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Secretary: Mrs Kathy Wasiak
Treasurer: Looking for a treasurer ☺

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Looking for a treasurer☺

From the Principal’s Desk

Tall Ships
Our Year 6 and 7 leaders began the week by setting sail in Captain Cook’s footsteps. Under the guidance of South Passages’ Captain and crew they came together as a team to sail the 34 metre vessel out into the Keppel passage. With the sails set and the wheel in able, if inexperienced hands, the bow cut through the blue waters of the Coral Sea as we headed towards the tropical paradise of the Keppels. A quick dive over the side and it was time to return to land. Watch our website for photos and writings about this extraordinary adventure.
Park Avenue State School will hold a WORLD’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA to support the QLD Cancer Fund on Friday May 30, directly after parade (9.30am) in The Hall. This event will include a Lucky Door Prize, Lucky Spot, Raffle, plus other prizes and entertainment.

Parents, if you would like to contribute a plate of food toward this event, we would appreciate any offers. Students are invited to bring along 50c, so that they can purchase a plate of food for their morning tea.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes go to Jaikai, Cameron, Emmelia, and Kaleb.

Guarantees

In previous newsletters we have discussed the money that we received to assist us in guaranteeing that all students will achieve *National Minimum Standards in the NAPLAN tests. Students who are at risk of not achieving the *NMS will be on a Learning Guarantee which will ensure they are targeted for extra learning support. You will remember that Park Avenue received $47000 specifically to support children at risk. From the beginning of this year students across the school have enjoyed the support of an extra teacher and numerous teacher aides as we work with them, and with you, to ensure they have the best possible learning outcomes.
The students in Year 6 and 7 were off to a fantastic start for a day of sailing with beautiful May weather. An adventure filled day to remember as part of their time at Park Avenue. We hope you had lots of fun!

**AGM**
To have a P&C Meeting we need to have enough people to fulfil our quorum. If you would like to come along to the meetings please let Tess know so we can ensure we have enough people in attendance. With that in mind, we have been asking parents what days would suit them the most. We discovered that a Monday would be more suited to more parents so we are now going to hold the meeting on a **Monday evening**. Our next meeting will be on **16 June 2014 at 6pm**. We need to ensure that this meeting takes place.

**TREASURER**
The P&C are in dire need of a Treasurer. If you have experience with Quickbooks (or willing to learn) please talk with Tess. **The P&C needs to vote in a Treasurer or we may need to close down all operations which include the Tuckshop.**
We are also open to the idea of voting in a Treasurer who will be part of the executive committee but seeking a professional bookkeeper to keep the accounts up to date. This however, may end up costing the P&C a considerable amount over a year.

**VICE PRESIDENT**
We have not voted in a Vice President in previous years but we are opening up the position for 2014. We would love to have someone who would like to be more involved in our Fundraising ventures. Perhaps you have lots of knowledge in this area or you are an enthusiastic parent who wants to raise money for our school students. We would love you to come along to our meetings to discuss your ideas and help create more funds that will facilitate our projects for our school.

**PROJECTS**
We have so many ideas that we think will benefit our students but we want your input! We need to know what you want for our school. If you cannot make it to a P&C Meeting please contact Tess on the details below.

**TUCKSHOP**
We would like to welcome Angelo’s mother Tess to the Tuckshop. With Kevin, Michelle and David already present we may be able to create a roster so that the load is not put onto a couple of people. We still would love if you could help out, even for half an hour of a morning or to fill in should someone be unwell and unable to make it.

Last week was our best week for Tuckshop sales with the new menu in action. Thank you for your support!!

**SLUSHIES**
Thank you to everyone who bought a Slushie last week. At this rate we may keep them going for the rest of the term. If sales go down we will stop for the winter months. Just $2 for a small slushie and $4 for a large on sale of a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Do you want different flavours? Let Tess & Elliott know what flavours you want and we will see if we can make it happen!!

**ROCKY RIVER RUN**
It was wonderful to see so many Park Avenue students participate in the Rocky River Run! Well done!! Let’s see if we can get more people next year!

**SPORTS DAY**
What would you like to see available for purchase for Sports Day? We like to encourage ‘green’ food on the menu as well as snacks and drinks. This is our main fundraising opportunity for the term so let us know what you would like to eat and drink. **Your ideas are important to us!!**

**Battery Drive**
At Park Avenue we have been collecting old batteries to recycle and use as part of our Fundraising for our ongoing projects. If you have any old batteries (car, truck, boat, motorcycle, household) please support our cause. If you know of any businesses that may be able to support our school please contact Tess with details. You can leave batteries at 108 Glenmore Road Park Avenue or contact her at tesscarr@iprimus.com.au or phone 0416 606 669.