From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome
Welcome back to Term Two. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter Break and had an opportunity to spend some time with their family.

For those that I haven’t met yet, my name is Kirsty Hay and I have been appointed Acting Principal for Park Avenue SS. I believe that this school has many great students who are excelling in their learning. While at Park Avenue I will ensure that everyday, every student feels important, learns and most importantly enjoys coming to this great school.

Everyday Counts
At Park Avenue a goal of 92% attendance has been set for the year. Our school ended Term One with an attendance rate of 91.2%, which is close but not close enough. The students have had a fantastic start to Term Two, with the attendance rate currently sitting at 95.5%. Keep up the terrific attendance students.

Success P.A.S.S. Letters
Watch your letter boxes next week, as we will begin sending Success Letters once again. These special letters are mailed home for students who show excellent behaviour and learning at school. Students who receive these letters will also be able to exchange their P.A.S.S. for an iceblock from the administration.

ANZAC Parade
On Friday we will be holding an ANZAC parade at school, which will commence at 12pm. All parents and families are welcome to attend this event. Please note this is a time change from the school sign.

On Monday, Park Avenue will be marching in the Rockhampton ANZAC Parade. All families are encouraged to participate in this event. Student will need to meet at the Bolsover and Archer Street intersection by 9am. Please ensure students are in full school uniform and have a school hat and water bottle for the march.

Social Media
It is important that parents and families remember that social media is not a place to voice your concerns about our school or staff. The appropriate method of raising any concerns you have in respect of the school or its staff is to discuss that matter with me directly.
Student 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!

Week Ending 17th April

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Happy Birthday:
ECDP from Jan’s Group

This term we are learning about Dinosaurs and our colours. It is going to be fun!! While having fun it is very important that we continue to practice and develop skills to ensure we can do our educational tasks to our potential. The photos below show the children doing activities which they find enjoyable whilst developing and practicing their fine motor skills which include drawing, painting, cutting and finger painting.
Parents and Citizens Association Newsletter Update

**Meeting** – Thank you to everyone who came to the P&C Meeting on Monday afternoon. It was a very quick meeting to cover the formalities and then we had the opportunity to get to know our new Principal Kirsty Hay. It was great to learn the previous schools she has been to and her varied interests. Please ensure you introduce yourself to Miss Hay when you see her downstairs of an afternoon.

Please let any of the Executive Committee members know of any agenda items that you would like discussed at the next meeting on the 16 May 2016 at 5:30pm. We would love to see more families become involved in our school community. See you there!

**Bus Shelter** – We are still seeking Quotes for a Bus Shelter to ensure those waiting to go on the bus of an afternoon are in the shade. If you know of a business who could assist please let us know as soon as possible.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE** – Unfortunately the collection of monies for the Chocolate Drive needs to escalate into a formal debt collection. P & C President, Tess Carr will be contacting you directly over the coming week before this process commences. A payment plan is available to ensure the money raised for our school can be banked accordingly. We trust that you will give this your immediate priority.

A huge thank you goes out to Ian Meuren for selling the most chocolates at his workplace. Park Avenue students will truly benefit from your time and effort into this fundraising venture.

**Maths Resources** – In the March P&C Meeting, it was passed that the P&C would donate $300 to each classroom for Maths resources. This was in addition to the funds available to each class’s budget. Teachers were very excited that the P&C donated some much needed money for the resources that will assist all students from Prep to Year 6. We look forward to seeing them being used and hope that the added resources can help students improve their math work.

**Tuckshop** –

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

Tuckshop will now be opened every second week. During Weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10 during Term 2, the Tuckshop will be open for **First break Monday and First break Thursday**. The menu will be limited to fresh sandwiches ranging from Egg to Ham or Chicken and salad. Drinks will also be available. As a reminder, the regulations in what can be offered on a regular basis at the Tuckshop have changed. Please visit [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html) to view the document listing the changes.

If we get more volunteers, and we receive enough orders to warrant more menu items or perhaps different days of operation, further changes will be made.

Please check what goes into your student’s lunch boxes! Students are encouraged to eat a sandwich, piece of fruit and/or yoghurt before any prepackaged foods.

If you have an interest in helping out at the Tuckshop please contact Tess on 0416 606 669.

**Batteries** – It is that time of year when our Car Batteries may need to be replaced. Please contact Tess on 0416 606 669 to arrange collection. **All types of batteries can be collected including Car, Truck, Bike and Boat.** This is a great way to fundraise as well as showing students that recycling batteries is better for the environment.
AusKick

On Monday a representative from Auskick came to talk to the students about the AusKick program starting up. All students received an information brochure early this week. The program will be held at Stenlake Park and begins on the 26th of April. It is an 8 week program and will cost $70.

Small Change Friday

Again this term our year 5/6 students are fundraising to help reduce the cost of school camp.
On Friday students are encouraged to bring in any small change from home to add to the classes balance. At the end of term each classes change bucket will be added to determine the highest fundraising class.

Show your support for students with autism in April

Do you know that there are more than 12,000 students with autism enrolled in Queensland state schools?

April is Autism Awareness Month and our school is committed to working with families and services to support students with autism and ensure that they get the best possible start in life.

This year the Queensland Government launched Australia’s first Autism Hub to provide students with autism, their families and schools across the state with more support.

Located in Brisbane, the $2 million centre offers expert advice, training and resources to parents, educators and health professionals. Seven regional autism coaches have also been appointed, ensuring professional support is available statewide.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/autismhub.

Reminder:

We would really like as many students as possible marching on Monday (25th) for ANAZAC Day. Student are to meet at the Bolsover Street and Archer Street intersection by 9am. Would be great to see you all there.