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TERM 3, WEEK 6

Principal's Message

KEY ACTIVITIES

Monday

- 2/3 Library

Tuesday

- P/1 Library

Wednesday

- Waste Warriors
- LOTE (Year 4-6)
- PE/Health
- 4-6 Library

Thursday

- The Arts

Friday

- Parade

KEY DATES

Father's Day Shop

Thursday 3rd September 9am – 1:30pm

Father's/Grandfather's Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 3rd September 2pm - 3pm

Student Free Day – No School

Friday 4th September

Small Schools Netball

Friday 11th September

Last Day of Term 3 - School Obstacle-a-Thon & Ugly Tie/Tutu Day

Friday 18th September

CURRENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance rate

88.6%

Parent and Community Code of Conduct

At Parke State School, we value positive, respectful and collaborative relationships between our school, families and wider community.

The Parent and Community Code of Conduct outlines the expected standards of behaviour for parents, carers and visitors while on Queensland state school grounds, attending school activities and interacting with members of the school community. The Code of Conduct helps ensure our school remains a safe, respectful and supportive environment for everyone. We encourage all parents, carers and visitors to familiarise themselves with the expectations outlined in the document. [Read the Parent and Community Code of Conduct \(PDF\)](#)

Thank you for supporting our school community and helping us maintain a positive environment for our students, staff and families.

Parent and Community Code of Conduct

We welcome parents, carers and visitors into our school and expect that you will:

- ✓ be polite to others
- ✓ act as positive role models
- ✓ recognise and respect personal differences
- ✓ use the school's communication process to address concerns
- ✓ ensure your child attends school ready to learn
- ✓ support the Student Code of Conduct
- ✓ recognise every student is important to us
- ✓ contribute to a positive school culture
- ✓ work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns
- ✓ respect people's privacy.



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Prep/1 Class: Mrs Tarlinton

Prep One's Exciting Adventures: Story Bank, Bond Store, and Fire Safety Fun!

The Prep One class recently embarked on a marvellous adventure, visiting the Story Bank and Bond Store in Maryborough. The excursion was a resounding success, filled with fun, learning, and hands-on experiences that the children will remember for years to come.

The day began with an exciting train ride on the historic Mary-Ann, where the students marvelled at the sights and sounds of this unique mode of transport. At the Story Bank, the children explored the magical world of storytelling, dressing up in costumes and letting their imaginations run wild. The Bond Store offered a glimpse into the past, where the students had the chance to make butter and try their hand at washing clothes the old-fashioned way. It was a wonderful opportunity to step back in time and experience life as it once was. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who kindly transported the students to and from the excursion, as well as the adults who accompanied us on the day. Your support and supervision ensured the children's safety and made the day even more enjoyable. A special thank you goes to Mrs J, who played a key role in making the Mary-Ann adventure so memorable, and to the Fraser Coast Council staff for their engaging and informative tours of the Story Bank and Bond Store.

The fun doesn't stop there! The Prep One class will be using their experiences from the excursion as inspiration for their English unit and upcoming assessment tasks. We can't wait to see the creative ideas and stories that emerge from their newfound knowledge and excitement.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce that our local fire officers will be visiting the class over the next few weeks to deliver important fire safety messages. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn about staying safe in an emergency. To top it off, the fire officers will return with their fire truck, giving the children the chance to see the truck up close and even have a go at holding the fire hose!

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making these experiences possible for our Prep One class. Your support helps create lasting memories and enriches the students' learning journey. Stay tuned for more updates on our exciting activities!





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2/3 Class: Miss Mills

What We've Been Learning

English

We've finished reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, and the students are thrilled to watch the original G-rated movie to reinforce their understanding of the book. This will help students prepare for their upcoming assessments.

Mathematics

The students had a fantastic time creating 2D and 3D shapes, using hands-on materials to explore their properties.

- **Year 2** students are now moving on to **multiplication**, where they will learn to use arrays, repeated addition, and grouping strategies to solve problems.
- **Year 3** students are focusing on **fractions** and **problem-solving strategies**, learning to represent fractions visually and apply them to real-world scenarios.

Science

In Science, we've been conducting experiments to investigate different types of forces and the strength of various sources. Some of the experiments include:

- **Rubber Band Fling**: Testing how far objects can travel when propelled by a rubber band.
- **Feather Float**: Observing how air resistance affects the movement of light objects like feathers.
- **Coin Slide**: Exploring how friction impacts the movement of coins on different surfaces.

These experiments have sparked curiosity and encouraged students to think critically about how forces work in everyday life.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

In HASS, we've been learning about **connections to the places around us** and the **geographical divisions of the world**. The students have been exploring:

- How people are connected to places locally, nationally, and globally.
- The seven continents as well as Australia's states and territories.

How You Can Support Your Child at Home

- **English**: After watching the movie *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at school, ask your child about the differences they noticed between the book and the film. Encourage them to explain which version they preferred and why.
- **Maths**: Practise multiplication facts with Year 2 students (e.g., 2s, 5s, and 10s) and explore fractions with Year 3 students by dividing food (e.g., pizzas, sandwiches) into halves, quarters, and eighths.
- **HASS**: Look at maps together and discuss places you've visited or would like to visit. Talk about how these places are connected to your family or community.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch.





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4/5/6 Class: Mr Lovejoy/Miss Jorgensen

YEAR 4-5-6

We're starting to head into assessment period.

In Science, we are building circuits, explaining how they work and tracking the transfer and transformation of electricity. At home: if you have an interest in the topic as a parent, it may be worthwhile having discussions about various electrical appliances in your home.

In English, we are preparing for a persuasive (spoken) essay; giving reasons, and backing ideas up with evidence. At home: if there is a contentious topic on the news, it might be a good discussion opportunity: What are the arguments for and against each side?

In math, we have finished one assessment task and are beginning measurement and angles. At home: you could compete to 'estimate' the size of everyday objects i.e. "that pencil looks 11cm" and then check the size with a ruler or tape measure. Usually, parents can win at this!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5 Term 3:

Congratulations Cooper, Averi and Brooklyn!



Week 6 Term 3:

Congratulations Sienna, Lydia & Brodie!





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SMALL SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are excited to announce that the Small Schools Netball Tournament will be held this term on **Friday, 11th September**. We've had an amazing response from our Year 3 to 6 students, and we are thrilled to be nominating two teams to participate in the competition. The students have already shown great enthusiasm during training sessions, and we can't wait to see their teamwork and netball skills in action. Best of luck to all players—go, Parke! Permission and medical forms have been given to students. Please return these forms to the office or Mrs T as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION

Update on your School Photos

Thank you for having us take your children's school photos again this year. We always enjoy coming to your school and are proud to be recording history for your family and school.

If you happened to forget your envelope (or it was left in the bottom of the school bag), don't worry as we photograph every student, so it is never too late to order & we don't charge any late fees.

PLEASE NOTE: Your school administration is not responsible for any late orders containing cash.

Please contact Donna by email at countryschoolphotos@gmail.com to order by credit card or direct deposit. **(Email is preferred).**

Our direct deposit details are:

Westpac

CountrySchoolPhotos (If the bank doesn't accept this Account Name you can override it **as long as the BSB & Acct numbers are correct**. It's a new anti-theft check some of the banks are doing now.)

BSB: 034058

Acct: 350148

Reference: Child's Surname/School

Your photos will be **ready for postage in Term 4** as we have many schools that were photographed beforehand that need to be completed and a lot of travel to schools throughout Queensland in the coming weeks. We thank you for your patience, as we pride ourselves in striving to produce the best photos possible for you.

You will receive a newsletter with a more definite date closer to the time of delivery.

But please contact Donna via email if you have any questions about your order.

Kind regards

Paul & Donna Webb

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PARKE STATE SCHOOL JOINS THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE!

Premier's Reading Challenge – Keep Reading!

A friendly reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge is coming to a close on the **28th of August**. All Parke students received a yellow recording sheet to track their reading progress. We encourage you to support your child/ren in continuing their reading journey and filling in their forms. Once completed, please return the forms to Mrs T. Students who successfully complete the challenge will be awarded a special certificate later in the year. Let's keep turning those pages!

READING IS NUMBER 1

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

AT HOME EVERY DAY!

Reading with your child every day is one of the most powerful ways to support their learning and development.

WHY IS DAILY READING IMPORTANT?

 BOOSTS VOCABULARY & LANGUAGE SKILLS Reading introduces your child to new words, phrases, and ideas, building their communication skills.	 STRENGTHENS PARENT-CHILD BONDS Sharing stories creates special moments together and helps build trust, connection and positive relationships.	 ENCOURAGES A LOVE OF LEARNING Enjoyable reading experiences spark curiosity and motivate children to learn and explore more.	 PROMOTES CULTURAL AWARENESS & EMPATHY Books open windows to different cultures, perspectives and experiences, helping children understand and care about others.
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TIPS FOR READING WITH YOUR CHILD

-  **MAKE IT A DAILY HABIT**
Even 10–15 minutes a day makes a big difference!
-  **TALK ABOUT THE STORY**
Ask questions, predict what might happen, and chat about your favourite parts.
-  **LET THEM CHOOSE**
When children choose books they enjoy, they are more interested and engaged.
-  **PRAISE & ENCOURAGE**
Celebrate their efforts and progress to build confidence and a love of reading.
-  **BE A READING ROLE MODEL**
Let your child see you read—it shows them reading is important!



When we read together, we help our children build skills for life.

Let's make reading a part of every day!



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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING FOCUS

BEING A LEARNER

USE FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE YOUR WORK

Feedback helps us learn and grow. We listen, reflect and make changes to do our best!

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

- ★ Helps us learn and improve.
- ★ Builds resilience and a growth mindset.
- ★ Helps us reach our goals.
- ★ Shows we care about doing our best.
- ★ Prepares us for the future.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

Listening carefully to feedback.

Thinking about how I can improve.

Making changes and trying again.

Asking questions when I'm not sure.

WHAT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE

Ignoring or not listening to feedback.

Making excuses instead of trying to improve.

Getting upset or giving up easily.

Not making any changes to my work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Listen to feedback carefully.

Ask questions if you're not sure.

Think about one thing you can improve.

Make a plan and make changes.

Try again and keep going!

Celebrate your improvement!

Use feedback to improve your work...
That's **BEING A LEARNER!**



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TOP SLICE AWARD





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ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY NEWS



Build with dad, grab a snag

Father's Day Family Event

Thursday 3rd September

Food offering may differ store to store, check your local store booking page for more details.

Activities and fun for the whole family

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Join us instore for a fun-filled family event! Make a gift for dad at our DIY stalls. Enjoy free Facepainting, Snow Cones AND grab a snag at our free sausage sizzle. Be sure to check out our various community stalls for raffles, games and more!

Don't miss out, register now!



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GYMNASTICS

THE FOUNDATION OF ALL SPORTS

Programs for ages 2 - adult including:

- Lil' Gym - Ages 2 - Prep aged children**
Early Childhood Movement Classes
- Gym Mix - Beginners - Ages 6 - 11**
A dynamic movement program for primary school aged children that's packed with skills from every gymnastics discipline!
- Gym Ability - Ages 5+**
An inclusive program for participants who need extra assistance, tailored activities, or a quieter small-group environment)
- Gym Sports Disciplines - Men's Artistic, Women's Artistic, Trampoline, Tumbling, Acrobatics & Rhythmic.**
- Movement Programs - Ages 10 - 17**
Dance Technique, Youth Strength & Conditioning



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