Date Claimers

Friday 5th September  TEACHER AIDES’ DAY
Sunday 7th September  Fathers’ Day
Wednesday 10th (41st) September  Indigenous Writers/Artists workshops
Monday 8th September  Choral Festival
Thurs 18th September  Talk Like a Pirate Day
Friday 19th September  Last day of Term Three!
MONDAY 6th October  LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 7th October  FIRST DAY TERM FOUR

From the Principal’s Desk

Our two headline stories this fortnight are a real credit to our school community. Park Avenue is a small school but WOW, there are times we really bat above our weight.

Outstanding Performances by Park Avenue Softballers at the State Titles!

Talisha and Gabby performed strongly at the State selection trials for softball bringing home silver medals! As a pitcher and catcher combination they formed the heart of the Capricornia team that was only just beaten out of first by Sun Coast. Talisha’s outstanding performance completely won over the selectors and earned her a place in the QUEENSLAND team. She has been selected for the highly sought after positions of pitcher and short stop! We are so proud of you Talisha. It is an extraordinary achievement to be identified as one of the best in such a competitive sporting arena. All the best for the Australian titles which will be held on the 10th November in Toowoomba.

41% of Park Avenue Year Three Students Achieved in the top two bands in NAPLAN

Congratulations to students and teachers on this extraordinary achievement!!! Year Five and Year Seven students were also outstanding performers with 27% and 22% respectively, achieving a top two band spot. Here at Park Avenue, teachers and students are working daily at setting and achieving high challenge learning goals. Their performance in NAPLAN is only one measure of this daily progress. Great work team – this success has only been made possible by the commitment, energy and enthusiasm of the whole team – teachers, students and everyone at home! Individual reports for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will accompany this newsletter today.
Thank you to the Park Avenue Teacher Aides

Tomorrow is ‘Teacher Aides’ Day! Everything you see done at our school has a teacher aides’ input somewhere. A scrape cleaned and eased with that gentle touch, your child safely on the bus, NAPLAN scores ... their touch is everywhere. If you have a chance please take the opportunity to join with us in letting our teacher aides know that we really appreciate each and every one of them!

MULTI-CULTURAL WEEK AT THE ECDP

During Week Five the Early Childhood Development Program hosted a Multi-Cultural week for all students. Teachers carried out related Art & Craft activities, music and outdoor entertainment. The culmination of this week was a Morning Tea attended by parents, grandparents, carers and siblings. The food had a cultural theme and staff members wore costumes from other countries. A highlight of the week was an Indigenous dance performed by Jiervarn. The children also found having a blow on his didgeridoo highly entertaining. The week proved highly successful and was a tribute to our two ECDP Teacher Aides, Robyn Butcher and Jenny Geer. Both Teacher Aides facilitated the entire week and implemented lessons and organised activities as part of their assessment requirements for their Certificate IV in Education Support.

THANK YOU JENNY & ROBYN

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Students have been enjoying the Wednesday afternoon cricket sessions. The program has offered a wonderful opportunity for fitness and skill development under the supervision of specialist coaches. The last Wednesday of term will be the final cricket session.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Happy Birthday!**

*Best wishes go to N’Kaia and Lochlan*

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### PARK AVENUE GREATS

**What an extraordinary student body we have – what might they achieve in the future? Continuing our series on past students.**

Glen Clifford Housman was an Australian long-distance freestyle swimmer of the 1980s and 1990s, who won the silver medal in the 1500 m freestyle, swimming at the **1992 Barcelona Olympics**. In 1990 Glen was named ‘Australian Swimmer of the Year’.

Housman entered the international stage after winning the 400 m, 800 m and 1500 m freestyle events at the 1989 Australian championships, gaining selection for the Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo, Japan, where he claimed gold in the 1500 m event. He continued to improve, breaking the 1500 m world record in Adelaide at the 1990 Australian championships to qualify for the **1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland**. However, this record was disallowed as the electronic timing equipment failed as he touched the finishing wall, even though he was clearly ahead of the world record as he touched. This incident caused considerable embarrassment to Adelaide as they were later unsuccessful in their bid for the **1998 Commonwealth Games**, losing to Kuala Lumpur. Housman proceeded to win a gold and silver in the 1500 m and 400 m events respectively in Auckland. In 1991 Glen was sidelined due to illness. He continued to swim with distinction for a number of years upon his recovery but never quite regained his top level of world standing again. 

Adapted from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glen_Housman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glen_Housman)

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P&C Meeting
This month’s meeting will be held on the 15 September 2014 at 5:30pm. We would love to see some new faces and get your ideas of how we can fundraise to increase our bank balance so we can fund our projects. We are still looking for more suggestions of how to resurface the netball courts that are currently asphalt. Don’t forget to add agenda items prior to the P&C Meeting. Children are always welcome as we would love your input.

Fundraising
Next term we will be having Billy G’s Cookie Dough as a Fundraiser. It was very popular last year and we have recently had a few parents ring to ask about it again. There are lots more variety this year including Gluten Free options as well as dough suitable for your pets. This was a great Fundraiser for the school last year and hope that this year will prove the same. We plan on getting forms out by Week Two in Term Four.

PIE DRIVE
Thank you for your support with selling the Pie Drive Vouchers. We sold 197 vouchers. Well Done!!

Father’s Day Stall
We have already had several people order items from our Father’s Day Stall. Students have been shown all the items on offer and been given their order forms to purchase items and have their gifts wrapped by the Student Council. Gift Wrapping proceeds will go towards the Student Council fundraising.

SLUSHIES
Spring has arrived and so have the warmer afternoons. We now have slushies on sale every Thursday and Friday afternoon. Small Slushies are still only $2 and Large Slushies are $4. Thank you to Coral who has kindly offered to assist on a Thursday and Friday afternoon to sell Slushies. If you would like to help sell Slushies, please see Tess or Elliott.

TUCKSHOP
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
In the last few weeks our takings have increased dramatically. It is great to see. Thank you! It is surprising at how orders of just $2 can assist our school. We would like to encourage everyone to purchase the Large Printed Tuckshop bags from the school for only $1 for 20 bags. We will be enforcing the cost of the bags. Over recent months people have not been paying the 5 cents per bag and we really do need to be mindful of how packaging can affect the Tuckshop profits. We will have packs made up to prepurchase for those who like to complete your forms at home.

The end of the cold season has seen a few of our volunteers being away due to illness. We would love to have a few people on standby that we can call in when we are needing assistance. Thank you to the students and staff for your patience this week in getting the orders out.

In Term 4 we would like to include some of the same Salad Items we have sold in previous years. Do you have some more ideas of what you would like to see on the menu? Perhaps a Tuna Salad Sandwich? Chicken and Salad? Please let us know. We try and include various healthy options on the menu and would love to hear your ideas.

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!