# Park Avenue State School Newsletter

**10th March 2016**

**OUR BEST ALWAYS**

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### From the Principal’s Desk

**Leadership Speeches**

A huge congratulations to all students who presented their leadership speeches on Monday. Courageous and eloquent each and every one! Park Avenue is fortunate to have a leadership team of such extraordinary depth this year.

**Standing for School Captain are:**
- Sheshiana
- Hayley
- Cheyanne
- Sebastian
- Leilani
- Anastazia
- Emily
- Tamika
- Jennifer

**Standing for Emu House Sports Captain are:**
- Hayley
- Jack
- Jennifer
- Niyoka

**Standing for Kangaroo House Sports Captain are:**
- Leilani
- Cheyanne
- Sebastian
- Sheshiana

### Bullying. No Way!

Join us next week to focus on making a stand against bullying and violence in all its forms. At Park Avenue State School we want our students, our school community, to say NO to bullying. **Friday is National Day Against Bullying!**

### The Easter Raffle Hamper is starting to look good!!!

Thank you! Donations have started to roll in to the Administration office. I want to win just for the apple slinky maker kindly donated by King of Knives Stocklands, The $25 Peter Boodles voucher could be put to good use too! Your tickets are attached to this newsletter. You are very welcome to collect more tickets from the office.
ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts at Park Avenue. For the 2016 school year our attendance target is 92% – help us achieve our goal! For the first five weeks school wide attendance has come in at 92.1%. We’re on target. Current attendance rates by year levels are:

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Congratulations go to Miss Dielwart for winning the coveted minion award this week.

Congratulations to the four year levels ABOVE 92%

Park Avenue State

Small Change Friday

Here is your chance to use your small change to achieve something big. On Small Change Fridays we are collecting small change from each of the classrooms to fundraise for the Years 4-6 School Camp. The class that raises the most money over the first three terms of the year will get to celebrate with a special prize! All your small change will build up to make the school camp experience cheaper!

For mums and dads, grandparents and carers with their kids aged 0-5.
Come and enjoy free morning tea and a cuppa, meet others, play and share ideas.

Wednesdays 9am till 11am
in the old preschool building
on Farrell Street
Contact Terry @ the school office
Students of the Week

Congratulations on following the Park Avenue State School motto ‘Our Best Always’. You are being recognised for striving to follow our three school rules of ‘Being a Learner’; ‘Being Respectful’; and ‘Being Responsible’ – well done!

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| Mrs Kift                             | Jennifer                             |
| Mrs Lennox                           | Cameron                              |
| Miss Hart                            | Lee                                  |
| Mrs Burns                            | Caitlin                              |
| Miss Dielwart                        | Sidney                               |
| Miss Cunningham                      | Bella                                |
| PE                                   | Jagger                               |
| Music                                | Niyoka                               |
| Library                              | Emil                                 |
| LOTE                                 | Isabella                             |

Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes go to:

Success P.A.S.S. Letters

Congratulations to all students who have received a Success P.A.S.S. letter in the mail. A maximum of five children from each classroom are nominated by their teachers to receive a letter each week. Their letter, ideal for an honoured position on the fridge, will be accompanied by a red SUCCESS P.A.S.S. which can be used to collect an iceblock from the office. Keep your eye on those mail boxes!

Centre Front Entry Gate Closed Afternoons

To assist us in safely managing the exit of your child from the school the centre gate on Main St will be locked in the afternoons. This will still leave two exit gates open – the child safe gate outside Prep and the gate to the side of the Administration block.

Footsteps Dance Program Twirls In!  Next week students will have the opportunity to dance! Every child will be engaged in the joy of creative dance in daily sessions over the course of the week. The Wednesday disco will be an opportunity to showcase their developing skills.
Should lions be kept as pets?

“Roar!” went the golden lion. I don’t like a lion for a pet.

It would put holes in my couch. It might eat my friends for lunch. I might need to pick up its poo! Picking up its poo would be a big job.

I don’t like a lion for a pet.

By Mia Crager Year 2

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Should lions be kept as pets?

“Roar!” went the big lion. I don’t think that a lion is a good pet.

The lion might eat the cat. It might cost a lot of money to feed. It might eat me!

I don’t think that lions are good pets.

By Jayden Gammon Year 1

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Should lions be kept as pets?

“Roar!” went the great big lion. I think a lion would be a bad pet.

The lion has sharp teeth. The lion might chew the pillow. The lion might eat my brother!

I don’t think lions are good pets.

By Kendell Marshall Year 1
Should lions be kept as pets?

“Roar!” went the big gold lion. I think a lion is a good pet.

I would train the lion. I would have a cage. I would get fish and meat and sausages for him to eat.

I think it’s good to have a lion as a pet!

By Peyton Jennings Year 2

Should lions be kept as pets?

Roar! Went the gold lion, I don’t think a lion is a good pet.

A lion rips your couch. They will scratch you. They might eat your friends. I don’t trust a lion.

I don’t think it’s a good pet. I don’t like a lion.

By Gibson Mabo Year 2

Should lions be kept as pets?

“Roar!” went the big gold lion. I don’t think a lion can be a good pet.

Lions eat meat so it might eat me. Lions have big teeth and big claws. A lion might eat my family and my cat and my dog.

I think it is not good to have a lion and I don’t think a lion can be a good pet.

By Shanikqua Rumpf Year 2

Should lions be kept as pets?

“RRR!” went the lion when I walked past its cage. I think it’s a good thing to leave a wild lion alone. You can’t keep a lion in your house always. It might eat you.

By Sophie Duffy Year 1
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

What’s happening in Pauline’s Room?

This term we are learning all about our body. We are participating in a variety of activities that teach us about different parts of our body, our senses, positional awareness, and how our body moves in the environment.

We love to do painting, play dough, collage, cooking, singing and movement, obstacle course and riding our trikes. We are also learning to share, listen and follow directions and how to care for our belongings.

We have been reading the Gingerbread Man book and using the Interactive White Board to make our own gingerbread men. We are also making our own book called ‘The Yummy Gingerbread Man’.
Relief Cleaner Position
Are you interested in relief cleaning? Please leave your details at the administration office asap.

RDSRL MUSTER 2016

The Rockhampton District Schools Rugby League Representative Muster is on again this year FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. The information is as follows: Venue: Rockhampton State High School Ovals (and Victoria Park). Date: Sunday 13th March 2016 Time: 2pm - 5pm

Gear: Footy gear appropriate to train/play in. All players should bring footy boots and mouthguards.

Who: Top players interested in representing Rocky District
   Boys - 10, 11 and 12 years
   Girls – 11 and 12 years

This Muster will give players the opportunity to be invited to the RPSRL “Coaching and Development Camp”. This camp will take place at RSHS on Saturday 19th March.

It is from this camp that the 2016 Rockhampton Rep sides (Boys 10yr, Boys 11yr, Boys 12yr and Girls 11-12) will be finalized.

If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to contact me on 4931 5333.

Parents and Citizens Association Newsletter Update

P & C Meeting – Do you want to share some of your ideas on how to benefit Park Avenue State School students? Perhaps you would like to be involved in the team of committee members? Can you afford an hour a month of your time to share the ideas with like minded families so that our students can enjoy our group effort. Please attend the next meeting which is also the AGM.

AGM – The AGM will be held on the 21 March 2016 at 5:30pm and everyone who is interested in being more involved in our school is invited to attend. All Committee positions become available each year in the normal course of re-electing the P&C Committee. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions will all be open for nominations. Please step forward and nominate for one of the positions that require only an hour a month to
attend the meetings and any other time that you can offer to assist with our fundraising efforts. The position of Treasurer is often the most difficult to fill. If you have any knowledge on documenting cash flow that you could put into place please check in at the office or look on the P&C QLD website for more details about all the committee member positions. Please step forward if you have knowledge of bookkeeping and/or auditing even if you do not want a committee position. Your knowledge could be helpful to the committee members.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!

The Tuckshop needs to have a full Menu assessment after recent changes in the regulations in what can be offered on a regular basis. Please visit http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html to view the document listing the desired changes. The biggest positive change to the new regulations is that salad and vegetables are to be offered with all meals sold. More volunteer prepared foods need to be offered and pies and sausage rolls will only be offered on our set “Red” days such as our discos. The initial changes may take time to adjust but this regulation that must be enforced is something that the P&C committee has wanted to be put in place for a number of years. Once the new volunteers have been finalized, the new menu will be discussed so that the Tuckshop can be reopened within the first few weeks of Term 2.

Volunteers are still required with only a couple of ladies being able to offer their time. If you can offer your time, even just to take orders of a morning please contact Tess or the Office to show your interest. We are ready to have a whole new look to what the Tuckshop will look like for Park Avenue with an exciting healthy menu opening on different days.

If you have an interest in helping out at the Tuckshop please contact Tess on 0416 606 669 or come along to the Tuckshop on a Tuesday or Thursday morning to discuss the possibilities of when the Tuckshop can reopen.

We are looking to run a prepaid Fundraising menu once a fortnight in Term 2 with suggestions of Pizza, Hot Dogs and Toasted Sandwiches (Amber rated) being suggested that are teamed up with a drink for a meal deal. This would be prepaid the day before and only one food type being offered each day.

Icy Cups and Icy Poles after school

Icy Cups and Icy Poles will be on sale from Week 8 once the Student Council bearers have been named. The Student Council officers will be required to sell the Icy Cups and Icy Poles of an afternoon so that the proceeds can go directly to the School Camp. To help increase the profits we would ask that donations of cups and cordial with “No Artificial Colours, Flavours or Preservatives” be given to the Tuckshop or office. Donations of Icy Poles that are 100% fruit juice are also appreciated. Thank you to the Green 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 ALERT

Disco – Due to the Election, we will be having a Disco on the Wednesday of week 8. Once our students have had their dance lessons within the school, a disco will be the perfect opportunity to allow them to put their new found moves into place and give the P&C a way to start off the Fundraising with a “Red” food day opportunity.

Easter Raffle – Donations for an Easter Raffle are underway with a variety of Easter Themed prizes being on offer. Easter themed Art Canvases have been kindly donated by Sharon Kirby. Miss C has been kind enough to make donations. Leilani’s mum has been visiting local businesses and collecting a variety of items that can be included in this fundraiser as well as in the future. Tickets are being sent home with this Newsletter and more are available from the office. Tickets are only $1 each.

Chocolate Drive – We would ask that families who took the Chocolate home from our Chocolate Drive to pay the monies owed as soon as possible. Not having the monies returned may cause the fundraising venture to not be offered again in the future which would be a shame as it was very profitable.

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.