Welcome back to Term 2,

I am very excited to be back for another fabulous term at Parke State School. This term has started off with a bang! Our first week has been full of fabulous learning opportunities, engaging with the curriculum, and we sent ten students to the Theebine District Cross Country. It was wonderful to hear that all our students had a fabulous time at the Theebine District Cross Country, with nine of those students qualifying for the next level. This is an impressive achievement!

Parent Teacher Interviews

All students would now have received a letter inviting parents/carers to have a parent-teacher interview. I urge you to take the opportunity to come to the school to discuss your child’s progress.

Volunteering in the Classrooms

If you have a spare few hours during the day, I encourage you to take the opportunity to volunteer in our classrooms. If you would like to gain an insight into the daily running’s of your child’s class, or partake in daily guided reading lessons, I ask that you speak with your child’s teacher to see what time suits best.

Anti Bullying

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was held on Friday, 18 March 2016. This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

At Parke State School we have a zero tolerance when it comes to bullying and violence. For the first two hours on March 18th, students took part in rotation activities. Each activity was specifically designed to educate the children in ‘What is bullying’ and how to develop empathy and respect for others. During this time I was fortunate enough to visit each rotation and see all students engaged in their learning and enjoying their activities. Thank you to all students and staff who took part in this day!

Attendance

A reminder that students need to be attending school each day. If you child is too ill to attend, please contact the office so we can update our records as this is an ‘explained absence’.

Our attendance target is 94%. By coming to school each day, students are provided with the best opportunities to improve in their learning.

Each Monday our previous week’s whole school attendance rate is updated on our school notice board at the front of the school.

**Term 1 Whole School Attendance Rate - 95.2%**

**Week 1 Whole School Attendance Rate - 96.2%**

Let’s see if we can beat our target of 94% this week.

Warm regards,

Mrs Frost

Acting Principal
Student of the Week

Term 1 Week 9—P/1 Leila Thomas, 2/3 Charleigh Downman, 4/5/6 Troy MacGregor

Term 2 Week 1—P/1 Chayse Putman, 2/3 John Paul Peterson, 4/5/6 Georgia Walker and Kristy Hiscox

ANZAC DAY

We were very fortunate to have the President from the Maryborough RSL come and speak to the students on Monday, April 18th, about the importance of ANZAC Day.

Maryborough RSL

On March 21st, Maryborough RSL presented the Prep students with a special stationery pack. The students absolutely loved getting their stationery pack. A big thank you to Maryborough RSL and the Ladies Auxiliary who distributed them.

Book Club

All book club orders are due this Friday 22nd April. No late orders please.

Sight Words Certificates

Congratulations to Cooper Thomas, Bridee Mitchell, and Saphyrah Evans!

Our Prep’s make the Front Page!

On March 23rd, the Fraser Coast Chronicle did a special addition on Prep students in the Wide Bay area. Our beautiful Prep’s made the front page! We are super proud of all the achievements our Prep’s have made in their first term of schooling.
Cross Country at Parke SS

On March 22nd, Parke held its annual Cross Country. A massive thank you to all parents who turned out to show their support for our students. The students did a spectacular job, with each student participating. Well done!

Winning Team: - Borchardt

Theebine District Cross Country

On April 12th, we had 10 students participate in the Theebine District Cross Country. Nine students have now qualified for the Maryborough District Cross Country on 3rd May.
Easter Bonnet Parade - March 24th

Mothers Day Raffle tickets are going home this week. Major prizes on offer. All tickets are $2 each. If you require any additional raffle tickets please see Tileah.

COMPETITION TIME!!
This term we are having a school banking competition!! You will see an awesome prize pack in the office for the winner.
To be in the running to win all you have to do is complete 5 banking deposits between now and week 9 to have your name put in a hat.
The winner will be drawn at week 10 parade. For anyone interested in school banking, you can grab a school banking pack from the office.
Remember, only 5 cents is needed to count as a deposit!!

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