Park Avenue State School Newsletter

17th September
OUR BEST ALWAYS

From the Principal’s Desk

Holidays are here! Have a great break everyone. Remember that the FIRST day of Term Four is TUESDAY, 7th October.

HONOUR ROLL 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to our 100% attenders. This term those receiving a 100% attendance certificate will be: Rodney, Tori, Emily, Laura, Shannen, Ethan, Emmelia, Harmony, Sebastian, Cheyanne, Roman, Rosalie, Shandra, Thandie, Leilani, Matthew, Tamika, Kirsten, Ciara, Zak, Pratham, Jack and Tye. Cameron, Ariana, William, Beryl and Lucas. Wonderful effort!

Pirate Day raises $238.75

What a great start to the fund raising for Talisha’s National Softball title adventure! Thank you to everyone for your generosity – Park Avenue is a great place to be!

A Big hello from the Park Avenue Graduates of 1954!

Graduates of the very last Year Eight class of Park Avenue came together to celebrate their 60th anniversary last week. The evening passed far too quickly amid tales of wild shenanigans, including one involving a past principal and misused fire crackers (I wonder why they were banned…?), sharp reminiscences of life’s harsher challenges and warm memories of friendships shared. Every year, since connecting at Park Avenues 100th Anniversary in 2004, the group have come together from as far afield as Perth in Western Australia. They are looking forward to joining us on the last day of this year when the very last of our Year Seven students walk out the gate. It makes you wonder what Primary schooling will look like in Queensland in 2074...

Choral Festival

Our choir joined with students from all over Rockhampton to join together in song under the guidance of an internationally renowned conductor. Thank you to staff - Eryn Truin, Kathy Wasiak and Michelle O’Leary who spent 12:00-9:00pm with the students. Despite the long hours our students are to be congratulated on their delightful performance and exemplary behaviour. Our very own Chardonnay was selected from the hundreds of students present to perform the only solo, brief but delightful, of the evening.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations on your great work at being a learner, being responsible and being respectful.

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes go to Shandra, Kaleel and Fay

Year 6/7 Camp

This year the Seniors’ school camp will be for 6&7 students only. It is scheduled for Week 7 of Term, depart Monday morning, returning Thursday. Cost will be $250 – this includes the bus. The Senior camp has a leadership and resilience focus and will be a lovely finale to our students’ Primary school experience. The $60 deposit is due by Friday, 10th October. A fully detailed letter to follow.

Active After School Sport Term Four AFL

On Monday’s, of Week Two to Week Eight, of Term Four 20 Juniors and 20 Seniors will be able to enjoy

Year 1/2 Technology and Design

What was the biggest challenge for our Year 1/2 students when creating a toy that had to operate by push / pull power? For most, it was attaching operational wheels! Charlotte created an eloquent solution to the design brief by making a pop-up cup puppet.
Talk Like a Pirate Day
Fundraising Success!
Park Avenue P&C News

**P&C Meeting**
This month’s meeting was held on Monday night. It was great to recap the term and look at what we have achieved. The Tuckshop team have been catering for some Professional Development for Teacher Aides from schools across Rockhampton. It is great to be raising funds from out of school sources. Term 4 is set to be extremely busy with a full calendar of events and fundraising opportunities.
Our last meeting lasted less than an hour. We have a set process in place that ensures we progress through agenda items in a concise manner while still having time to have a laugh and a joke along the way. The next meeting is set to fall on Monday the 20 October 2014 which is a Student Free Day so we will reschedule to the following Monday 27th October.

**Fundraising**
Keep watch for the forms in Week Two next term. There has been lots of talk about Billy G’s Cookie Dough and we will be getting some of the favourite flavours for the Tuckshop too! What is your favourite flavour?

**Father’s Day Stall**
The Father’s Day Stall was a great success and we will definitely be doing it again next year. Some families purchased for all the men in their family and a few also purchased some items for themselves. We appreciate your support.

**SLUSHIES**
Thank you to Coral and Elliott for helping to sell the Slushies! What flavours would you like to see us use next term? What days would you like to purchase a Slushie? Let us know what you want!! Slushies is one of our best weekly opportunities to raise money for the P&C. More support would be greatly appreciated!

**TUCKSHOP**
**PRINTED TUCKSHOP BAGS are only $1 for 20 bags!**
While many of you supply your own tuckshop bags from home, we find that our printed ones make collating orders so much easier. If you would like to pre-purchase your tuckshop bags you can do so easily by requesting a take home bundle when you make your next order or whenever the Tuckshop is opened. You can continue to make your orders on the day at the Tuckshop but kindly list down the 5 cent cost of each bag you use. We have many generous students, teachers and parents who have always ensured that they included the cost of packaging when making their Tuckshop order. We have audited current practices to look at areas where we may be able to reduce expenses and increase profits. The more profit we can make ultimately goes back to improving school life for our students.

Thank you to all the new faces we have seen who have been ordering Tuckshop. We would also like to thank our regular customers who order from the menu every week. We get to know typical orders of students who order the same items weekly. A $2 weekly treat really can make a difference to the P&C bank balance. Thank you!!

We have also been contacted by one of our ‘Preppy’ Mums offering to help out in the Tuckshop next year on a Monday or Friday. While this has not been set in concrete, we would like to know if other parents or grandparents would be able to assist in the Tuckshop in 2015. We initially thought that one or two items could be offered on the new Tuckshop Day as an added bonus to our Fundraising efforts!

**Battery Drive**
Spring is here and it is time to clean out the shed of any old car, truck and motorbike batteries. There is a pallet at the rear of 108 Glenmore Road, opposite the Early Learning Unit in Farrell Street Park Avenue where you can leave your batteries or contact Tess at tesscarr@iprimus.com.au or phone 0416 606 669. Thank you for your support!