Welcome to Week 10,

With the end of term 2 fast approaching, I would like to congratulate all students on their perseverance. As I walk throughout the school all students are eagerly engaged in their lessons and completing assessment tasks.

As the term starts to wind down I want to say a massive thank you to the Parke State School community. In my short amount of time I have grown extremely attached to Parke, the students, staff and parents. I am so proud at what we have accomplished so far this year. Over the past few weeks, I have been fortunate enough to show prospective parents the wonderful happenings at Parke. When giving them a tour of our school they have commented at the behaviour and engagement of all our students. This is only achieved with parents, staff and students working together to create a positive and welcoming school. I am truly grateful for all your hard efforts.

Report Cards
As mentioned, students are busily completing assessment tasks in order for teachers to finalise reports for Semester 1, 2016. Report cards will be handed out to students in WEEK ONE of TERM THREE. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s report card, please don’t hesitate to contact the office to arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher.

Saying Goodbye to the Thomas Family
At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Cooper (Year One) and Leila (Prep) as over the winter holidays they will be relocating to Quilpie. We will miss the Thomas family greatly. Both Cooper and Leila come to school everyday with massive smiles on their faces ready to conquer the day, and Hollie and Ben have volunteered numerous times over the past 2 years supporting the school wherever they can. We wish your beautiful family all the best on your new adventures!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well underway. 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
Student of the Week

Term 2 Week 9 – Bridee Mitchell (Prep/1), Chloe Cor-die (Yr 2/3), Blake Schultz (Yr 4/5/6)

Fire Education Visit

The Fire Officers recently made two visits to educate the Prep/One students about Fire Safety. On their second visit they showed the class the fire engine and they had a turn at the hose.

We were amazed at how long the fire hose is...

... and how heavy it was.

Sight Word Certificates

Congratulations to Riley, Millie-Anne and Saphyrah for achieving significant milestones with their sight words.

Thank you Miss Jaime

Miss Jaime will complete her five week Practicum in the Prep/One classroom on Monday. Thank you for all of your hard work over the past few weeks. The dance club at lunchtimes has been a huge success. Best wishes for your return to the Tinana Kindergarten.

All the children had a fabulous time learning all about Queensland Fire and Rescue. We think Mrs P had lots of fun too!
On Tuesday June 7th, all students made their way to the Tinana Athletics Oval for Parke State School’s Annual Athletics Event. What an amazing day it was! All students who attended participated and cheered one another on. Thank you to all those who helped. It truly was a wonderful day.
On Thursday afternoon we had Mr Elson, the principal of Mungar State School, visit our students in years 3 - 6 to introduce himself and answer any questions students had about their upcoming camp. Mr Elson and Mrs Cronau will be the two staff member from Mungar State School joining us on camp this year. A reminder that if you are wanting your child to go on camp a deposit needs to be made ASAP to secure a spot. Payment plans are also available. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Children enjoy the challenges that camps provide – sharing a room, embracing challenging activities, sharing responsibility for things like washing up and getting to know their teachers outside of the classroom. School camp is one of the highlights of childhood – chances are you can still remember some of the experiences and highlights. However, it's also true that for some children (and parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. It's not uncommon for kids to worry about who they'll room with, 'being left out' of things, whether something might go wrong, feeling homesick and other understandable concerns. Even the most outgoing and confident child may have a few moments of separation anxiety as the time to go on camp gets closer.

To combat this here are a few tips:

**Talk to your child** – try and remain positive and reassure them with your own positive school camp experiences from your own childhood. Be positive by saying things like "this will be fun, you'll enjoy the challenges".

**Reduce the sense of unknown** – leading up to camp we will be having lots of conversations about what the daily activities will be. I would advise jumping onto the Tunnel Ridge Ranch website and having a look with your child.

**Practise sleepovers.**

**Practise 'independence' skills at home** - does your child know how to apply sunscreen and turn the shower taps on and off in the right order? There are lots of simple skills they can practise to feel more confident about being away from home.

**Prepare, make lists, and pack together.** When the list of clothes and toiletries they need for camp comes out, get them to help you find, and then label their things. It's exciting for them to help prepare and pack, but it will also help them be aware of all the things that need to come back home again!

**Keep open communication with school staff.** Between all the staff members going, we have taken hundreds of children to camp over the years. We understand that children and parents are stepping outside their comfort zones, especially for the first school camp. If you have any concerns please come and see us.

**Keep positive.** Telling your child you believe they're ready for school camp and they'll have a great time helps your child believe it too.

School camps are great opportunity for your child to push their boundaries, discover new friends and experience outdoor adventures first hand.

Keep your eyes pealed - More information will be coming out in the lead up to camp regarding 'What to bring' etc.