From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome

What a busy few weeks we have recently had. It was fantastic to see so many students marching for ANZAC day last week. A big thanks to all the parents who dropped their child/children off to partici-
pate in this important part of Australian history.

It has been great visiting the classrooms over the past few weeks to look at all the work the students have been completing.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is quickly approaching and as a school we are getting all of the students prepared. I have been looking at the students results and am very happy with the progress all students have made since the beginning of the year. I am sure that all students will perform to the best of their ability and am excited to see the test results.

To help students prepare themselves for NAPLAN and the day ahead, a cooked breakfast will be available for all students at the tuckshop. Breakfast will begin at 8:30am.

Everyday Counts

Our school’s current attendance rate is sitting at 91.6% not quite at our goal of 92% for the year. Thank you to all of the parents who phone the office to let us know that your child/children will be away from school.

Congratulations to Year 3/4 for your outstanding attendance so far this term, you have been crowned top attendance class of the fortnight!!

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Fun Run

On the 19th of May we will be holding our school fun run. All students have now received their fundraising booklet and should be busy raising money to ensure they receive the prize they want. The fun run will start at 2pm and parents are welcome to come along and cheer for the students as they run.

Road Safety

Our students safety is important and we are lucky to have a lollipop lady who ensures that everyone can cross the road safely. It is important that families show their appreciation by using the crossing daily.
What's been happening in 5/6 K......

WOW! What an AMAZING start to Term 2; a wonderful ANZAC Ceremony and a great school representation at the ANZAC Parade. Our highlight in 5/6 K was receiving our Leadership Badges. To think that this is just the beginning!!!

Already we have been hard at work, really putting a great deal of effort into our Literacy, our Maths and our Reading, our persuasive writing, stimulus writing and 'sizzling sentences' this term have been outstanding!

❖ Somewhere in the mountains of nowhere, hiding behind the ghost like mist is a mansion. It has a hair like roof and fragile but intricate brickwork that is overrun by moss.
   ✤ Alexis Berry

❖ The lone Police car sits there as if spectating something... Bystanders are nowhere to be seen. The yellow Police tape stretches from pole to pole, surrounding the crime scene and the street vendor casts a shadow from the sunlight.
   ✤ Brooklyn Goodchild

❖ BAM went the Police car as it smashed into the brick wall sending bricks everywhere, causing a huge back up in traffic.
   ✤ Jagger Hill

❖ The lush green trees stood together as the crumbly old broken buildings reached endlessly, getting older and more rustic looking everyday. The glary sky was like a layer of white stretched over the entire city.
   ✤ Zac Wasiak

❖ The slovenly buildings stand parallel from each other amongst foliage that looks like fresh green broccoli. The polar like skies form a canopy over the buildings, enclosing the city. Windows stand empty in every building.
   ✤ Hayley Green

❖ The never ending distance of the foliage surrounds the broken buildings like flowing water. Moss climbs up the building, creeping over it like a growing spider web.
   ✤ Emily Williams

❖ “AARRGH” I screamed as the white ice dragon scooped up the car I was under, I could no longer taste the disgusting oil. I looked around and realised that I was the only one left with the dragon, I looked directly into its eyes and then it happened......
   ✤ Indianna Roberts

❖ “NOOOOO” I screamed as my body sunk into the dark lifeless trunk of the hollow tree....
   ✤ Cheyanne Konkolics

❖ “I CURUMBA!!” I yelled loudly as the twisted old branches swayed from one side to the other, slowly reaching towards me....
   ✤ Brooklyn Goodchild
ECDP from Michelle’s Group

This term we are having fun learning about colours. We have been very busy practicing our gross motor skills on the obstacle course, which includes jumping, climbing, balancing, crawling and rolling.
Meeting – The next P & C Meeting is set to take place on the 16 May 2016 at 5:30pm. We would love to see some new faces to share some ideas. Don’t forget to see one of the committee members with your agenda items so it can be tabled at the meeting. Already lots of new ideas have been put forward to raise some much needed funds. See you there!

ANZAC DAY PARADE – The ANZAC Parade was a huge success to the Leaders of Park Avenue. The ceremony was shared by a record turnout of Park Avenue families. The School Leaders guided each class to lay their wreaths. Hearing “The Last Post” and “The Reveille” being played caused a few tears in the crowd. Thank you to everyone involved. Obviously lots of effort was put into the entire ceremony. Students, you have done Park Avenue proud!

ANZAC DAY MARCH – We had a huge turnout for the ANZAC Day Parade! Students and Staff looked the part in uniform and the parents looked great in the Gold and Maroon Park Avenue shirts. It displayed a community that obviously bands together to show support. The new route along East Street gave ample shaded spots which increased the crowd to previous years, which the students loved feeling that they were being cheered on. Thank you to all students and parents who attended.

UNIFORMS – Do you have enough school uniforms? Please check in at the office as new stock has arrived. With a focus on practice for the Run Fun and Sports Day please ensure students have their own hat.

ROAD SAFETY – Park Avenue is very lucky to have a dedicated Lollipop lady to ensure our students and their families can cross the road safely. Show your appreciation each time you use the crossing that is keeping you safe.

Bus Shelter – Have you seen a bus shelter design that would suit Park Avenue? Please let us know! Quotes are still being sought for the bus shelter and we hope a local business can help provide some manpower to put it in place.

NAPLAN BREAKFAST – Donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated! In previous years we have used 15 dozen eggs, 12 loaves of bread, 5 kilograms of Hash Browns, 6kg of bacon, 8kg sausages, 1kg Baked Beans and around 6kg of flour to make up into pancakes plus lots of milk and milo as well as plenty of fresh fruit supplied. Numerous plates, cups and cutlery are also required. If you are able to donate any of the above items please see Tess to ensure there are no double ups or if you are able, a small donation would be appreciated. The NAPLAN Breakfast will be supplied Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week 5 from 8am. Good luck to the Year 3 and Year 5 class who will be participating in NAPLAN.

SPORTS DAY – Sports Day is just around the corner with many families already sharing ideas of how they will be dressing in their team colours. Don’t forget to make sure you nominate for the Egg and Spoon Race with high expectations that the parent team will win this year! Make sure you have your running shoes ready! If you are new to the school please check which House your student is in so you can ensure you get your red or yellow shirts on time. Don’t forget that the Emus are Yellow and Kangaroos are Red. Parents and families are encouraged to support their team by wearing their colours. We are looking forward to how the teams will decorate their tents showing their team spirit.

BBQ VOLUNTEERS – If you are able to volunteer for a BBQ of a weekend to help raise funds for Park Avenue State School please let Tess know on 0416 606 669. We would like to have a number of potential volunteers at the ready as we may get a last minute call and will need a crew to assist throughout the day. Just 30mins will be a great help to set up or pack up if you are not able to take on a full shift so please ensure you list your name down with Tess.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – It has been great to see some students eager to show off their healthy lunches in some of the new lunch boxes seen in stores that eliminates extra packaging. Students have been wanting to show off their fresh fruit, sandwiches, yoghurt and cheese that has been included to ensure a healthy lunch is provided while avoiding prepackaged foods that increase landfill. Remember, at Park Avenue, every classroom has its own fridge to ensure you can provide a fresh healthy lunch that can remain fresh.

Tuckshop –

TUCKSHOP ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Due to the recent Public Holidays, the Tuckshop will have a set menu this week of a Hot Dog and a popper with your choice of BBQ or Tomato sauce, Ham Cheese & tomato toasted sandwich and popper or a Chicken, lettuce & mayo wrap and a popper. A new fresh menu is set for Week 6. The Tuckshop is striving to be ‘Green’ with a few added ‘Amber’ treats. Please let Tess know of any other ideas you would love to see on the menu.

Are you able to help out for the remainder of the term? Perhaps Term 3 or 4 will see you having some time available to assist in the Tuckshop. Please see Tess as soon as possible as it would be great to see some new faces and have the Tuckshop opened each week.

If you have an interest in helping out at the Tuckshop please contact Tess on 0416 606 669.
**Head Lice**
Please check your children’s hair as the school currently has head lice.

If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

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**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.

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**Batteries**
P&C 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.

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**Happy Mother’s Day**
We wish all of our Mothers and Grandmothers a Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday. We hope that your day is filled with love.

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**Would $500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?**

You or someone you know may be eligible to join a local savings program and receive $500 for education expenses.

The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in the Rockhampton Community and is currently looking for more people to join for the next exciting round.

*Saver Plus is a 10-month program that can assist you to save for your own or your child’s education.

Participants receive:
- One dollar in matched savings from ANZ for every one dollar you save, up to $500
- Money-minded financial workshops, and
- Personal support and guidance from a trusted community organisation.

At the end of the program you can use your matched savings to purchase an education-related item, such as a laptop, school uniform, school camps/excursions and text books.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:
- be 10 years or over;
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school or starting next year, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself;
- have a current health care card or pensioner concession card; and
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

It’s easy to find out more and all correspondence will be kept confidential.

Contact your local Saver Plus Worker Kathy Connaughton, on 0408 490984 or (07) 49248126 or email: kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au