



# PARKE STATE SCHOOL


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## TERM 3, WEEK 8

## Principal's Message

### KEY ACTIVITIES

#### Monday

- 2/3 Library

#### Tuesday

- PE/Health
- P/1 Library

#### Wednesday

- Waste Warriors
- 4-6 Library

#### Thursday

- The Arts
- LOTE (Year 4-6)

#### Friday

- Parade

### KEY DATES

#### Student Free Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Qld Ambulance Visit

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Years 4-6 2:00pm till 3:00pm

#### Small Schools Netball

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Qld Ambulance Visit

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Prep – 3 12:30pm till 1:20pm

Years 4-6 2:00pm till 3:00pm

#### Last Day Term 3

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

#### First Day Back Term 4

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

### CURRENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance rate

**88.5%**

### 2025 Sunshine Coast Environmental Education Centre – Sunday Creek Camp

Students from Parke State School will be attending camp at the Sunshine Coast Environmental Education Centre, Sunday Creek, from Tuesday 11 November to Thursday 13 November 2025.

The program will provide students with a range of learning experiences, including gold panning, bird watching, and bush walks. Further information regarding camp arrangements will be distributed in Term 4.

Families are reminded that all camp invoices are to be paid no later than one week prior to departure. This assists the school office in finalising all administrative requirements in a timely manner. All families have been provided with invoices with payment details.

### Reading is number 1!

This term, we continue to focus on our whole-school improvement priority—**reading**. Reading is the foundation for learning across all areas, and we are committed to ensuring every student develops strong reading skills.

One of the most powerful ways you can support your child's reading journey is by reading together at home. Whether it's a bedtime story, shared reading of a favourite book, or simply talking about what you're reading—it all makes a difference. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to help every child grow as a confident, capable reader.

### Gotchas and End of Term Reward

Students are working towards our school goal of **500 Gotchas** this term. To date, they have collected almost **400 Gotchas**, which is a wonderful achievement. Once the goal is reached, students will participate in a special end-of-term reward activity. Mrs Mac has arranged for Wide Bay Laser Skirmish on the last day of school, Thursday 19th September. We look forward to celebrating the positive choices and efforts of our students as they continue working towards this milestone. Permission notes will be sent home. Please sign and return as soon as possible.

### Student Free Day- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Reminder that there is no school on Friday 5th September. This is an important day for the school to continue with planning into 2025 and beyond.

Yours in learning,  
Rebecca Macmillan







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## Prep/1 Class: Mrs Tarlinton

### Prep One News

This fortnight the Prep One class had two visits from the local Fire Officers. The Officers talked about fire safety and gave them some clear messages... Call 000 in an emergency; Get down low and go go go; Get out and stay out; Stop Drop and Roll (If clothing catches fire). On the return visit, the Fire Officers showed the class the equipment in the fire truck and the children had a turn at holding the fire hose.

The Preps will be using the Fire Officer visits as a base for their English assessment task. The task involves them retelling an experience in a logical sequence. In preparation this fortnight, the Preps have been making jam sandwiches and paper plate rainbow fish and then retelling the sequence of these activities. The Year Ones have been busy completing a PowerPoint presentation for their game. They will be presenting their game PowerPoint to the 2/3 class before the 2/3 students visit the Prep/One classroom to play the games.

In Maths lessons the class have been continuing their work on 2D and 3D shapes, measuring mass and completing basic addition and subtraction operations. We are slowly working through the term's assessment tasks.

Lately in Science lessons the class have been learning about the weather, seasons and how animals can hibernate or migrate.

Congratulations to the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Certificates will be sent to the school after the holidays.







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## 2/3 Class: Miss Mills

We are now moving into Week 8 of Term 3, and students continue to show fantastic effort and enthusiasm in their learning. Our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus this fortnight is treating all belongings with care – looking after personal items as well as respecting our school property.

Last week, students thoroughly enjoyed the musical performance we had at school. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience live music and share it as a whole school.

In English, students are beginning their assessments.

- Year 2 students are writing a persuasive text to convince the teachers to go on an excursion to 'The 13-Storey Treehouse' (with a fun *Magic School Bus*-style twist!) based on the book we have read this term.
- Year 3 students are writing a persuasive text on their favourite activity, using all the techniques we have been practising in class.

In HASS, we are beginning a brand-new unit exploring the features of places and how we are connected to them. Students will investigate both natural and built environments and reflect on the special connections people form with places.

### Home Tips

- Persuasive Writing Practice: Hold a fun family debate! For example: *Which is better – the beach or the park?* Encourage students to give at least three reasons to back up their side.
- Reading: Share a book together for 10–15 minutes each night. Ask “why” and “how” questions about the characters’ choices to build comprehension.
- HASS Connection: Look around your neighbourhood together. Can your child spot natural features (trees, rivers, hills) and built features (houses, playgrounds, roads)? Talk about which ones are most important to your family and why.

It has been a pleasure to see the students so engaged and motivated as we move toward the end of the term. We look forward to finishing strongly with lots of exciting learning still to come!

## Daffodil Day



A huge shout out to Bakery on Alice for their donation of our Daffodil Day cupcakes.

Also, to Mrs. J and Mr. Argent for their donation of the amazing pens.

**In total, the school raised \$805 for the Cancer Council**



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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 6:

Congratulations Primrose & Ajay!



Week 7:

Congratulations Oscar, Brea, Sienna & Levi!



## WIDE BAY ATHLETICS

### Wide Bay Athletics

Congratulations to Kobi and Matilda Gunn for representing Maryborough District at the Wide Bay Athletics carnival in Bundaberg.

Kobi placed 2nd in High Jump, 5th in Long Jump, 5th in 200m and 6th in 100m.

Matilda placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100m race.







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## 2025 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

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**+ COLOUR RUN On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**

Students will run a circuit which has obstacles to challenge their speed, flexibility, and agility.

**Families are welcome to come along and join in on the fun!**

**Wear a white shirt for the colour run!**

*The challenge is to complete as many obstacles as possible in 30 minutes.*

Sponsorship will be on the total number of obstacles the student completes.

Donations are also welcome. It is estimated the students in Prep-Yr 3 will complete 10-15 obstacles, students in Yr 4-6 will complete 15-20 obstacles!

**Sponsorship forms have been sent home with students, but spare copies are available from the office if needed. All money raised is due back after the school holidays by Friday 6 October.**

## P&C FATHERS DAY STALL





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## ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOLIDAY CLINICS

**DATE:** 26/9/2025

**TIME:** 4.00pm - 6.00pm

**AGE:** 5-12 years

**COST:** \$59

**WHERE:** Corner of Ann & Guava St, Maryborough



**LEAGUE  
STARS**

