



Parke State School — 1917

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Term 1 Week 4

# Parke State School

## Newsletter

### Forward Ever Forward

#### Parke State School

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#### **Vision Statement**

Effective Teaching and  
Learning. Every Child.  
Everyday

#### **Attendance Rate:**

94.44%



#### **Dates to Remember**

##### **Office Hours**

8:00am - 3:30pm

Mon, Tues, Wed

##### **P & C Meeting**

P & C will meet again 2 March AGM

##### **Events**

Tuesday (Weekly) - Parade 2.40pm

Wednesdays (Fortnightly) -

Newsletter

Tuesday (Fortnightly) -Religious  
Instruction

##### **Library Times**

Tuesday pm—P/1

Wednesday pm —2/3/4

Thursday pm —4/5/6

##### **Coming Up**

24 February—Waste Free Day

2 March—P & C AGM

8 March—Cyber Wiser  
Performance

16 March—Aldridge SHS Visit

17-19 March—4/5/6 Camp

30 March—Maryborough SHS  
Visit

2 April—Good Friday



#### **Principal's Message**

Hello Parents and Community Members of Parke State School,

We have had a wonderful start to our year that has continued into Weeks 3 and 4. It is great that our students are settled and, more importantly, engaged in their learning. I have been visiting the classes as often as I can to pop in and see what is happening. Every student is working hard and participating in the work. I hope this continues and I expect great things will happen with our students this term if they continue working as they have been so far.

An area of concern is our carpark, both before and after school. I like to welcome students to school and meet them at the gate. While doing this last week, I noticed some unsafe practices from our students when crossing the road. Please remind students to use the pedestrian crossing and to look BOTH WAYS before crossing the road. Students have also been observed running to cars that have not yet stopped. This is an extremely dangerous practise and I ask for your help in reminding students about road safety.

A focus in the upper primary classroom is on changing the Bad Habits of classroom behaviour into Good Habits. Providing reminders to children around the expectations of how to sit at the desk, face the front, listen to the teacher and have a go at tasks are all skills that should be encouraged in our students. Take the time to have a chat with your children around their behaviour in the classroom and what your expectations are too.

Last Monday our Year 6 students attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Brolga Theatre. It was such a worthwhile experience for our school leaders and they have come away with some great ideas to implement in our school.

I am so glad that I get to be the Principal of such a fantastic school and I look forward to sharing wonderful adventures with the staff and students at Parke SS.

Have a great week,

Helen Drew  
Principal  
Parke State School

## Student of the Week

### Student of Week 3 Term 1

P/1 Brea Blewitt  
2/3/4 Declan Penttila  
4/5/6 Charlie Gunn & Saphyrah Kelly



## Reminders

### Student of Week 4 Term 1

P/1 Krush Fenton-Klein  
2/3/4 Lachlan Martin  
4/5/6 Chelsea Burns



## Student of the Week

### Student of Week 2 Term 1

P/1 Jaina Warneke



## Reminders

**1. Parents who received medical forms (for asthma) from Mrs P could you please return them as soon as possible.**

**2. Cyber Wiser notes are going home today attached to this newsletter. The Performance will be held on 8 March at 2pm her at the school cost being \$5 per student. Can you please ensure the permission note is signed and returned to the office with the payment by 3 March.**



## Park waste Warriors Noticeboard

### Waste Free Wednesday

In week five the school is having a Waste Free Wednesday. If your child is new to Parke State School a Waste Free Wednesday is about having no rubbish in your lunch box (meaning no glad wrap around any food or packets etc).

A reward is given if your whole class has no waste in their lunch box on that day. The whole class receive a gotcha and half an hour of free time in the lab with Mrs Sillitoe.





## What's happening in class

### P/1/2 Class: Mrs T

Wow it is Week Four already!

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information Afternoon last Thursday. It was great to share what happens in our classroom and at Parke State School. For those parents that couldn't attend, an information handout was put into your child's homework folder on Monday. Please read it and if you have any questions then don't hesitate to contact Mrs T.

In English lessons the Preps and Year Ones are focusing on Narratives (stories). We are looking at why authors write narratives and also the structure of a narrative. Great stories have an interesting problem in the middle and we are trying to determine what problems are in different stories.

In Maths we have been learning about numbers. The Preps are learning to see dot patterns to 6 without having to count each dot and the Year Ones are learning about numbers up to 100. We have also been solving Sudoku insect puzzles as well.

Our HAAS lessons focus is on families. Next week we are asking parents to help fill in a family tree. I understand that there are many types of families and sometimes this can be a little challenging. More information will be sent home next week to assist with this process.

We also started off our Friday games afternoon last week. The students loved working together to play various games.



## What's happening in class

### 2/3/4 Class: Miss Mills

We are already off to a fantastic start this year. All students have settled in well and have been working hard on the new content for this term. In English we have been exploring imaginative narratives and the structure that they follow (orientation, complication and resolution). We are beginning to learn how language features such as expanded noun groups, adverbs etc. engage the reader and how we can use these to do the same in our writing. At the end of the unit students will write their own imaginative stories. In Mathematics, all students have been learning about place value, as two and three-digit numbers as well using number lines. All students have been working hard at achieving their best. In HASS we are learning about different celebrations and commemorations in Australia. So far, we have looked at Australia day and ANZAC day in depth. Students have shown a great interest in the events of the past while delving into these topics. If you need to contact me for any reason you can reach me on the school number or email me at [txmil7@eq.edu.au](mailto:txmil7@eq.edu.au) and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Have a fantastic fortnight.

### All Classes: Mrs Sillitoe

Week four already and we are in the midst of Science experiments, designing and creating shoes. (yes— designing and creating shoes with the year 2 and 3's out of recycle materials.

### Science

**Prep and Year One** are learning about our precious Earth resources and how we can conserve them. This is such an important message in our area especially now with very limited rain and a lot of our families on tank water.

**Year Two and Three** are learning about weathering and erosion with the message being "Let's look after our environment and limit deforestation around our World."

**Year Four, Five and Six** are learning about natural disasters. We had a really interesting lesson last week on tectonic plates.



What will our little designers come up with next ????



### 4/5/6 Class: Ms Drew

Students are working hard on developing the necessary knowledge and skills for their English assessment at the end of the term. My method is slow and steady accumulation of knowledge, building on concepts taught previously and adding new information steadily. Students are provided with plenty of practice time to experiment with these new ideas and receive feedback.

## What's happening in class ( 4/5/6 continued)

In the area of Mathematics, students have not yet acquired the speed and fluency in recalling their number facts: addition strategies (doubles facts, make 10 facts), skip counting, multiplication/division facts. Because of this, maths lessons are much slower than they need to be. Please drill your children at home every night on these basic facts.

## Community Notices

# ASD Support Group



A community run support group for parents and caregivers of children and adults who have ASD. A place to meet other parents & carers, to share information, ideas and encouragement.



Maryborough Baptist Church  
168 Fort Street  
Maryborough

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  
7:30pm-9:00pm



3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month  
9:30am-11:00am



For further information:  
Contact Denise Hughes on 0407 644 590  
or via our Facebook page:-  
ASD Support Group – Maryborough Qld



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