24 July 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

We have had a fantastic, smooth beginning to Term 3. I have enjoyed my time as Acting Principal and welcome Craig back next week. This week we welcomed Kris Lennox back from long service leave. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Annette Wood and Sam McGregor who assisted me in the leadership of the school in Craig and Kris’s absence.

The annual School Opinion Survey starts this week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how we can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students this week, and parents/caregivers are encouraged to complete this survey online. If you do not have access to a computer/internet, please contact the school and we will make arrangements for you to be able to complete the survey at school. If you have any queries, please contact our office. We encourage as many families as possible to take part so that we can make informed decisions in the future.

Term 3 is proving already to be full of fantastic events. On August 7th, we will be launching our inaugural Park and Stride. This is an initiative of the Active Travel committee in an attempt to decrease the congestion around the school. A map will be coming home shortly regarding meeting places. The idea is for parents and children to park their cars away from the school grounds and walk together to school each morning. A great way to get fit, meet new people from our school and keep our children safe. Please support this initiative if you are able to.

On August 20th, we have our school fun run. By now, students and families should be busy working their way around getting as many sponsors as they can. Every student who raises $10 or more will receive a prize. The funds that are raised will go towards much needed resources at the school, so I would encourage everyone to support our P&C with this event.

Our instrumental music students and choir students are currently in full rehearsals in preparation for their upcoming performance in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod in August. Please be aware that if your child is in one of these music programs, it is essential that they attend all rehearsals.

As you are aware, as a school, we are trying to increase our attendance rate. This term, we are looking for classes with outstanding attendance and most improved attendance. These classes will receive a free dress day and an ice-block at the end of the term. Good luck to all classes and remember to work together in order to decrease illnesses. During winter season, it is important for all of us to maintain increased hygiene habits. Our staff will continue to discuss this with their students in order to minimise illnesses. Please continue to inform our office of the reason for absence if your child is away. Remember, every day counts.

At Park Lake State School, we love our parents being involved in our classrooms. If you are able to assist, please contact your child’s teacher. At present, we have a number of parents remaining outside of classrooms after school drop off to chat with each other. This is causing disruption in the classrooms. If you would like to catch up with another parent, please do so well away from the classrooms. I would also like to remind the community that if any child arrives at school prior to 8:30am, they are required to go to the undercover area with or without their parent. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Finally, a reminder that Park Lake State School is now on Facebook. This is proving to be an effective method of providing those quick reminders and celebrations. You will find us at: https://www.facebook.com/ParkLakeSS

Have a fantastic fortnight,

Barb Tong
Acting Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS P – 2

What a fantastic week I have had. Hello my name is Sam McGregor and last week I was fortunate to spend the week in the role of Acting Deputy Principal while Mrs Lennox had a well deserved extended holiday. I tried my very best to be as energetic as Mrs Lennox and I am inspired by her continued enthusiasm for this role at our school.

One of the great aspects of my week was visiting many of the new teachers who have joined our school community this
term. We welcome you all and hope you enjoy spending your days with the outstanding students at Park Lake State School. Another fantastic experience I had was to assist with the morning duty at the undercover area. I have always said how great the students are at our school and being on duty and watching them interact with each other regardless of their year level, reinforced my very strong opinion. We are lucky to have such awesome students to spend our days with.

Finally I would like to thank Mrs Tong and Mrs Wood for their support throughout the week and welcome back Mrs Lennox, I’m sure you will be buzzing about and sharing your holiday adventures. I look forward to hearing them too.

Sam McGregor
Acting Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS MIDDLE PHASE

Hi Parents and Families

I have been very fortunate to spend the first two weeks of this term relieving Mrs Tong as she stepped up into Mr Larden’s position in his absence. It has been a wonderful experience being able to view the school from a different perspective and it really did surprise me how busy life can be in the administration building, just when I thought being a teacher was busy! I have loved being able to move around the school and see a wide range of students from Prep right through to Year 7. I normally teach in Year 4 and what I have been lucky to see from the students of all ages in these two weeks is an absolute love of school and learning which I believe comes from a good sense of community and positive relationships between staff, students and families.

I would like to welcome all the new families joining Park Lake this term. I was fortunate to meet a few new families who have recently moved to the area and decided to enrol their children here after hearing what a great school we are. I feel proud to be able to walk families around the school and share with them the great resources and achievements that we have here. Our sense of community is very strong and it really is a privilege to be able to work in such a positive environment which is evident even when walking around our school. Possibly my favourite sight this week was when I walked in the Wedge-Tailed Eagle class when welcoming a new family to the school and saw two students reading to someone as part of the Daily 5 program. They saw me, smiled and then continued their reading activity together.

This term we are introducing a new initiative that is part of the Active Schools Travel Program called Park & Stride. We get a lot of feedback from families who find participating in Walking Wheeling Wednesday difficult as they live too far for their child to actively travel or don’t feel the path of travel is safe. The Park & Stride is a family activity that lists two nearby locations on a map that are safe for you to park your car so that you can accompany your child as they walk, ride or scoot to and from school. We are hoping that this activity will encourage more students to participate in Walking Wheeling Wednesday and that it might encourage more friendships between students and families that travel from the same locations. The first Park & Stride day will be Thursday 7th August from 8:15am and we will have some staff members at the locations on this day as it is the program launch. From then onwards this is a family activity and it is therefore not supervised or run by any school staff or community member rather it is designed to support you in participating in the program with your child/children. We look forward to hearing your feedback around this and as always we welcome anyone interested in helping organise Active Travel within Park Lake.

I have really enjoyed my short acting role as Deputy Principal. I would like to thank the families of my students in the Great Australian Bight for their support with me moving into this role for the two weeks and I am looking forward to being back with my class from next week onwards.

Kind Regards

Annette Wood
Acting Deputy Principal

P&C CORNER

Welcome back to TERM 3 – HOORAY!!!
Whether you have been busy with activities or just chilling out at home I hope you all managed to have an awesome school holiday. We are back with another exciting Term packed with lots of P&C activities.
We look forward to seeing you!!!
Park Lake State School – P&C Association

BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENING – Expression of Interest

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you know, the Park Lake P&C is committed to building relationships right across our school community. We are currently exploring the feasibility of a business networking evening, which would enable parents who run their own businesses, or simply want to meet like-minded professionals, to do so in a relaxed environment.

We will also be inviting local businesses and speakers who support the school to donate their time and share their expertise, for a small ticket price. These speakers would usually command substantial fees, so this small ticket price represents great value, and all funds raised will go to supporting the P&C in our efforts to further improve your child’s school environment through investment in technology, reading & literacy and sporting equipment.

The first evening will be held in Term 3, if we can get enough interest. Please refer to the flyer attached for more details.
Tickets will be $20 for an individual, or $175 if a business would like to bring 10 or more employees.

Please indicate if you would be interested in attending this session by completing the survey below and which night would best suit. Once we have an understanding of numbers, we will confirm the date & time and start selling tickets. If you know of any local businesses who may be interested in joining us, please feel free forward this email or let us know by emailing pandcpresident@parklakess.eq.edu.au

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C99MWJF

Thank you for your participation.

Kind regards

Stewart MacDonald
Vice President – Park Lake State School P&C Association

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Canteen Week – 28th July to 1st August 2014

Thank you everyone who supports our school tuckshop. Our Tuckshop is celebrating ‘Canteen Week’ and is offering up some fantastic activities.

1. THANK YOUR VOLUNTEERS
   Our Tuckshop is operated by dedicated volunteers, parents and grandparents who give their valuable time to make this service available to our students and staff. So pop in and say ‘Thank You’ and ‘Share a Smile’.

2. SIZZLING SAUSAGES!!!
   On Wednesday during canteen week you can purchase Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal for $5.00 (This includes a Sausage Sizzle, Drink & Muffin). This will be available over the counter and online.

3. ORDER AND WIN!!!
   Everyone who places a Tuckshop Lunch Order during Canteen Week will automatically be entered into the draw to win great tuckshop prizes.
   1st Prize – Scooter
   2nd Prize - $5.00 lunch voucher (2 winners)
   3rd Prize – $2.00 snack voucher (5 winners)

4. COLOURING COMPETITION
   Do you love to colour? Get creative with our ‘Canteen Week’ colouring poster!!! Collect your colouring sheet from the Tuckshop or the front office then bring your completed poster to the Tuckshop during canteen week for your chance to win.

We look forward to CELEBRATING WITH YOU!!

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to all of the families who continue to support the Commonwealth Bank School banking program.

We wish to advise that our banking day will be changing as of week 3 (next week) to a WEDNESDAY.

Have you done your banking this week? We appreciate your understanding and your ongoing support.

ADIDAS FUN RUN

Our school is holding the Adidas School Fun Run this term, one of our major fundraising events for the year. Last year was a huge success!!! Sponsorship booklets were sent home at the end of last term. We hope you are all busy gathering sponsors – remember, every sponsorship helps (big and small)! Once again there are some amazing prizes, so set yourself a goal and start working towards it!! Please be safe and remember the dangers of door knocking – family, friends, work colleagues etc are the best people to ask.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Being part of the P&C Association is a great experience! Why not try it out – come along to our next meeting.

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

EVENING MEETING
Tuesday, 2nd September, 2014 – 6.30pm
(In the staff room – next to the library)
**SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING**

We have another exciting term coming up in Year 3. Last term in Science, we looked at the Earth’s movements around the sun. We drew diagrams of the Earth’s orbit and explained how day and night occur. This term we are learning all about heat. How heat is produced and how it is transferred to other objects.

In History this term our focus is on Burleigh Heads. We will be researching the natural and built environment of Burleigh Heads in both the past and present.

In Mathematics we are learning about multiplication. Once a week we get to go to another classroom for Maths, where we work with a different teacher and group of children. This provides us with an opportunity to experience different teaching and learning styles.

In English we are reading the Lorax. We all really love the movie, so we are looking forward to working with the book and using it to help us develop our writing skills. We will also be looking at different character’s points of view.

Our sleepover is coming up in week 5. The theme of the day is “The Commonwealth Games”. There will be a number of activities running throughout the day and into the evening. We look forward to this exciting event.

Yours in Learning

Year 3 Team

**CURRICULUM CORNER**

Words Their Way has been running at Park Lake for five years and the main focus of the program is word study. It is a practical program where students are literally studying their words. Students are provided with a developmental word list where they look for patterns in their words and explore the layers of information within words. The five developmental levels are;

*Emergent Spellers (letter and picture) – the focus is on pre-phonics and supporting emerging readers
*Letter Name-Alphabetic – beginning sounds, word families and short vowels
*Within Word Patterns – covers range of vowel patterns
*Syllables and Affixes – multi-syllabic words, prefixes and suffixes
*Derivational Relations – supports students to build vocabulary as well as spelling skills

Teachers use a variety of hands on activities to help students explore their words as well as focussed teaching time on developmental areas for words study groups. There is also a large focus on using both closed and open sorts. Closed sorts are where the students sort according to specific “rules” or patterns. This is what you would often see when your children bring their words home for homework. We strongly encourage students to not only sort but say the word out loud to ensure they can hear the sound. Open sorts are where students may choose another way of sorting their words based on a rule or pattern that they can see. Again, we stress the words be said out loud and encourage children to articulate why they have sorted in a particular way. This demonstrates the understanding of the word.

We assess our students each term to determine their new developmental level and the success shown in such a short period is often outstanding for many students. If you have any queries about your child’s level or word sorts please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.

Martina Tramier
Pedagogical Coach

**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

Officers from Nerang Police Station have been contacted by both the school and concerned parents in relation to people’s mannerism of driving and behaviour around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off, pick-up and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe and to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

We also acknowledge that parents and carers are not the only drivers and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe and to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

Police from Nerang along with the Gold Coast Road Policing Unit are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some offences that have resulted in the issue of Traffic Infringement Notices include:

- Parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) to allow children to get out of the vehicle,
- U-turns over double white lines into on-coming traffic (when the roundabout was only 50 meters down the road),
- Running red lights,
- Speeding,
- Children not restrained (however the parents were),
Over the next few weeks you will see an increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols. We are keeping our roads safe by proactive and targeted traffic enforcement in relation to all school zones within the division. Please remember the road rules and don’t break them just to save a few extra seconds. The consequences will be with you for the rest of your life.

Below outlines some of the penalties which apply to traffic offences that are currently occurring within your school zone.

**SPEEDING**

School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for your school zones is 7–9am and 2–4pm.

Speeding
- <13km over the speed limit $151 and 1 point
- 13-20km over the speed limit $227 and 3 points
- 21-30km over the speed limit $379 and 4 points
- 31-40km over the speed limit $531 and 6 points
- 41km and over the speed limit $1062 and 8 points

**PARKING**

Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times. Remember most schools are around residential areas, please be courteous and respectful to these people by not parking over their driveways.

- Stop across Footpath $45
- Stop contrary to flow of traffic $45
- Double Parking $45
- Stop Contrary to continuous yellow line $45

**OTHER COMMON OFFENCES**

Seatbelts – As the parent you are responsible that your child has their seatbelts on and if required the correct car seat. Penalties for not wearing a seatbelt is $341 and 3 points. If your child is under 16 and is not wearing a seatbelt the driver of the vehicle will be issued the ticket.

- U-turns – Illegal U-turns when not signed to do so - $91 and 2 points
- Red Traffic Light - $341 and 3 points
- Cross Double Lines - $204 and 3 points
- Disorderly conduct - $341

My staff and I will continue to work towards keeping your children safe around school zones and your support in this regard is appreciated.

*Peter Gordon*
*Officer in Charge*
*Nerang Police*
IMPORTANT DATES

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ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 3 2014

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** MIDDLE PHASE ASSEMBLY – YEAR 3 TO 7 STUDENTS**

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ADMIN UPDATES

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Lost property: We have a build up of lost property items once again. These will be laid out near the bike racks at the front entrance of the school over the next few Thursday and Friday mornings. If your child has lost anything please take a couple of minutes to have a look on your way into school.

Current Invoiced activities are as follows:

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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

POSITION VACANT

PARK LAKE STATE SCHOOL
PERMANENT PART TIME
TEACHER AIDE

8.25 hours per week.

The Position Description and Work Profile are available from our administration office at 1 Shoalhaven Avenue, Pacific Pines. All applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria. Mark applications “Private and Confidential” and forward to The Business Services Manager, Park Lake SS, PO Box 3410, Helensvale Town Centre 4212

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm Wednesday 30th July 2014.

The Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working With Children Check. Education Queensland actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity, and has a non-smoking policy.

Applications will remain current for 12 months.

FREE DRESS DAY FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

supporting the children of Jodie O’Shea Orphanage, Bali.

The Student Council are holding a ‘Free Dress Day’ on Friday the 1st of August to raise money for the children of the Jodie O’Shea Orphanage in Bali.

Students who wish to come in free dress to support this event are asked to bring in a gold coin donation on the day. Please remember that students must wear appropriate sun safe clothing and closed in shoes.

“Jodie O’Shea Orphanage was built in loving memory of Jodie O’Shea who tragically died as a result of the Bali bombing in 2002. It currently houses up to 83 children, the youngest being Sophia who is 3 years old. They are a small team of people dedicated to providing a healthy, loving and secure environment for our family. They are 100% funded by the kindness of generous friends and visitors. Donations of food, toiletries and basic essentials are always welcome.”

Please feel free to browse their website:
http://www.careforkidsbali.com/

Some of our students have been corresponding with children from the orphanage throughout the year, as Alyssa shares:

“Now let me take you back to the beginning … This all started in term one when the lovely Miss Diamond gathered a group of year 6 kids to write letters to the children at Jodie O’Shea Orphanage (where Miss Diamond had been lucky enough to stay and volunteer at in 2013). Initially we wrote letters and took photographs of ourselves which Miss Diamond took to Bali in April. The children at the orphanage then chose one of us to write back to, this was to help the children with their English language skills. Every month we sit in a group and respond to their letters and get to know them better.

I (Alyssa Mills) suggested that it would be a great idea to raise money to go towards their everyday needs including education
Standing up for Book Week

My favourite time of year - Book Week - is soon to be upon us again! Term 3 is a very busy time in the library as we lead up to Book Week in week 8. As usual to celebrate there will be activities in the library, lots of reading the special books that have been shortlisted for the Book Week awards, and of course we will be holding our annual Book Character Parades.

As for last year, there will be 2 parades. Due to the size of our growing school we will once again divide the year levels.

- **Wednesday 3rd September** - All Prep, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6.
- **Thursday 4th September** - All Year 1, 1/2 (Bluebottles), Year 3, Year 5, 5/6 (Pavlova), 6/7 (Nyunga), Year 7.
- Both C&K Kindy groups are invited to join us again. I will inform Kindy parents of the days in consultation with the centre staff.

Ideas for costumes could come from any children’s book. We do not, however, encourage super hero characters. Simple, fun, homemade costumes are all that your children will need. Please do not hire costumes. There will be prizes and certificates for the most creative and thoughtful costumes on each day.

Book Week is celebrated as part of National Literacy week and our Character parades play a big part of this. Our theme for this year is ‘Connect to Reading’ and students have already had many discussions with me around the topic.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia each year shortlist Australian books for the Book of the Year competition. You can buy many of these books from local shops. It is a good list if you are looking for something new for your children to read. Go to this link if you are interested in looking at the list.


The Book Character Parades are lots of fun and a chance for our school to celebrate and highlight the importance that books and reading play in our lives. I am very proud of the fact that it is an event were everyone participates – teachers, students, specialist teachers, Principals and Deputy Principals!!! – and everyone has a great time. Family and friends are most welcome to attend the Parades.

Regards,

**Marcia McMahon, Teacher-Librarian**

**ACTIVE TRAVEL NEWS**

As the cooler weather sets in we are now more than ever encouraging our students to actively travel to and from school in order to; reduce traffic around the school, promote active living and exercise and connect families with each other.

Our teachers collect information about the number of students that participate in Walking Wheeling Wednesday each week which gets collated into a school set of data. The following table shows the results for Park Lake through the month of June. We averaged 71% of students actively travelling to school in the mornings and 61% of students actively travelling home from school in the afternoons. If we compare this data to the initial surveys conducted at the beginning of the program in 2013 where we had 31% of students actively travelling, I’m sure you will agree that we are making a positive impact on the lives of young people as we continue to encourage and reward active travel.

"Week 5 was a holiday week."
We are very proud of our families who have embraced the Active Travel Program and have welcomed active travel into their routine. We understand that not all families can participate in the program on the Wednesdays and acknowledge any changes they are making to their routine to support traffic reduction and increasing exercise.

We get a lot of feedback from families who find participating in Walking Wheeling Wednesday difficult as they live too far for their child to actively travel or don’t feel the path of travel is safe. We would like to introduce a new intuitive being introduced to support those families and anyone looking to participate in more active travel by starting up a Park & Stride. The Park & Stride is a family activity that lists nearby locations on a map that are safe for you to park your car so that you can walk, ride or scoot with your child to and from school. We stress that this is a family activity and it is therefore not supervised or run by any school staff or community members. It is designed to support you in participating in the program with your child/children. The first Park & Stride day will be Thursday 7th August from 8:15am. Please look out for the map and information leaflet coming soon.

Annette Wood
Active Travel Coordinator

HPE NEWS

All classes have started off great during PE lessons this term. The prep and year 1 classes are learning striking skills using tee ball bats, cricket bats and tennis racquets. Year 2 classes are learning tee ball, year 3 AFL and year 4-7 classes touch football and rugby league.

Interschool Sport: This terms interschool sport carnival is on Tuesday 2 September (week 8). The two sports are Touch Football and Tee Ball. All students will be travelling to the Coomera sports fields behind Dreamworld.

Congratulations to the following students for their selection into rep teams who competed over the holidays; Arius Hau and Molini Kaumavae-Ramirez were selected into the Northern Gold Coast Netball Association U12B rep team and played over the last weekend of the holidays. The girls played 16 games over 3 days and were part of over 60 U12s teams to compete at this event.

Arama Hau played touch football over the weekend for Coomera Comets U10 Rep Team at the Old State Touch Championships in Hervey Bay. It was 3 days of intense competition where they were knocked out in the semifinals.

Congratulations to Isaiah Kekena who has been selected in the u/12 South Coast Baseball Team. We wish him all the best for this competition in August.

Well done to all students. We are proud of your achievements. Many year 6 & 7 students have lately been trying out for the sports excellence programs at their chosen high schools. I would like to congratulate all that were successful as it will be a great experience in regards to furthering your sporting skills.

Alison Cook
HPE Specialist

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T20BLAST

Interested in playing cricket? Commencing 17 August
For Boys and Girls aged 7 – 12
Where: Runaway Bay Cricket Club
2 Sports Drive
Cost: $99 for 8 weeks
Sign up today at t20blast.com.au or Contact Gareth Roberts
on 0449541997

COOMERA COMETS TOUCH FOOTBALL

SIGN ON
Friday 8th and 15th August
5:30 – 7:00pm

GOLD COAST TOUCH ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION
(Boys & Girls)
Owen Park, Queen Street, Southport
TEAM NOMINATIONS ONLY
Team Nominations Close Friday 8 August 2014