From the Principal’s Desk

What a great term! Our students have made major progress in all areas of their learning! From writing limericks to mathematical problem solving every student in every classroom has worked hard to be a learner! Great job to students, staff and families for putting in 100%!

Park Avenue Students Shine at Combined Choral Choir Performance

Congratulations to: Indiana, Mikaylah, Rosalie, Aleisha, Sheshiana and Trinity for their selection to participate in the Rockhampton Combined Choral Choir. After a full day of rehearsals they performed beautifully in an evening performance which saw them singing in the company of students from all over Rockhampton.

Special congratulations go to Indiana for her selection in the Honours’ Choir.

School Starting Time

Please ensure your child is dropped off at school after 8:30am. If students arrive between 8:00am and 8:30am please bring them directly to the Administration Office.
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
PLAYGROUP

Our ECDP Playgroup session runs in the ECDP Annexe every Friday from 9:30am to 11:00am. The children have been busy making animals in our Art & Craft this term and singing songs such as "Old Macdonald Had a Farm" and "Five Little Ducks". They have also enjoyed listening to the story "I Went Walking". It has been so rewarding watching the children interact with each other and joining in our music session.

CQ SPORTS DAY 2015
"Our Best Always"

On Friday 14 August eight of our students from Park Avenue participated in the Sports Day held at the Rockhampton North Special School. These students represented our school and are to be congratulated on their outstanding performance and behaviour. All participated in the 100 metre and 200 metre race while some students chose the long jump and shot put. All competed successfully against many schools.

The purpose of the event was to give athletes with a disability an opportunity to compete in formatted track and field events. Students from many schools around Rockhampton, Biloela and Woorabinda represented their schools throughout the sporting event. All of our students gave their personal best on the day and were commended from other schools on their excellent manners and behaviour.
Father’s Day Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to our Father’s Day raffle winners!** First prize: Aaron Berry, Second Prize: R. Shaw, Third Prize: Rebecca Schwarz.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

If you have any stickers or booklets at home please hand in to the office asap so we can include them in our total. Thankyou to everyone who kept them flowing in over recent months.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS
HUGE SUCCESS!!

A big congratulations to Miss Chiquita Dielwart and the Park Avenue team for another successful Book Week celebration. Last Friday morning saw costumes galore on staff and students as they bought the pages of their favourite books to life. Historical personalities rubbed shoulders with fantasy figures throughout the day with many returning to school in the evening for the annual Book Week disco! A huge thankyou to Miss Tess and the rest of the catering team, to Mrs Cindy Smith and the Senior students for preparing the hall, Mr Chris Wasiak for being our DJ extraordinaire and the Park Avenue staff for supervising the evening and bringing along their own touch of glamour!

Student of the Week Award Winners

These students have been working exceptionally well in their classrooms. Congratulations to each and every one on being respectful, responsible and a learner.

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SILENT AUCTION

We've just had a clean out and have lots of bits and pieces for sale! Would you like to buy a lovely old school desk or perhaps a collapsible tunnel for your child’s playground? All items for sale are on display in the hall. You are welcome to come along and have a look.

How do you make a bid? Put your name, phone number and the name of the item on an envelope – put your bid on the inside of the envelope and drop envelope off at the office.

Bids will be opened on Thursday of the last week of school and you will be notified if your bid is successful.

We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the principal. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 131 788.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Anyone with information which could assist with this matter should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via 1800 333 000 or crimestoppers.com.au 24hrs a day.

Crime Stoppers is a registered charity and community volunteer organisation working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service. For all non-urgent police reporting or general police inquiries contact Policeline on 131 444 or Policeline.qld.gov.au 24hrs a day.
Parents and Citizens Association Newsletter Update

P & C Meeting – The P&C Meeting will be advertised in the calendar. We are awaiting the finalized yearly audit to table at the meeting. Do you have something you would like discussed at the next meeting? Make sure you see one of the committee members or let the office know as soon as possible. Children are welcome to attend so that you can make the meeting that is kept to only one hour. Why not come along and see what the P&C is all about and see how you can help your students.

Tuckshop –

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

This week saw an emergency team be put together to operate the Tuckshop. We really need many more volunteers so that when our usual team is taken ill we have some eager assistance on hand. If we do not get more helpers the Tuckshop may need to be closed on a more regular basis which will be a huge disappointment to the school community.

We have been running with a limited menu to allow our new volunteers to be confident in preparing everyone’s orders. It was hoped that we could start with our new menu this term but sadly that has not been the case. While we understand everyone’s disappointment, people need to be aware of how dire the situation is with such limited volunteers.

A huge Thank You must go out to Sebastian and Cameron’s Nan, Patricia who came in and helped out on Tuesday with Leza. Thank you to Jordan’s Mum, Kandi who ducked in and helped out for around 30mins each day. It was great to have that extra hand to help set our volunteers up with their preparation even though Jordan was off school. It was great to see the familiar face of Rosalie’s Mum, Michelle, in the Tuckshop on Thursday. It was a last minute call out to potential helpers as some people called in sick, and some just did not turn up without any notice. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

**Icy Cups and Icy Poles after school**

The Student Council has been selling Icy Cups and Icy Poles after school in front of the Tuckshop. Thank you to everyone for your patience while the new Loyalty Cards were issued. Icy Cups will be $1 and Icy Poles are just 50 cents. Don’t forget that the Student Council decided that we have a Buy 10, Get one FREE loyalty card in place which the Schoeler Family has already been the first to get a free Icy Pole and are well on their way for their second. Thank you for all of your support!

We would ask that donations of cups and cordial with **“No Artificial Colours, Flavours or Preservatives”** be given to the Tuckshop or office in order to improve the profits. Donations of Icy Poles that are 100% fruit juice are also appreciated. Thank you to Peyton’s family for being the only donation of two bottles of cordial and a pack of 100% Fruit Juice Icy Poles this week. The donations are greatly appreciated!

**Disco** – The Book Week themed disco was a huge success with fantastic effort put in by many families making their own costumes. The children danced the night away while indulging in some delicious hot food where the $2 Nachos were the best seller of the evening. Lots of fun and games and it was wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces during the night.

**Father’s Day Raffle** – Thank you to all those who purchased tickets in the Father’s Day Raffle. I am sure you all enjoyed the chocolate, seafood and barbecue packs.

**Chocolate Drive** – Could you place a box of chocolates at your workplace? We have around 25 boxes of Chocolates left and we would love to have them sold as soon as possible. Each bar costs just $2.50 and the school receives a great profit. Please ensure that you return all monies from Chocolate sales as soon as possible. The P&C would like to thank all Park Avenue State School families. This fundraiser has been a huge success!

**Pie Drive** – Orders will be placed today and the Cranston Pie Vouchers will be ready to collect next week. Thank you to all those who assisted with this fundraiser.

**Batteries** – We are still collecting all types of batteries but we now need you to contact Tess on 0416 606 669 to arrange pick up or drop off times.