Welcome to the Park Avenue State School Newsletter.

from the principal’s desk

Celebration! Congratulations to students, staff and families on the performance of Park Avenue students in the NAPLAN tests. With students in both Years 3 and 5 achieving at the highest levels in the State, we know the intense focussed work of past years has paid off for these children. In an extraordinary effort, all students performed at or above the levels we expected. Our current programs, which have seen every student identify exactly what they are working on in writing and reading, have resulted in each individual making great gains. The schoolwide attention to mathematics learning was clearly evident in the Year 5 result with EVERY child achieving at or above the National Minimum Standard. Well done all! Here at Park Avenue we have an extraordinary staff who seek to see every child achieve, to see every child experience the thrill of success. Thank you to each and every one of them. Parents and family who ensure their child comes to school ready to learn, who support their child in organising time, space and help with homework - congratulations, your child is reaping the benefits.

Pre Prep Play Group

Welcome! Last Thursday we greeted the 2016 Prep students and the families in the first Pre Prep Play Group session for the year. Classroom teacher Miss Debbie Cunningham and Teachers’ Aide Mrs Raylene Prestidge introduced the 14 families present to the world of Prep. With 21 enrolments already registered we were delighted to have so many taking advantage of these orientation sessions. If you would like to be part of this program, come along next Thursday, 20th August. It’s a great opportunity to develop your child’s confidence for starting school. You will gain insight into what their school day will look like and how we can work together to ensure your child enjoys success at school in all dimensions from friendships to academic learning. You might even make a new friend yourself 😊!

School Opinion Survey

Have you completed your survey? Due to a small number of responses, the deadline has been extended to this Friday.

School Camp

The Seniors’ Leadership Camp will be held mid Term Four. Information, including payment plans, will be sent home with students in Years 5 and 6 next week.

Morning Reading Programs

For children to enjoy success in reading, daily reading with an adult is essential. If you would like to be part of the school reading program from 8:30-9:00am, contact me directly at the school office or speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

Tall Ships Adventure

Parents – it’s not late for you to join us. This is a great day for students, staff and families alike. Sail with us in Captain Cook’s footsteps out between the Keppel islands aboard a classic sailing vessel.

Date Claimers

Friday 14th August
North Rocky Special Athletics Carnival

17/08 - 14/09
James Cook Uni Students on Practicum

Monday 17th August
P&C Meeting

Wed 26th August
Tall Ships!

Thursday 27th August
“Cranky Bear” Excursion Prep 1D 2/3B

Friday 4th September
Book Week Dress Up

Fathers’ Day Raffle Draw

Week starting 7th Sep
Pie Drive Delivery
**Working Bee**
Check out the garden in front of the Seniors’ building. Petunias, strawberries, herbs and more are ready to run riot! Well done to our hardy volunteers who won the battle against a very strongly rooted fig tree as well as planting up a storm! Put 8:00am – 10:00am of the third Saturday of next term in your calendar so you don’t miss the next one!

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
Park Avenue is participating! Put your Sticker sheets in the collection box at the office.

**PREP, 1D AND 2/3B UPCOMING EXCURSION**
By Patch Theatre Company
Adapted from the best-selling book, The Very Cranky Bear, by Nick Bland
Flamboyant friends Zebra, Lion and Moose each think they know how to solve the Bear's crankiness but their shenanigans just make him even crankier! It takes a humble and empathetic Sheep with an open heart and listening ear to solve the Bear's woes.

**Venue: Pilbeam Theatre**
**Event Date: Thursday, 27 August 2015**
**Time: 9.30am**
**Cost: $15**
**KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR YOUR PERMISSION SLIP COMING HOME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS!!**
BOOK WEEK IS COMING!!! GET YOUR COSTUMES READY!!

This year, the theme for Book Week is “Books Light Up Our World” and is celebrating its 70th year!! Book Week is a fun day to celebrate our love for books and the great work authors do. Dress up as a character from your favourite book! Costumes can be purchased or use your imagination and creative skills to make your own costume!!

WHEN: Friday, 4th September.

COST: FREE!!

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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Primary Special Education Program 2015

Throughout Term Three, the Primary Special Education team have been working hard to ensure the children are developing the necessary skills to achieving their short and long term goals. To do this the children participate in a wide variety of activities including:

**Gardening Program**

Every Wednesday Mr Smith, Ms Ilott, Miss Marianne and a group of students meet to take care of and create gardens around the school. Students develop problem solving skills, team building, sharing and turn taking. Our senior mentors, Jordan Smith and James Mason, are excellent role models for our younger students and assist them to develop positive social skills.

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**PARK AVENUE KITCHEN RULES**

*Delwyn looks forward to lunch on cooking days!*
Our ECDP Playgroup session runs in the ECDP Annexe every Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am. It is facilitated by Gail Hirning (Advisory Visiting Teacher- Hearing Impairment), Amanda Jepson (Advisory Visiting Teacher - Physical Impairment), Gail Ilott (HOSES) and Robyn Butcher (ECDP Teacher Aide). Our ECDP supports around thirty children aged between 0 - 3 years. One of the highlights of our weekly session is getting to know the support needs of our little people and providing parents/carers with an avenue to express any concerns as well as network with therapists and specialists. The morning is very relaxed and everyone enjoys having a chat and watching the children play with each other.

Learning is always an adventure at the ECDP!
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P & C Meeting

See you at the next meeting on the 24th August 2015 at 5:30pm. See you there!

Tuckshop

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!

The Tuckshop is in urgent need of volunteers. A big thankyou to Jaydien G mum Leisa No experience necessary. If you can help to make sandwiches, cut up salads or heat food, we need you. If you do not feel you are a budding cook, then perhaps you would prefer to wash up and tidy the kitchen while being a support to other volunteers. We still need someone to assist in taking orders of a morning and handing out change that would only require around 30 minutes of your time. We are happy to work around your availability and set a roster in place to ensure your time is used productively. You may have a whole day or just a couple of hours or even only 30 minutes. Regardless of how much or how little time you can assist, it will be of great benefit to our Tuckshop Team. Thank you very much to Coral and Kandi for your continued efforts where you are often the only volunteers available.

The Tuesday menu is set to change to allow volunteers to feel comfortable with supplying orders in time for lunch. The Thursday menu will be a full menu.

Disco – The disco is set to take place 4th September – see Book Week More details to follow!

Father’s Day Raffle – We are hoping to have a jam packed Father’s Day Raffle. Some prizes include 4.5kg of Toblerone Chocolate, Seafood voucher and a BBQ Pack. We would love to get a donation of a Barbecue. If you know of any businesses who would like to donate or discount please let Tess know as soon as possible.

Chocolate Drive – Please go to the office and get your box of chocolates to take home and sell to your family and friends. This is proving to be a great fundraiser and also promoting Park Avenue State School. An adult will need to sign for the chocolates and each box provided will contain either plain or a mix of Cadbury chocolate. Boxes are printed with the selling price of $2.50 per bar. We have been told that many workplaces have the boxes of chocolates in the staffrooms to entice the chocolate lovers. A great idea! Please get your money back into the office as soon as possible. You are not limited on having only one box. If you sell one quickly, then return the money and collect another. We appreciate your efforts!

Pie and Lamington Drive – The Term 3 main fundraiser is set to ensure your September/October holidays are stocked with meal and snack options. Week 9 is set to be the delivery date for McHughs Lamingtons and Cranston Pie Vouchers. For those of you who are perhaps a Pie Connoisseur, then we are in the process of working with the Pie Guru who is a Park Avenue business. Details will be sent home in the coming weeks.

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.