Welcome to Week 9,

The countdown is on until the end of 2016 and what a year it has been! The school has had a very successful year with vast improvements seen for individual students, improved data around reading at the school as well as from an administration perspective with more clarity around the direction of our fabulous school.

As the year comes to an end, we reflect on what a fabulous year we have had and take this opportunity to thank all of the key stakeholders within the school and community for their ongoing support.

I would like to thank all of the people who attended our Year 6 Graduation dinner. The night was a great success and our students looked marvellous!

To our fabulous students. As the year draws to a close we are all very proud of the amazing work each one of you have demonstrated this year and the growth that we have seen. We look forward to seeing all the amazing experiences that 2017 will hold.

What is in stall for Parke in 2017? All staff have a commitment to improving curriculum delivery, continuing to create supportive relationships for our children and moving the school forward.

A reminder that the last week of school is still very important! This gives us time to finish anything that is needed, clean the classroom in preparation for next year and celebrate together the wonderful year we have had.

Our end of year concert ‘Picnic in the Parke’ will be held on the 6th of December. All community members are invited. Come along from 5:30PM. I look forward to seeing you all there!

At this stage, report cards will be handed out on Wednesday 7th December. With your child’s report card will be a booklist for 2017 and a letter stating who your child’s teacher will be in 2017.

As this is our last newsletter for 2016, I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year. To all of the families, staff and students, thank you for an amazing year! I have appreciated your ongoing support and commitment to the Parke State School community. I feel very lucky to have been the Acting Principal at Parke for 2016.

Have a fabulous summer break, be safe and enjoy your holidays.

Regards,

Mrs Frost

Acting Principal
**Student of the Week**

**Student of the Week— Term 4 Week 8**
Saphyrah Evans P/1, Travis Hinschen and Chloe Cook 2/3, Natasha Cook 4/5/6

**Student of the Week—Term 4 Week 9**

**PE and Music Certificates**

**Week 7—PE:** Georgia Walker  
**Music:** Rorley Robinson

**Week 8—PE:** Blake Schultz  
**Music:** Jasper Wilson

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**2016 School and House Captains Reflections**

To the Students at Parke SS
We would all like to say how proud we are to have been your Captains for 2016. Your all have been amazing.
Yours sincerely,  
Jade-Elle Brown, Riley Ashford, Georgia Walker and Jemairla Estreich.

To My Fellow Students at Parke SS,
I have loved and enjoyed my time at Parke over the last 7 years and being your school leader.

I will miss the school and all the students when I go to High School.

Jade-Elle Brown  
School Captain

To My Fellow Students at Parke SS,
Thank you for supporting me through the year and letting me be your Vice Captain.

Please keep this school the same.

Riley Ashford  
School Vice Captain

To My Fellow Students at Parke SS,
Thank you for the privilege of being Kruger’s House Captain.

It has been amazing and everyone has made me proud.

I will miss you all and have loved my time at Parke.

Jemairla Estreich  
Kruger House Captain

To My Fellow Students at Parke SS,
I have loved being at this school over the past 7 years.

My time here being your Sports Captain has been amazing.

I will miss all of the staff and students of this school.

Georgia Walker  
Borchardt House Captain
Prep Orientation

We had seven new Prep students attend our Prep Orientation. It was a great to see them making themselves at home in their 2017 classroom. Thank you to Mrs Cordie, Mrs Rossiter and Mrs P for providing the wonderful morning tea for the parents of the new Preps.

2016 Year 6 Graduation Dinner

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the RSL Club last week was a lovely occasion. The students, parents and staff came together to celebrate their time at Parke State School. Thank you to the Ashford family for donating the graduation cake and Mrs Cordie for creating the special place cards for each guest.

We also had beautiful roses, donated by the Maryborough Council Rose Gardens, that were added to the floral arrangements created by Mrs J, Mrs P, Mrs Crawford. Mrs Birt and Mrs T.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Frost, Mrs P and Mrs T for helping to set up the RSL room for the night.
Introducing our 2017 Captains

Today we had our 2017 Captain Elections. Well done to all the students who nominated and presented.

We are pleased to announce that in 2017 our:

School Captain will be Taylor Povey.
School Vice-Captain will be Krystal Gordon.
Kruger House Captain will be Luke Murray.
Borchardt House Captain will be Jasper Wilson.

Report Cards

At this stage, report cards will be handed out on Wednesday 7th December. With your child’s report card will be a booklist for 2017 and a letter stating who your child’s teacher will be in 2017.

This year one area of focus has been aligning and ensuring consistency across all year levels. We have produced an ‘Effort Criteria Matrix’ which staff will be using to grade students effort marks on their report cards.

We believe communicating this to parents and the wider community ensures that there is transparency and no ‘guessing’ in how effort marks are awarded.

We have attached the marking matrix below. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any marks your child receives on their report card, please ensure you contact the school as soon as possible.

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<th>Excellent (A)</th>
<th>Very Good (B)</th>
<th>Sound (C)</th>
<th>Needs Improvement (D-E)</th>
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<td>Manages independent tasks effectively and without supervision.</td>
<td>Manages independent tasks reasonably well with limited supervision.</td>
<td>Can work independently for a period with some guidance.</td>
<td>Has difficulty working independently/ may procrastinate.</td>
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<td>Prepared and organised with equipment at all times.</td>
<td>Mostly prepared and organised with all equipment.</td>
<td>Generally prepared and organised with equipment/ forgets some equipment occasionally</td>
<td>Neglects/forgets to bring equipment, very unorganised.</td>
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<td>Leads discussion in whole class and group contexts eliciting viewpoints from others.</td>
<td>Actively contributes to whole class and group contexts.</td>
<td>Makes mostly relevant contributions to whole class and group contexts/ minor distractions.</td>
<td>Has difficulty in making contribution that help the class/group.</td>
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<td>No teacher redirection required.</td>
<td>Occasionally requires teacher redirection to task.</td>
<td>Is compliant upon teacher redirection to task.</td>
<td>Teacher redirection to task is often required.</td>
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