running 2km and the 11 & 12 year olds running 3km. There were over 100 participants in each race and some of our students made the top 50 which earned points for the school. I would like to congratulate all students involved as they gave it their best and demonstrated confidence, persistence and resilience.

A special mention to Jordan Chalmers who placed 7th in the 10 year old boys race and will progress through to the regional carnival in a few weeks’ time. We wish you all the best for this Jordan.

**Interschool Sport**

Students in years 4-7 who are involved in the Interschool sports carnivals will participate on Tuesday 3rd June. This is a mini Olympics day where students will compete in Athletic events. A parent information letter outlining all details has already been emailed home.

**Junior Athletics Carnival**

This is scheduled for Tuesday 10th June. P-1 students will rotate around the oval participating in athletic events from 9-11am.

Students in years 2 & 3 will participate from 11:45 – 2:30pm.

**Senior Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 13th June students in years 4-7 & year 3 students born in 2005 will compete in 200m and 800m events from 12-3pm.

On Tuesday 17th June is the whole day carnival from 9am-3pm. Year 3 students born in 2005 will participate in the morning session for sprints.

**Yours in sport**

Alison Cook
HPE Specialist

**JAPANESE DANCE CLUB**

Japanese Dance Club with Yoasakoi Maito team is back on at Park Lake State School every Tuesday at 1st break. It is free and fun so come along and enjoy the dance and culture. It is fast fitness and the students have been enjoying it very much. So every Tuesday this term 1st break in the hall with Mrs Mikami.
**VACANCY SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

- Casual rates at $26.90 per hour – 7.5 hours per week
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Application package available below or from the school office

Closing date: 5/6/2014

Enquiries: Cecily Morris 5585 1872

All staff are required to undergo a medical, and working with children blue card check which will be provided by Department of Transport and Main Roads

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

- Casual rates at $26.90 per hour – 7.5 hours per week
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Application package available below or from the school office

Closing date: 5/6/2014

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**LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANTS**

Young people find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly those from regional areas.

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

Team grants are no longer available. Team members are encouraged to apply for an individual grant.

Who is eligible?

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as either an athlete, coach or official.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be turning 12 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated sporting championship.
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in:
  - an official state championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - an official state school sport championship endorsed by a School Sport Australia member body, or
  - an official national championships endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised NSO, or
  - a national school sport championships endorsed by School Sport Australia
  - an international competition as a member of an official Australian team, endorsed by an ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.

- Be living more than 125km from the championship venue, and travelling greater than 250km return to participate in the nominated championship.
- Must complete and submit application to the ASC prior to the nominated championship commencing.
- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant for an application submitted in the same allocation year (1 March - 28 February).
- Must not have received $500 or more in federal government funding for the nominated championship.
- Must not be participating in a professional competition that involves prize money greater than $500.

Sunday 10 August 2014
Lawnton Brisbane Qld
163 km  100 km  50 km
Family Fun Rides
Electronic Timing and Result provided by
Sports Timing Australia

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