7 August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parent/Carer

It is great to be back at school after having a few weeks off to recuperate after surgery. It was certainly good to know that our school was in great hands and I thank Mrs Tong for taking on the Principal role in my absence and also thank Mrs Wood and Ms McGregor for stepping into Deputy roles during this time.

There are a number of events coming up in the next few weeks and I encourage you to keep a track of any activities that your child/ren will be involved with so that they don’t miss the opportunity. I would also encourage you to pay for any activities on-line through direct deposit, this will certainly reduce the time you may need to spend waiting at the front counter to pay in person. Just be sure to clearly identify who and what you are paying for in the reference section of the payment.

We focus a lot on literacy and numeracy in our world, particularly in the school setting. These are certainly very important areas of development for every person, however I thought it would be good to discuss another area of development which is also extremely important, music. Most people like to listen to music and to try to sing along, some certainly do it better than others. Not only is music enjoyable and fun, it has been proven to assist and complement mathematical development in children.

Max de Boo (Action, Rhymes and Games, p73) gives a great insight into the wealth of sound and music, the value they have for us all and the importance of involving children in sound and musical experiences.

‘Hearing is a wonderful sense and exploring it can be novel, exciting, and even scary at times. Music is one of life’s pleasures and introducing children to its magic early on gives them access to a resource which is never far away. Rhyme and rhythm are expressed by the hands and the body, and listening, interpreting and responding skills can all be developed through games. Singing and dancing with others is a shared delight. It isn’t important whether you think you have a singing voice or not – just sing away! The pleasure is in sharing the song.’

It doesn’t take much to have music around your children or to join in with them when favourite songs and dances are on the radio. Sadly, many people on the past have missed this development of a love for music and feel inhibited when anything remotely musical is asked of them. I can understand that some people may never become involved when others are around, but for the sheer pleasure and development of your children, have some fun and even be silly with music and dance inside the security of your family.

Just a reminder to complete your parent school opinion survey so that we can gain an accurate picture of how we are travelling as a school and continue to improve our programs and the way in which we provide a full education to your child/ren.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards

Craig Larden
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS P - 2

Hello Everyone

Firstly a huge thank you to Ms Sam McGregor for holding the fort during the first week of this term while I was on long service leave. I believe she did a wonderful job, so I wish to acknowledge her efforts during this time. Thanks ever so much Sam.

I am really excited to announce that we have our Koala Joey Playgroup commencing on Thursday 21 August. If you have a child that is of pre-prep age (0-4) we would love for you to come along and join in the fun. Our program consists of two twenty minute singing sessions broken with a fruit snack, which we ask parents to bring along, with a water bottle. It will be followed by a 30 minute play based program for the children and an information session for parents with a whole range of guest speakers. To register your interest please contact our Administration on 55195200 or email office@parklakess.eq.edu.au. It is free of charge and you are under no obligation to attend every week. We are looking forward to creating this link between home and school.
Last Saturday the Nerang RSL Sub Branch opened a World War 1 Centenary Display Centre at Preece House Bischoff Park, Nerang. Some of our Year 6/7 students volunteered to research and display their findings about this war on posters which have now become part of the display in this centre. I would like to recognise the efforts of: Rayah, Jimmi, Bradley, Emma, Yohan, Kaeden and Lochie of the Nyunga class under the guidance of Mr Englert. You produced some outstanding work. If you would like to see their contribution to this display it is open Wednesday and Thursdays from 10am - 3pm and Sundays 9am -12pm.

The Student-Led Conferences have been the highlight for me this past fortnight. Not only was I impressed by the amount of parents who were able to commit to this experience but the level of excitement and enthusiasm our students had to share about their learning was phenomenal. I want to personally thank you for your support in making this event a success. It was a very special afternoon.

Next Friday evening Friday 15 August our Prep and Year 3 sleepover will be held. These experiences are opportunities for our students to shine however they often bring a range of emotions to the fore. Please support your children during this time as behaviours can often change due to the differing contexts. I look forward to them sharing their experiences. We once again thank our wonderful staff and their commitment to providing these opportunities for our students. It is appreciated and it is what makes our school great.

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. If a student is absent please provide a note outlining the reason to their classroom teacher or alternatively you can call our student absent line on 5519 5252 and leave a message. Also having students here on time is of high importance, our school day commences at 8:45am. Please support us and your child so that we can fit as much learning as we can into our days.

The majority of you have already been informed and are aware that at Park Lake State School we have a number of students who can have a severe allergic reactions to nuts, milk, insects and eggs. We have put a range of processes and procedures in place to manage this and to deal with an emergency should it arise so as to keep these students safe. As already stated to you during the interview process, it is not a blanket ban of these foods, just that we are asking parents to read labels, be aware what is in their child’s lunchbox, encourage regular hand washing and not to share food with others. The following link provides information and informs you of the types of things we have implemented at Park Lake State School so that we can respond appropriately should the need arise. Thank you all for your support and awareness.


Enjoy the fortnight ahead.

Yours In Education
Mrs Kris Lennox

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS MIDDLE PHASE

Thank you to all families who completed our school opinion survey over the last week. We look forward to reviewing our survey results from parents, students and staff when we receive our school report later this year.

It is with much excitement that I announce that Park Lake has now welcomed our new school chaplain. Mr Nick Carroll (known by the children as Chappy Nick) has only been at our school for a short time but has already made a fantastic impact. Chappy Nick is available on Thursdays and Fridays and is available to offer Pastoral care for individual students and sporting/extra-curricular activities at lunch time for larger groups of students. Over the next 6 months, Chappy Nick will work with our staff to roll out programs in the areas of social skills and values. If you see Chappy Nick on Thursdays or Fridays, please take the time to say hello and make him feel very welcome.

When children have a strong sense of wellbeing, they experience greater success in learning. Our school is strongly
committed to enhancing the wellbeing of our students which is why we have a range of activities and supports across our school that help students feel and function the best they can. Our school chaplain program is a part of this support.

In the following link, you will find a series of webisodes delivered by respected psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. I strongly encourage all parents to take some time to watch these episodes. They can be found at http://deta.qld.gov.au/initiatives/learningandwellbeing/resources.html

I would also like to thank our choirs and instrumental music students for their continued efforts with rehearsals over the last few weeks. These students are busy preparing for the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. I had the pleasure of seeing our Junior choir on assembly a few weeks ago and our senior choir and extension ensemble last Monday afternoon. All of these groups are sounding fantastic and I can’t wait to see them on the “Big Stage”.

A big thank you to the many parents who were able to make it to our student-led conferences last Tuesday. It is important that students take ownership and pride in their own learning and this is one way to assist in accomplishing this. I hope that families (parents and children alike) enjoyed this opportunity.

Have a fantastic fortnight

Barb

P&C CORNER

THERE IS JUST SO MUCH HAPPENING THIS TERM!!! Don’t miss out being a part of it all!

Park Lake State School P&C Association

CUA Community Care

You should have received an email and take home brochure this week about the fantastic opportunity to be awarded $5000 from the CUA Community Care Program. All you have to do is jump online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au or pop into our local branch at HARBOUR TOWN to vote for our school!

Don’t forget to get your family and friends, work colleagues, sporting clubs and even your Facebook community involved!

Let’s get those votes in – for our chance to win!!

BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENING

As you know, we have been working through the planning for an inaugural Business Networking evening here at Park Lake. I am pleased to say, that the response has been fantastic!

Due to unforeseen business needs of my own, and to allow us to get an even wider group of attendees, we have decided to postpone the evening until MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014.

Tickets for the evening will be available through FlexiSchools https://www.flexischools.com.au/ from the end of next week. Please feel free to share the information with any businesses you deal with in our catchment, as the primary purpose of the evening is in meeting and working collaboratively with each other to grow your businesses.

Once again, thanks for your support so far, and I look forward to meeting you all on what I am sure will be a great night!!

Regards,

Stewart MacDonald
Vice President

Park Lake State School P&C Association

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – 2014/2015 ARE IN NOW!!!

These books are fantastic value featuring hundreds of discount vouchers! Packaged with loads of ideas for school holidays and weekend adventures as well as casual and fine dining! You can check out all these books have to offer at either Administration or the Uniform Shop! They are available for you to order online www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/148744x or by completing the order form and returning to the office or the uniform shop.

$11.00 from each membership goes back to supporting our school.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Sadly we say goodbye this week to Tania Geappen who has decided to resign from her position of Tuckshop Convenor. We wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Position Vacant – Tuckshop Convenor

We wish to advise that we are revising this Tuckshop position

2 x Casual Tuckshop Convenors

Details regarding this position and how to apply can be found further down in this week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL BANKING

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

Just a quick reminder that our banking day is now every WEDNESDAY morning. Have you done your banking this week? We appreciate 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!!! There is still a couple of weeks left to gather those last few sponsors – remember every sponsorship counts! Please be safe and remember the dangers of door knocking – family, friends, work colleagues etc are the best people to ask. We are also looking for some volunteers to help out leading up to this event and on the day. If you can help please email Lee-Anne : lbm2479@gmail.com

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!!!
FATHERS DAY STALL
This year we will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on Wednesday 3rd September.
Gifts will be priced between $2.00 and $10.00. Classes will be allocated a time slot during the day to purchase their gifts. We are sure your child will find something special for Dad, Grandpa & Poppy’s to love!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

MORNING MEETING
Tuesday, 28th October, 2014 – 9.00am
(In the staff room – next to the library)

It’s never too late to join up – so why not pop in and join us for a meeting.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Term 3 is well under way and Term 2 seems like a distant memory, but what a brilliant memory it is to have! To wrap up our last term Year 4 went on camp to the Currumbin Farm School and it is pretty safe to say that a great time was had by all. Students engaged in a variety of exciting activities such as archery, site navigation and rock climbing and learnt many valuable lessons about caring for animals and our environment. Students worked on team building and overcoming mental and physical challenges by drawing on their You Can Do It keys.

“Currumbin Farm Camp was a fantastic experience for myself. We did amazing activities such as archery, rock climbing, site-navigation and lots more! I extremely enjoyed it. I felt worried then I was fine and happy. At night it was absolutely freezing in the tent.” Kian, Sydney Opera House.

“At Camp you get to learn new things and do things you haven’t done before. I loved the rock climbing at camp because it was really challenging and I hadn’t done it before” Paige, Great Australian Bight.

“I loved all the activities because I hadn’t tried them before and I got to meet new people” Chiron, Uluru.

“Our grade 4 camp was great with everyone having fun every day. In my opinion archery, team games and animal feeding was the best. We also had fun with the night activities and a story around the nice warm campfire. No one went hungry with three served meals each day and at the end of camp a team group got an award for having the most bonus points” Quintin, Murray River.

Thank you to all the parents for allowing their children to attend this camp. They learnt valuable life skills, had loads of fun and created priceless memories.

 Regards,
The Year 4 Team

CURRICULUM CORNER

Did you know that Book Week is not just about dressing up as a favourite book character? There is much more, and at Park Lake we try to incorporate some of this at our school.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia is the promoter and organiser of Book Week for each year. The organisation has a strong commitment to the Australian community to endorse quality Australian books for children, written by Australian authors. Each year a select panel of judges read hundreds of children’s books to shortlist 5 or 6 quality books for 5 categories for the Book of the Year Awards.

At Park Lake State School I ensure that the students have access to these books. I purchase all the shortlist books from the 4 categories that apply to Primary School and read some of them in our library program. All of the books are on display for all students to read. Over the years some fabulous books
have come from this list – books that many of you have in your homes. I recently read ‘Sebastian Lives in a Hat’ to the Year 2 students and was amazed at how many children have this book at home. Just a little book about a wombat that was shortlisted back in 1986! Another great book that I read each year to Prep is ‘Where is the Green Sheep’ by Mem Fox - a winner of the Early Childhood category in 2005.

We celebrate Book Week with some amazing books and yes, we dress up! The participation on these days is always something awesome to see! As our school has developed, we have grown from a small parade in the undercover area to now 2 big parades with 850 students and 2 Kindy classes as well. I love looking back at some of the photos from each year and reminiscing over some of the fantastic costumes with the classes.

While it is a fun day, I am continually reminded of the importance about sharing and discussing what we are reading. It is so important to keep pushing ourselves to read various genres so we can develop opinions, make connections, create an understanding of worlds we have not experienced, and for pure enjoyment of the written word.

If you are interested in the shortlisted books for 2014 go to this link - http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm. The CBCA also publish a website that reviews and circulates the latest news about authors, booklists, articles and the latest topics from the children’s book world. Reading Time - http://readingtime.com.au

I will post more information about the Character Parades in the next newsletter.

Regards,
Marcia McMahon
Teacher Librarian

The Evil Queen from the fairytale Snow White. Hmmmm…what will Mrs McMahon be dressed up as this year??

HEALTHY HABITS

August is Dental Health Awareness Month

Dental Health Month aims to raise public awareness as around ¼ of Australians have untreated dental decay and only 39% of Australian adults visit the dentist for a yearly check up. As most dental diseases are completely preventable, we need to focus on early intervention and prevention to keep enjoying good oral health.

Let’s keep our teeth for life, and help our children do the same! Read more at www.dentalhealthweek.com.au
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**ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 3 2014**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**EARLY PHASE ASSEMBLY – PREP TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS**

**MIDDLE PHASE ASSEMBLY – YEAR 3 TO 7 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
  - $3.00
  - Semester 2
  - Due now
Parents should also be aware of any changes to rehearsal times coming up to Eisteddfod. The Senior Choir has an additional rehearsal on Wednesday mornings and Thursdays as normal. Please check with teachers so that you are aware of timetable changes.

Thank you for your cooperation during this busy time.

**Sonia Filkorn**
*Music Teacher*

**POSITION VACANT**

**2 x TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITIONS VACANT**

Applications are invited for the position of casual tuckshop convenor at Park Lake State School.

The tuckshop is expected to operate 8.30am-2pm 5 days per week and caters for 850 students and staff.

Each position will be 3 days per week and will include each Friday.

Experience is essential. The successful applicant will be employed on the basis of successfully obtaining a Suitability Card from the Commission for Children and Young People.

For further information and to apply please contact the school on 55195200

Applications close on Friday 22nd August, 2014 at 4pm.

**ACTIVE TRAVEL NEWS**

One of the objectives in our school Active Travel Plan is that between 2013 and 2015 Park Lake State School will educate the school community on safe travel. This year we had Surfside Buses come to our school and conduct practical lessons with every class in the school in an actual BUS! This was aimed at promoting buses as a way of actively travelling and all the safety aspects around this.

Last term the Year four students went along to the PCYC at Ashmore and completed a Bike Safety Education Course. Bicycle Education is designed to improve road awareness and bicycle riding skills and teaches students the correct way to ride a bicycle including safety aspects and identifies hazards in a fully controlled environment on specially designed bicycle safety track, complete with all road signs and operating traffic lights.

Each child got their own bike and safe helmet and learned all about the road signs, road rules and looking after a bike to keep it safe. This real-life learning gave the students a chance to learn all about how the road works but also gave them a chance to use their skills on the specifically designed course. Some students found this course challenging to remember all the rules but after having time to ride around at their leisure they started to feel more comfortable.
“I liked when she taught us to go around the roundabouts. It was a little bit hard but it was easier when we could see what way to go”. Montana

“I liked riding around free and waiting at the traffic lights. It teaches me how to be a better rider on the road and a better driver when I am older. If you got caught not following the rules you went to jail but you learnt from your mistake”. Sam

“The roundabouts were the hardest part. I think other students should go too because it helps you learn the road rules. If you don’t know the road rules when you are older you can get caught or have a crash”. Haylee

Park Lake State School
Family Park & Stride

Welcome to the Park Lake State School Active Travel Map. Our school is working hard to establish healthy lifestyles for all of our students and families. You can help by walking, riding or catching public transport to and from school, instead of driving the car. If you live too far away from the school to walk or cycle, try leaving the car 500m or more from school and walk or ride the remaining few blocks. Try leaving the car at one of our two Park and Stride locations and join other families to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. We are a healthy active travel school, choose one of our top 5 ways to get active and be healthy! This is a family activity. No school supervision.

Cheerfully,
Annette Wood
Active Travel Coordinator

ADIDAS FUN RUN

Park Lake State School Fun Run
Invites families to come support your child in the
2014 Fun Run!
Wednesday 20th August

Running times are as follows
Prep - Year 1: 9:00 to 9:30
Year 2 - Year 3: 9:30 to 10:15
Year 4 - Year 5: 10:15 to 11:00
Year 6 - Year 7: 11:45 - 12:30

Sausage sizzle will be available on the day.

I hope you're gaining loads of Sponsorship!

- Sponsorship is due on Mon 11th Aug to Friday 15th Aug
- Where: The Sports Shed (next to the Uniform shop)
- Time: 8:15 - 9:30am
- How: In a marked envelope or snap lock bag

Thank you, good luck and hope to see you on the day!

Any questions please contact Lee-Anne Miller lmi2479@gmail.com

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

Park Lake State School | 8 August 2014

Term 3 – Week 4

Over at the GSIC we have had a great turn out in the below and after school sessions. We have offered some very fun and entertaining options. We have offered lots of craft including clay paper fan, origami, Aboriginal dot paintings and paper origami snakes. Recently we introduced a very cool range of new resources including craft boxes and craft kits on wheels, tiles, clay dough, button drums, musical instruments, construction sets, stickers and much more. The children have really enjoyed having these new resources and they are all very popular.

If you have not had the opportunity to see our GSIC in operation and are interested in sending your child along, please come and say hello.

A message for current families. Please ensure that your child brings a hat to after school care. It is our procedure that every child applies sunscreen when they arrive at the sessions. If you notice a red dot next to your child’s name, it means that your child has has applied sunscreen. It is also really important that if your child’s name is highlighted that you see a staff member before you leave, it means that we have some important information to share.

It is essential that you and let us know if your child is not going to be attending a session they are involved in, especially in the afternoons. If your child is away from school for any reason, please inform the customer service team or your child’s teacher. It is important to the sessions that you contact the GSIC Director on 0402 247 878 if you need to withdraw your child from the GSIC, this will allow the GSIC Director to cancel your child’s attendance. We are required by Queensland Health, Department of Education and Training, to keep a register of all children who attend the GSIC, including all names of people who are authorised to pick up your children.

If you would like any more information about before and after school care please call 0402 247 878 or our Customer Service team on (07) 5502 5111 to book.

PACIFIC PINES SHS SCHOOL TOURS

Pacific Pines SHS - Year 7 & 8 2015
PARENT SCHOOL TOURS
Thurs 21st Aug or Tues 16th Sep - 9:15am
Please call office on (07) 5502 5111 to book
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

2014 Police Officer of the Year Awards

The Gold Coast Police District has again teamed up with the Rotary Club of Broadbeach to conduct the 2014 Police Officer of the Year Awards. This is the 9th consecutive year the Awards have been held and the winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner on 1 October 2014.

This is an initiative Rotary Clubs around Australia have been conducting for over 20 years. A number of police districts in Queensland participate with their own awards.

The awards are to recognise service to the community, demonstrated by outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage and devotion to duty during the past 12 months.

Nominations are now open and can be made up until 8 September 2014 for the three categories which are:

- Police Officer of the Year
- Police Staff Member of the Year
- Gold Coast District Police Station/Work Unit of the Year