



# Parke State School

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## Principal's Message

### Office Hours

Monday 8:00-2:45pm  
 Tuesday 8:30-3:30pm  
 Thursday 8:00-10:30am  
 Friday 8:00-2:30pm

### Key Activities

- **Monday**  
PE  
P/1 Library
- **Tuesday**  
Parade  
2/3 Library
- **Wednesday**  
Waste Warriors  
4-6 Library
- **Fridays**  
Music  
LOTE

### Key Dates

- Mothers Day afternoon tea- 7<sup>th</sup> May
- School Camp: May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
- Parke Sports Day: 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Maryborough Show: 25<sup>th</sup> May

### Current Attendance

Attendance rate

**88.3%**



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Every day counts.. To date our current attendance sits at 88%. This means that 12% of our student population is missing school daily. Over one quarter (26%) of our student population have attended for less than 85% of the school days to date. Every day of learning that is missed is another lost opportunity. Please advise the school if you child is unwell or cannot attend school.

**Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....**

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <b>Half a year</b>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>1 year</b>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <b>1 and a Half years</b>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <b>2 and a Half years</b>

***Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?***

### Welcome Miss Kurstyn Elliot

Welcome to our new Business Manager Miss Kurstyn Elliot. We are super excited to have Kurstyn join the Parke team. Please stop in and introduce yourself.

### School Camp

Payment for school camp needs to be finalised today, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Can you please contact the school if you require additional time to pay.

### Mothers Day afternoon tea & activities

The P & C would like to invite mothers, grandmothers and aunties to a special afternoon tea on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Afternoon tea will commence at 1:30 pm, followed by some fun activities and a raffle. Please bring along some change!! Gold coin donation and raffle tickets can be brought on the day. We will also have a lucky door prize. Thank you for your support. Parke State School P & C

### ANZAC day Parade

Thank you to everyone who attended our special service for ANZAC day. Well done to our school leaders and thank you Mr. Davis for visiting from the Tiaro Sub Branch. We look forward to seeing Parke students tomorrow at the Anzac Services in Tiaro and Maryborough.



Warmest Regards,  
Rebecca Macmillan  
Principal

### Classroom Updates..

#### Prep One News

It is Term Two already! This term is an extremely busy one with lots of learning and extra-curricular activities on the calendar. Term Two tends to be the term when young students struggle the most. The cooler months often makes it more difficult to get them out of bed, illnesses seem to surface and the public holidays interrupt the weekly routine. It is important that parents support students to come to school as crucial learning occurs each day in preparation for assessments later in the term. Of course, if your child is sick, please keep them at home so that their illness does not pass through the rest of the class group.

This term in English the Preps will be looking at many of the traditional tales such as Goldilocks and The Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff (just to name a few). They will be sequencing and retelling the stories as well as making personal connections. The Year One students will be looking at characters in stories and how they change from the beginning of the story to the end. A particular focus will be on the character's appearance and personality, using descriptive words to enhance their sentences. Over the next few weeks the class will be continuing to work on number skills as well as direction and location in Maths. The Science focus this term will be looking at materials that objects are made from (Chemistry Strand) and their properties. Thank you to all of the parents who have already organised interview times next week. I look forward to meeting with you and showing the great work that your children have already completed this year.

#### **2/3 Class: Miss Mills**

Welcome back to Term Two! We're excited about the learning and experiences that await our students this term. As it's a reporting term, it's especially crucial that your child attends school regularly to make the most of their learning opportunities. While we understand that illness and other circumstances may sometimes necessitate absences, if your child is healthy and ready to learn, please ensure they attend as much as possible.

In Term 2, students will delve deeper into various mathematical concepts, including strengthening their recall of number facts, mastering operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, learning to read time and interpret timetables, engaging in activities involving money and coin addition, and exploring mapping and location skills.

In English, students will immerse themselves in a variety of stories and picture books, focusing on developing characters. Through this exploration, they'll enhance their skills in crafting imaginative narratives, drawing inspiration from the characters they encounter. Additionally, they'll refine their narrative writing skills, paying close attention to structure, spelling, and punctuation. In science, students will embark on an exploration of the intricate life-cycles of plants and animals, studying examples such as the journey from seed to sapling and caterpillar to butterfly. Meanwhile, in HASS, students will continue their journey through history, with a focus on significant places and events that have shaped Australia's past.

Have a great fortnight!

#### **4/5/6 Update...**

This term, we will be continuing with HASS, Science, Spelling and Reading on Mondays and Tuesdays. In Science, we will be investigating Chemical Science. We will cover natural and man made materials, solid/liquid/gas and reversible/irreversible changes. In HASS, we are working on Geography. We will complete Mapping and Atlas activities, investigate how people and environments influence each other, sustainability and Australia's global connections. We have started Buddy Reading with the Preps and Year 1s as one of reading rotations.

In English, the students are looking at persuasion in advertising. We will be identifying a variety of methods that are used by advertisers to convince the audience that we need their product. Students will be required to create and present their own cereal packaging. In Maths we are learning about Chance and Data and Probability.

### Students of the Week: Term 2, Week 2



### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an annual statewide initiative for Queensland students from Prep to Year 9. The PRC aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read for pleasure and learning. Parke State School has been registered to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2024.

To complete the challenge, students must read books or other materials and record the titles on the Reader Record Form. **Books or materials should be appropriate for the child's age and reading ability.** Students from Prep to Year 4 are required to record 20 titles. Students from Year 5 & 6 are required to record 15 titles.

Reading materials can be home readers, library books, books from home, magazine articles, non-fiction materials, newspaper articles, etc. Parents of younger students may record the titles for them. Older students can record their own.

To ensure privacy, student names WILL NOT be entered into the PRC database. Only school details need to be recorded. Students will still be receiving certificates if they complete the challenge, however the names of students will be handwritten onto the certificates when they are sent out to the school.

The Premier's Reading Challenge time period will open on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Forms will be given to students on the first day of the challenge. They will have until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** to have their Reader Record Form completed and returned to Mrs T. If you have any questions then please speak to Mrs T.

### Small School Cross Country



Last Friday seven Parke students competed at the Small Schools Cross Country Trials at Mungar State School. All of the students ran very well, particularly as training opportunities have been limited due to the recent weather.

Results of the 12 Year Boys Race: Ethan 1<sup>st</sup>, Declan 2<sup>nd</sup> and Baxter 3<sup>rd</sup>

Results of the 11 Year Boys Race: Zac 1<sup>st</sup> and Will 2<sup>nd</sup> (Special mention to Jayzan who also ran well on the day)

Results of the 11 Year Girls Race: Matilda 3<sup>rd</sup>

All of the students who placed will now run at the Maryborough District Cross Country trials on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April at the Maryborough Show Grounds. Thank you to Mrs P for supervising the students on the day and a special thank you to the families who supported all of the runners during the races.

### Maryborough AFL District Team



Congratulations to Will and Baxter on being selected for the Maryborough District AFL team.

### Maryborough Soccer District Team



Congratulations Skye on being selected for the Maryborough District Soccer team.

**Book Club**

Book Club issue 3 has been sent home today.  
Orders are due in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.  
Please note we can only accept Loop online orders  
at the moment as we cannot process cash at  
present.



**Crazy Hair Day**

Thank you to everyone who participated in crazy hair day. It was so much fun!!!

