Welcome to Week 8,

High Quality Staff = High Quality Education
At Parke State School we pride ourselves on having passionate, high quality staff who go above and beyond, to make sure that every child is working to their fullest potential every day. All staff have the belief that every child CAN and WILL achieve highly. Our aim is to promote intellectual engagement in the curriculum and to provide students with the academic tools to become knowledgeable, informed and thoughtful practitioners. We encourage students to explore and practice a range of skills and techniques that consistently challenges them to think critically.

This is achieved by staff developing relationships with students, having a deep understanding of the curriculum, and being up to date with the latest research regarding education and child development.

This term, all our teaching and support staff have ventured up to Cordalba State School to observe Dr Carol Christensen's Reading Link Program. Dr Carol Christensen's (a Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland's School of Education) Reading Link program is based on leading pedagogical practice drawn from the most recent research on teaching. Based on extensive research data, the program was designed to teach anyone to read.

I was very privileged to be asked to travel to Mackay earlier in the week to see first-hand how the Reading Link Program has supported and improved students phonological awareness and comprehension skills at a whole school level. This was a fantastic experience, as I gained many wonderful ideas that can be easily implemented at Parke to assist students on their reading journey.

Equity and Inclusivity
All staff at Parke go above and beyond to ensure all students can participate in the school environment. If for any reason, students are unable to participate fully with the curriculum, alternative options are made available to ensure their education is not impeded. If for any reason, you feel that your child cannot attend school, please contact the office. Remember attendance really does matter - Every Day Counts!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well underway. A note went home last week with a Student Reader Record. Any books students read or are exposed to can be written on their record sheet. Once you have completed a form (20 books), return your form to the office to receive your 20 book token and your name up on our Readers Wall. At Parke State School we are aiming to reach a total of 2000 books read during the challenge.

Let’s get reading!

Warm regards,
Mrs Frost
Acting Principal
Student of the Week

Term 2 Week 7 – Temprence Evans (Prep/1), The Whole Class (Yr 2/3), Ruby Brown (Yr 4/5/6)

Congratulations Georgia W and Luke!!!
Last Tuesday, Georgia and Luke represented both Parke S.S and Maryborough at the Wide Bay Trials in Cross Country. Georgia finished a very creditable 9th and Luke finished a very creditable 15th. Both smashed their personal best times. Well done, we are all very proud of you!

P&C News

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our P&C State of Origin Free Dress Day on Wednesday.

ToothWorkxs

Last week we had Bridgette and Emily from Toothworkx come to the school to talk to the Prep to Year Three about caring for their teeth. The students met Flossy who showed them how to brush their teeth properly. The ladies also allowed students to dress up in their work attire and gave each child a Colgate pack that had a toothbrush, toothpaste and information.

Term 2 Week 8 – Cooper Povey (Prep/1), Beau Gordon (Yr 2/3), Riley Ashford (Yr 4/5/6)

Parke S.S Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the Parke Sports Day is being held next Tuesday at the Tinana Athletics Oval. Students need to be dropped off and collected from the Oval as there will be no staff at the school. Students need to bring a hat, sunscreen, waterbottle and either lunch or money for the canteen. A menu was sent home along with the program for the day.

Brilliant Blues

Mighty Maroons

Wide Bay Cross Country

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