PARK AVENUE STATE SCHOOL

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Enrolment Primary: 144
Enrolment ECDP: 57
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Date	EVENT
24 November	Instrumental Music Concert.
24 November	P & C Meeting. 3.15pm
25 November	Final day of Playgroup/Step into Prep
2 December	Christmas Concert
3 December	Year 6 graduation. 9.15am at hall
10 December	Whole School Awards. 9.00am

2026 Strategic Priorities



Driving intentional curriculum and pedagogy with a focus on reading through the Australian Curriculum	**Enhancing engagement with a focus on attendance and major behaviours**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear families,

As we wrap up Week 6, it's been encouraging to see attendance improve at Park Avenue State School. Thank you for the effort you're putting into getting children to school regularly and on time. Being here each day helps children build on what they learnt the day before, settle into classroom routines and stay connected with their friends. If getting to school regularly is proving difficult for your family, please reach out so we can work together to help.



Through Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), we continue to recognise students who are respectful, responsible, safe and ready to learn. Our message over the past three weeks, **"Give it a crack, bounce right back!"**, is a reminder that learning takes practice. We can help children build resilience by noticing when they try a different strategy, ask for help or have another go after a setback. A simple question to ask at home is, "What did you keep trying at school this week?"

Our PBL rewards have restarted this week with students working towards Card I. Students who made Card 5 in Weeks 1-5 and who make Card 5 in Weeks 6-10 will be invited on an excursion at the end of the year to celebrate their attendance and engagement at school.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our community survey. Your feedback helps us understand what families value about our school and where we can improve. We've already unpacked your responses as a leadership team, staff and in the P&C and have already started acting on this feedback as we plan for 2027. This will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

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Our 125th anniversary was a wonderful opportunity to bring past and present families, students and staff together. Thank you again to everyone who joined us and to the volunteers who helped make the day possible. Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome our 2027 Prep students for a transition visit on Tuesday 1 December from 9.00 to 11.30 am. It's a chance for children to get to know their new school and feel more at home before they start Prep.



We have a number of other upcoming events to celebrate the end of the year.

Tuesday 24 November: Instrumental Music End of Year Concert and Final P&C meeting

Wednesday 25 November: Final day of Playgroup / Step into Prep

Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December: Glenmore SHS transition day for all enrolled Year 7 2027 students

Tuesday 1 December: North Rockhampton SHS transition day for all enrolled Year 7 2027 students and school transition day including enrolled Prep 2027 students.

Wednesday 2 December: Christmas Concert (5pm for a 5:30 start) and Rockhampton State High School transition day for enrolled Year 7 2027 students.

Thursday 3 December: Year 6 Graduation from 9-11am

Wednesday 9 December: Reports sent home

Thursday 10 December: Whole School Awards Assembly from 9am

Please keep your eye out on our Facebook page for updates and information as the events get closer.

Thank you for all the ways you support your children and our school.

Jo Northey
Principal

Week 3 —PBL Reward



Week 3—Student of the Week



Week 4—PBL Rewards



Week 4 —Students of the Week



Week 5 —PBL Rewards



Week 5 —Students of the Week



IN THE CLASSROOM





PREP 2027 ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child born between 1st July 2021 and 30th June 2022?

If so, your child is eligible to attend Prep in 2027.

We are now taking enrolments for children eligible for Prep 2027. Please collect an Enrolment pack from the School Office. You will need to supply an ORIGINAL Birth Certificate for sighting for your child when lodging your forms.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is held every Wednesday at first lunch.

The tuckshop menu has been sent home with every student.

Please send orders in by Tuesday afternoon in a sealed envelope or brown

paper bag with your child's order written on it with payment enclosed.

SCHOOL WATCH
Phone: 131788

Being on school property out of school hours without permission constitutes trespassing.

It is an offence to be on state school premises without a lawful authority or a reasonable excuse for being there. A current maximum fine of $2523 applies, section 334 Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) (Education Act).

This means that school grounds (such as the playing fields) are not available for general use out of school hours without permission, even just walking through school grounds as a shortcut.

Police keep schools under surveillance out of hours and are keen to apprehend trespassers in an attempt to reduce vandalism and wilful damage of school property.

Parents are asked to emphasise the above with students so that they do not enter school grounds after school, at weekends or during school holidays.

Our school is a part of the School Watch program. If you see anything suspicious occurring in the school during the school holidays, please phone School Watch on 13 17 88.

ICY CUPS

Icy Cups are available for purchase every Friday afternoon from the tuckshop for $1.00 each. All monies raised go to the Student Council.

ARRIVAL TIMES AT SCHOOL

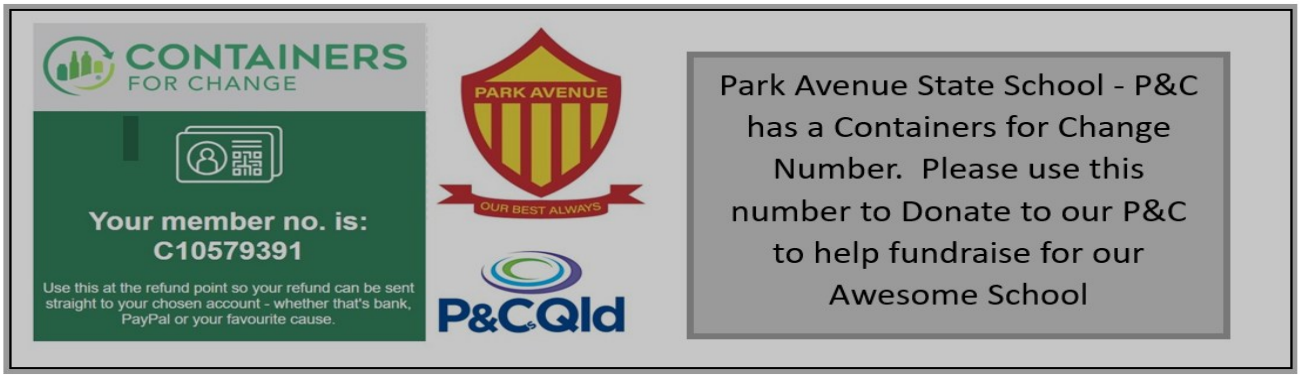
A reminder. Children are not to be on the grounds until after 8:15am. There is only minimal supervision from this time with the bulk of supervision occurring from 8:30am. We encourage families to avoid arriving at school before 8:30am if at all possible.

END OF SCHOOL DAY

The end of the school day is 3:00pm. Staff are at 'the tree' to ensure a safe exit. All students are to be collected by 3:15pm

Child Care arrangements

If you are unable to drop off or collect your child in a timely fashion please make alternative ar-





Sensory Room Excursion

Year 1 and 2














Students enjoyed exploring different materials and textures at the Sensory Room.

A message from the Guidance Officer ♡

SCREEN TIME: FINDING THE BALANCE

Healthy kids. Happier days. Brighter tomorrows. ♥

Screens are part of everyday life – but **balance matters!**



Technology is now a regular part of children's learning, communication and entertainment. While screens can provide educational and social benefits, research shows that too much recreational screen time can impact children's **sleep**, **concentration**, **physical activity** and **emotional wellbeing**.



SIMPLE WAYS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME AT HOME

1 CREATE SCREEN-FREE TIMES

Keep meals and family time device-free.



2 SWITCH OFF BEFORE BED

Reducing screen use before bedtime can help children settle and sleep better.



3 KEEP DEVICES OUT OF BEDROOMS

Have a family charging spot outside bedrooms overnight.



4 GET UP & GET MOVING

Balance screen time with outdoor play, sport and physical activity.



5 MAKE TIME FOR OFFLINE FUN

Encourage reading, drawing, building, imaginative play, hobbies and family activities.



GOOD THINGS HAPPEN OFFLINE ♥

6 KNOW WHAT THEY'RE PLAYING

Monitor age-appropriate games, apps and online content.



BE CURIOUS AND STAY INVOLVED

7 BE A ROLE MODEL

Children notice our habits too! Put your own device away during conversations, meals and family activities.



SMALL CHANGES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE! ♥

Healthy screen habits can support your child's:

Sleep · Learning · Wellbeing · Health · Family Connections

Aim for balance – not perfection. ♥

HAPPIER KIDS BRIGHTER FUTURES ♥