FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

CREATIVE ARTS
On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we held our Creative Arts Nights for Prep - Year 2 and Years 3-6. Both nights were very enjoyable with lots of talent, fun and enthusiasm from the students and creative contributions from staff. Thank you to all parents and families for coming along and supporting your children and their obvious learning and enjoyment. Thanks also to all staff and P&C members for all your effort and hard work.

YEAR 4 CAMP
Our Year 4 students and staff returned from Camp last Friday afternoon, a little tired, but very happy and excited about their Coolum Beach Camping experience. Thank you to all the accompanying staff for their co-ordination of the camp and care for our students.

RETURN OF STUDENTS IN 2016
Parents of students in Prep to Year 5, would have received a form requesting information on Students Returning/Not Returning to Park Ridge State School in 2016. This is vital information for the school to enable accurate projections for classes and teachers next year. Could I ask that all families of students in Prep to Year 5 consider and complete this form and return it to school ASAP.

SEPTEMBER VACATION
I’d like to wish all students and staff a safe and restful September vacation. School holidays provide families with an excellent opportunity to rest up and recharge the batteries for the next busy period of the year. It is also a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to spend some quality time with each of their children, perhaps just doing some of the simple thing like playing a game outside, going for a walk or a bike ride, or reading a book.

PREP 2016
Enrolments for Prep will continue in term four. If you have a child who is turning 5 by 30 June 2016, please call into the office and pick up a Prep Enrolment Pack. There will be an orientation morning on October 14 for all prospective students and their parents to visit the school and the Prep classrooms.

TERM 4
School resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday 6 October as Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday. Also on Monday 19 October (Week 3) the students do not come to school as it is a Pupil Free Day, when staff will be involved in Professional Development and training. Term 4 will be very busy as usual at Park Ridge, and as well as the regular end of year activities, we also have State Education Week from 26-30 October (Week 4).

Peter James
Principal
Christine Fegan
Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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AROUND THE SCHOOL...

CLASS NEWS FROM 2M
Lone Pine Sanctuary Excursion
First of all at Lone Pine we went to see the koalas. It smelt a bit. There were lots of turkeys and water dragons and there were turkeys trying to eat my food. Next we had lunch and kangaroo feeding. One was greedy and followed me. Then we went to see the freshwater crocodile. There were turtles there too. After that we saw a huge cassowary, it was nesting. Lastly we saw a big platypus. It had fresh food in the tank. It was a shrimp. Finally we got on the bus and went back to school and we were early.

By Saxon Woods 2M
On our excursion we went to Lone Pine and saw Australian animals. First my group went to the talk. Next we had lunch, then we fed the kangaroos. After that we saw a freshwater crocodile and two turtles. Next we watched a wombat under a bridge. Then we went to the bird of prey show. Finally we saw the platypus and went back to school. It was a great day. By Phoebe Barlow 2M

On Friday at Lone Pine Sanctuary, my group went to watch and learn about life cycles of animals. We then went to have lunch and fed the kangaroos and emus. Next my group went to the barn and saw chicks and guinea pigs. Then we went and watched the bird of prey show. After that we watched the sheep dog show.

By Monique Cantrill 2M
On Friday we went to Lone Pine Sanctuary. I was really excited. First we went to the life cycle of animals talk. We did a turtle life cycle. Next we had lunch and after that we went to feed the kangaroos. Then we went to the bird of prey show. Finally we went to the sheep dog show. I had a great time!

By Clare Wright 2M
On Friday, the year twos went on an excursion. First we all had a tour of the place and they told us the rules. Next we went to this place where we did the life cycle of a koala. Then we all went to...
eSmart
This week we visit the final step of our Cyber 5: Print and Report.

In this step, we encourage students to take screenshots or print off pages when they are subject to, or witness, cyberbullying. Emails, text messages, online conversations, and voicemails can all be used as evidence against cyberbullies. This information should be reported to parents and the school. If the bullying is serious enough, it can be taken to the police and ISP / phone providers as they can take further action as well.

Students are taught not to respond to the bully, as in face to face bullying the bully is after power, so responding is what they want. As hard as it can be to walk away, especially as easy as it is to retaliate online, printing and reporting is the best way to stop cyberbullying.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP SHIRTS
Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have earned their Leadership Shirt over this past fortnight: Abby Daley, Ella Weatherburn, Yorlin Leumaga, Tamika Mackay and Ka-Shia Vang.

Students who wear this shirt are responsible role models in our community. They would like to thank the P&C and the School for gifting them their shirt in recognition of their hard work. To receive the shirt, Year 6 students are to collect 100 points to demonstrate their leadership skills.

Keep working towards this goal Year 6 Students!

GAMES ROOM FUNDRAISER:
On the first day of Term 4, each family will be provided with catalogues for our annual Games Room Fundraiser. Our Games Room is a haven for students and is frequented by most students over their time at Park Ridge State School. In order to ensure there is a variety of games and activities for students to play with, we hold this fundraiser to purchase new resources for the room.

Families are invited to make purchases from the catalogues and 20% of the profits will go towards the school.

So keep an eye out for the catalogues – this could be a great opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Catalogues will be due back to the office by FRIDAY, the 16th of October. Orders can also be made online:

As you finalise your order, there will be an option to find a school, search for Park Ridge State School to ensure profits are attached to our school.

Each year we raise about $600 and these funds are used to purchase new resources for the Room. Room is a haven for students and is frequented by most students over their time at Park Ridge State School.

In order to ensure there is a variety of games and activities for students to play with, we hold this fundraiser to purchase new resources for the room.

Furthermore I want to send a huge thank you to all those that brought tickets and supported us and our service.

Educators at Camp Australia have encouraged children to learn and play new group games this fortnight. They already have preferences which are celebrity heads, poison letter and thumbs up thumbs down. Our weekly craft competition has been very successful and I am happy to announce we will continue through term 4. From everyone here at Camp Australia I hope you have a safe and happy holiday. Haylee 0421144467.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT
Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Year 10.

As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Call 1300 300 850 to book an appointment at a clinic near you.

PARK RIDGE CRICKET CLUB
Sign-on Monday 31/8/2015, 6.30-7.30pm at Hubner Road, Park Ridge. Players from 7 years – 16 years are welcome to join one of the teams, training starts next week first game is Saturday 10 October.

Interested players call Lewis Mills on 0413 656 058, come, enjoy and play a game of cricket on turf.

SOUTHERN STARS BASEBALL CLUB
Under 8, 10 & 12 (optional) Tuesday night from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Under 12, 14, 16 & 20 Wednesday night from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Contact Karen 0421 773 768  Regency Dr, Regents Park

P&C ASSOCIATION...
TUCKSHOP
Munch Monitors is available now at the Tuckshop allowing you to place lunch orders online up to 4 weeks in advance. You will also be able to view online account statements. Munch Monitors costs just $2.50 per family account per school term.

To set up a pre-paid account to order online or to allow your child a pre-paid card for counter purchases simply go to: www.munchmonitor.com

Enter username: parkridge Enter password: munch4125

Click on ‘sign up’ and follow the directions. If need any help in setting up the account, simply email help@munchmonitor.com

IN THE COMMUNITY...
CAMP AUSTRALIA - OHSC
Greetings to all families and friends. Firstly congratulations to Maria Addison (Administration Officer PRSS) number 5 for winning our Smith Family’s ‘learning for life’ hamper.

Furthermore I want to send a huge thank you to all those that brought tickets and supported us and our service.

P&C Meeting - All Welcome
Monday – 12th October, 7 pm in the Staffroom

eat lunch. After that, we went where ever our group wanted to go. Lastly we had lunch again and then went on the bus again.

By Hannah Paxton 2M

P&E Meeting - All Welcome
Monday – 12th October, 7 pm in the Staffroom