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EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATE

linked the traits of leadership to something that was topical at the time – “The Swiftie” movement. By no means am I a Swiftie, but I’m not immune to the impact that Taylor Swift has had as a leader in the music industry and on our younger generation. Whilst the address outlined some of the many leadership traits that Taylor Swift has used to reach her current heights, I also linked it to the title of her recent tour – and talked about our Era’s of life.

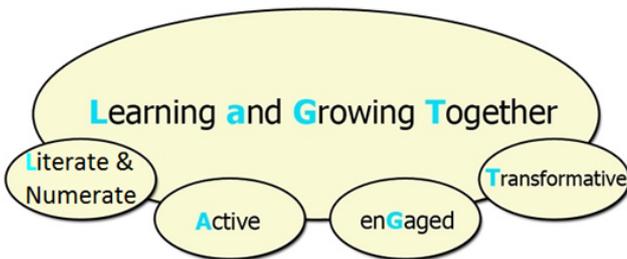
At the very end of the address I left them all to consider what they will be remembered for in this “era” – their primary school leadership era. For those with children in Years 5 and 6, it’s a great conversation to have – what is going to define you in this era? What do you want to be remembered for in this era.

As I reflect on this group of individuals and what they have demonstrated over the years with their actions and words, I have no doubt that they will do an outstanding job as leaders of this school.

Facilities Updates

The Rocky Oval

If you’ve been through the school over the past two weeks you’ll have noticed the fondly named “Rocky Oval” is out of action. There is some great excitement surrounding this, as we are in the final stage of the revamp of this space. Foundation work has occurred, and next week (weather pending) we will see the laying of Astro Turf to complete this space. The new orbs and soccer goal have been a hit since opening. The additional concrete paths have made for a smooth entry and exit to classes each day. We know the students are eagerly awaiting the finalisation, and to no longer have a rough and rocky space to play their soccer games. I’m sure a new name will be needed for this space, and will evolve within no time. We look forward to sharing with you the finalised photos of this space in our next newsletter. We’d like to extend a massive thank you to the P&C who’ve been able to support the school



Congratulations to our wonderful 2024 leaders – A special note from Miss Carty

On Friday 23 February we completed the induction ceremony for our 2024 school leaders. As I watched the line-up of 2024 captains and student council members cross the stage to receive their badges, it was a great reminder again of the high calibre of students who attend Park Lake State School.

Many of the beaming faces I saw crossing the stage were slightly older versions of faces that I had first met back when they were in their last term of Prep. This was when I first started as Principal of Park Lake State School. Immediately upon arrival here at Park Lake State School, I was struck by the qualities of our student cohorts, and, as I have gotten to know this group over the years, I have consistently been impressed by their growth, commitment and efforts to learning and could not be prouder of the young people that they have developed into.

During the assembly, I had the opportunity to deliver an address to all of the year 5 and 6 students about leadership. I boldly



with a top up of funds at each stage to ensure this project came to fruition and completion.

Yarning Circle

As the rains have eased, this has meant the yarning circle works have finally been able to commence. Stage one involved clearance of some struggling plants, adding additional sandstone blocks, retaining the western side and adding in new crushed rock and topsoil. Already the improvement is marked! Next we will address the drainage on the western boundary of the garden and add additional topsoil to the garden beds. Once this stage is completed we will address some needed pruning and mulching, with the addition of some raised beds and underplanting.

BEFORE



AFTER



Student Safety

The school has received some concerns recently from members of the community about our students before and after school. The concerns were genuine and valid; and shared so that we could perhaps give students some reminders about keeping themselves safe. These are important conversations for parents to also have with their children to ensure we can all work together and keep students safe.

Arrival Time and Supervision: For optimal safety and student care, we recommend dropping off students at school around 8:30am. Whilst there is supervision from 8:00am, the majority of families come from 8:30am which is when students are able to go to their classrooms and ensure they are ready for class commencing at 8:45am. Some students have been found arriving earlier than 8:00am and with no supervision this puts students at great risk, equally being out on the streets with few others around is also a great risk.

Safe Travel: It is a legal requirement for children to wear helmets if they are traveling on scooters or bikes. A number of students

have been witnessed riding to or from school, in school uniform and not wearing this safety gear. Students riding have also been reported to have had some near misses with people on foot and with cars, as they are not being as careful as is needed during these busy times. If you have a child who rides a bike or scooter to and from school, please ensure they have a suitable helmet. Our staff at the gates will ensure that they have their helmets on before leaving school. We also do not allow them to ride their scooter or bike within school grounds and we encourage them not to try to ride on congested foot paths and to wait until they have clear space before mounting their vehicle. Your support in reminders about safety on the roads and the importance of being alert and aware will support the conversations we have at school.

Stop, Drop and Go / Bus Lanes / Disability Parking: Parents and carers are asked to help reduce confusion in our school zones by adhering to the parking signs and no stopping zones and by ensuring that they comply with requirements in stop, drop and go zones. We sadly have had a number of parents driving in the bus lane and using this for drop offs – either down at the prep gate or near the staff car park or main entry. This is a heavy foot traffic area for those children who cross over from kiss and go, and keeping this clear assists with student safety. This area should not be entered by any vehicle other than buses as is clearly labelled. Also of concern is that we have parents who have parked in disabled spaces without an approved permit. We have a number of families with permits for their children who need these spaces for safe transport – please support these families by ensuring these are clear and free for them. If we follow the road rules, we are setting good examples for our children about following rules as these are for the safety of all.

P&C

This week we held our annual general meeting for the P&C. We welcome Rebecca as our new secretary, and thank our continuing P&C executive members Martin, Lee-Anne and Natalie for once again leading the P&C in 2024. We congratulate the new executive and pay greatest respects to the 2023 team (almost the same) for their incredible contributions to our school, their focused dedication on our students and their futures, and to our community. We appreciate you so much.

Parent Teacher Interview Evening

We look forward to welcoming families to meet with teachers next Tuesday evening 19 March. Please ensure you've booked an interview slot as the platform closes this Friday.

The Executive Leadership Team

Ursula Carty, Principal; Sally Parahi, Deputy Principal (P-1); Barb Tong, Deputy Principal (2-3); Renee Austin, Deputy Principal (4-6); Alison Macfarlane, A/Head of Curriculum; Britt Murray, A/Head of Inclusive Practices.

P&C CORNER

**THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY 19 AND THURSDAY 21 MARCH.
ONLINE ORDERING WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE.**

Greetings to the Park Lake Community,

As the new term blooms, we extend our warmest welcome to both new and returning families at Park Lake School! The P&C is excited to greet each of you as we foster our thriving and colourful community spirit.

Parent & Citizens (P&C) Group – At the Heart of School Engagement

Our P&C group is composed of enthusiastic parents who commit their time and energy to enrich our children’s school experience. We are proud to help deliver joy, support, and essential resources to our students, being the driving force behind the tuckshop and uniform shop, as well as the organisers of unforgettable school events.

Celebrating Our AGM & GM

We're delighted to report that our Annual General Meeting and General Meeting, held on 12 March, was a resounding success.

The full executive team is now in place with all roles filled, and we heartily welcome Rebecca as our new Secretary. A special acknowledgement goes out to both the new faces and the returning members of our P&C.

Gratitude for Our Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who dedicated their time to the P&C over the past 12 months, whether you form part of the school executive, are a new volunteer or have been with us for some time. Your contributions are invaluable. Kudos to our amazing team managing the tuckshop, uniform shop and their volunteers!

A Year of Well-being and Joy!

We're excited for the year ahead, packed with familiar and engaging events that channel our efforts towards the well-being and happiness of our students. First on the calendar is our much-anticipated disco on the 27 March, with a fantastic response for volunteers – our sincere thanks to all of you!

Please ensure tickets are purchased by Wednesday 20 March via the QKR app.

Stay Connected

We invite you to stay engaged with our journey by following our Facebook page for the latest updates. A warm invitation is also extended to all parents and carers to join us at the next General Meeting on 7 May.

Wishing You a Joyful Easter Break...

Enjoy the upcoming Easter break, and we eagerly anticipate seeing you at the disco and upcoming GM.

Best Regards,



Martin Bate
pandcpresident@parklakess.eq.edu.au

Current Executive Team

President – Martin Bate	Vice President – Lee-Anne Millard
Treasurer – Natalie Swarbrick	Secretary – Rebecca Whitley



DISCO

Wednesday 27 March

Venue PLSS hall

Juniors (years 1-3)
4.30 – 6.00pm

Seniors (years 4-6)
6.15 – 7.45pm

\$10
DISCO PACK
INCLUDES ENTRY TICKET,
A SLICE OF PIZZA,
WATER OR POPPER
AND A CHOCOLATE

Glow products are also available for pre-purchase. Limited quantities are available until sold out. No over-the-counter sales, all orders must be pre-paid via the QKR app by Wednesday 20 March.

Tickets & glow products will be delivered to classrooms on the morning of the disco.

THIS IS STRICTLY A DROP AND GO EVENT FOR PLSS CHILDREN ONLY No parents or siblings inside the disco. Children to be collected from the school hall by an adult.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact parklakecommunity@gmail.com

Mixed Media Art

Science

Students in Year 5 have been having a lot of fun in Science so far this term. We have been farting and fizzing all in the name of Science.

Students have been conducting exciting experiments to discover the states of matter: liquids, solids, gases and their properties. Through these experiments, students are not only learning about the States of Matter, they are also learning how to conduct experiments safely and fairly.



What's in the Fizz?

One explosive experiment we have conducted was "What's in the Fizz?" which investigated the role of citric acid, what makes soft drinks fizzy and the properties of gas.

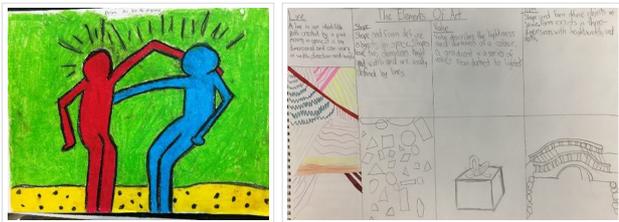


IMPORTANT DATES

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING - YEAR 5

Visual Arts

In Visual Arts this semester, Year 5 are studying a variety of artists and different artistic styles. Students have been learning how to apply the Elements of Art and create their own inspired artworks.



Keith Haring - Pop Art
Elements of Art
Abstract Art - Kandinsky style



MARCH	
Wed 13 - Fri 22	NAPLAN
Fri 15	Yr 2 Street Science Incursion
Mon 18	Yr 4 Street Science Incursion
Mon 18 - 19	Prep Vision Screening
Mon 18	Middle Assembly: Yr 2 - 3
Tues 19	Parent / Teacher Interviews 3:00 - 7:30pm
Wed 20	School Photos
Thurs 21	Prep Vision Screening
Fri 22	School Photos
Mon 25	School Tour 2025 Enrolments
Mon 25	RI Easter Concert - RI student only
Mon 25	Junior Assembly: Prep - Yr 1
Tues 26	Yrs 4 - 6 Cross Country
Wed 27	Prep Disco - during the school day
Wed 27	Yrs 1 - 3 Disco: 4:30pm - 6:00pm Yrs 4 - 6 Disco: 6:15pm - 7:45pm
Thurs 28	Last day Term 1

Fri 29	Good Friday Public Holiday
APRIL	
Mon 15	Term 2 Commences
Mon 15 - Fri 26	Life Education Yrs 5 & 6
Wed 17	Yr 1 Wildlife Rangers Minibeast Incursion
Wed 24	PLSS ANZAC Day Service 9:00am
Thurs 25	ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
Tues 30	Gala Day - Interschool Sport Yrs 4 - 6
MAY	
Thurs 2	District Cross Country
Mon 6	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 7	P&C Meeting 6:00pm
Wed 8	Yr 5 Eureka Excursion
Thurs 9	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 10	PPSHS STEM Cup Challenge
Wed 15	Under 8's Day
Wed 15	Junior Cross Country Carnivals: Yr 2/3 - Middle Session Prep/Yr 1 - Afternoon Session

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2021/qkr_parents_how_to_guide.pdf



**Update your Qkr for the new school year.
Make sure to 'add' your child's full name and
NEW year/class**

It's easy and free to download and register!

- Download the 'Qkr by MasterCard' App on Google Play or the App Store
- Follow the prompts to register
- Find Park Lake State School in the 'Nearby Locations' section
- Set up a profile for each child!
- Make sure when ordering that you put under the correct child's name.

Qkr is our go-to for:
Ordering lunches, Purchasing uniforms, Paying for excursions & events, Plus full menus & price lists are available on the App

<p>Park Lake State School Facebook</p> 	<p>Park Lake State School P&C Facebook</p> 	<p>PLSS volunteers Facebook Group</p> 
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PAYMENT DATES INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS

STUDENT LEADERS 2024

INCURSIONS / EXCURSIONS DUE DATES 2024

ACTIVITY	YEAR LEVEL	COST	DUE DATE
Interschool Sport	Years 4 - 6	\$40.00	Due by Friday 22 March
Minibeast Incursion	Year 1	\$16.00	Due by Thurs 28 March
Life Education - Talk About It	Year 5 & 6	\$19.00	Due by Mon 25 March

Our preferred method of payment is via BPoint, the Qkr App, QParent Portal or internet banking.

Our bank details for internet banking are as follows and payment needs to be made 2 days prior to the due date to ensure it makes our bank account on time.

LATE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

BSB: 064-474

Bank Account Number: 10252850

Reference: Please use your child's name.

Congratulations to all of our 2024 Student Leaders...

NAME	POSITION
Lachlan Sawyers	School Captain
Lily Holmes	School Captain
Sienna Payne	School Vice Captain
Emerson Osses	School Vice Captain
Chelsea Smits	Lorikeet Sports Leader
James Maybury	Lorikeet Vice Sports Leader

Emily Meyer	Goanna Sports Leader
Quilharni Taylor	Goanna Vice Sports Leader
Ella Karaka	Barramundi Sports Leader
Chloe Hughes	Barramundi Vice Sports Leader
Hukiaterangi Irwin	Kangaroo Sports Leader
Mela Purdie	Kangaroo Vice Sports Leader
Areen Hashem	Music Leader
Madison Strang	Language Leader
Laurielle Bui	First Nations Leader
Alexis Rampton	Student Councillor 3A
Brionie Barr	Student Councillor 3B
Noah Davies	Student Councillor 3C
Manaiah Sotutu	Student Councillor 3D
Lily Sumner	Student Councillor 3E
Alina Pelo	Student Councillor 3F
Maxim Bryce	Student Councillor 4A
Sophie Duncan	Student Councillor 4B
Owen Tramier	Student Councillor 4C
Mila Osses	Student Councillor 4D
Josh Groat	Student Councillor 4E
Madison Hill	Student Councillor 4/5F
Jade De Keizer	Student Councillor 5A

Aanya Patel	Student Councillor 5B
Lincoln Sanford	Student Councillor 5C
Azura Boosie	Student Councillor 5D
Kynan Darby	Student Councillor 5E
Ava Jocelyn	Student Councillor 6A
Davsingh Bhathal	Student Councillor 6B
Isa Geo	Student Councillor 6C
Grace Humphrys	Student Councillor 6D
Elsie Maknia	Student Councillor 6E

PE NEWS

It has been a busy first term with a number of students attending Broadwater sports trials.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected.

Mela Purdie – 12 years netball & 10-12 years Touch Football

Charlie Drumgold – 12 years netball

Sienna Endemann – 10-11 years netball & 10-12 years Basketball

Faith Taele – 10-11 years netball

Chael McDonald – 10-12 years AFL & 10-12 years swimming

Levi Teika – 10-12 years Touch Football

Willow Costar – 10-12 years Touch Football

Quilharni Taylor – 10-12 years Touch Football

Eamon Webber – 10-12 years swimming

Blake Ronald – 10-12 years swimming

There are still students currently trialling this term in hockey and rugby league and we wish them well.

A big congratulations to Mela and Sienna who were both selected into the South Coast netball teams and will travel to Toowoomba in May for the state competition.

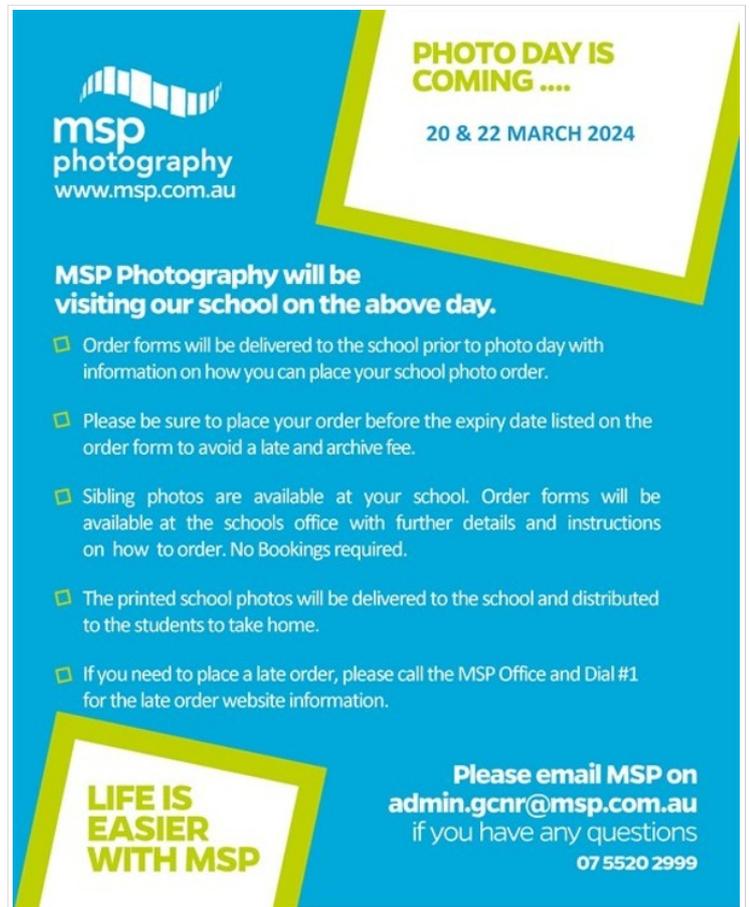
SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2031/senior_cross_country_carnival.pdf

SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS



A promotional graphic for a photo day at Park Lake State School. It features a blue background with a white camera icon in a green circle on the left, labeled 'Park Lake State School'. On the right, the 'msp photography' logo is displayed. The main text reads 'PHOTO DAY IS ON' in large white letters, followed by '20 & 22 MARCH 2024' in white text.



A promotional graphic for MSP Photography. It features a blue background with the 'msp photography' logo and website 'www.msp.com.au' at the top left. A white box with a green border contains the text 'PHOTO DAY IS COMING' and '20 & 22 MARCH 2024'. Below this, a white box with a green border contains the text 'MSP Photography will be visiting our school on the above day.' followed by a list of four bullet points: 'Order forms will be delivered to the school prior to photo day with information on how you can place your school photo order.', 'Please be sure to place your order before the expiry date listed on the order form to avoid a late and archive fee.', 'Sibling photos are available at your school. Order forms will be available at the schools office with further details and instructions on how to order. No Bookings required.', and 'The printed school photos will be delivered to the school and distributed to the students to take home.' A fourth bullet point states 'If you need to place a late order, please call the MSP Office and Dial #1 for the late order website information.' At the bottom right, a white box with a green border contains the text 'LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP'. To the right of this box, the text reads 'Please email MSP on admin.gcnr@msp.com.au if you have any questions 07 5520 2999'.



A promotional graphic with an orange background. It features a white camera icon in a green circle on the left, labeled 'Park Lake State School'. On the right, the 'msp photography' logo is displayed. The main text reads 'Photo day ordering will expire' in white, followed by 'MIDNIGHT' and '27 MARCH 2024' in large white letters. Below this, a white box with a blue border contains the text 'Please place your order before the expiry date to avoid any late fees'. At the bottom, a blue box with white text reads 'Any questions, please contact our friendly staff Ph: 07 5520 2999 Email: admin.gcnr@msp.com.au'.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Camp Australia is now taking bookings for Rocketeers! Book via the Parent Portal or visit <https://www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers>.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

TRIPLE P 2024 PARENTING SURVEY



Make an impact: Triple P's biggest parenting survey is now open

Triple P's 2024 Parenting Survey is live!

The survey is asking the anonymous views of thousands of parents and carers across Australia on big parenting issues, such as the cost-of-living impact, online dangers, bullying, burnout, behaviour, and more.

The insights will help shape Triple P's support and communication and will further improve the collective understanding of the day-to-day parenting challenges families across Australia are facing today.

Moreover, the survey aims to normalise common challenges and encourage parents and carers to reach out for help if needed.

It takes less than 5 minutes to complete, and the responses are anonymous. Plus, participants can enter our draw to win one of ten \$200 gift cards.

Here is the direct link to the survey:

<https://surveys.ctgroup.com/s3/triplepparentingsurvey>

The survey closes on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Thank you so much for your involvement and support,

The Triple P team

[View Triple P's 2024 Parenting Survey Prize Draw T&Cs and Privacy Statement](#)

CWA ANNUAL COUNTRY OF STUDY COMPETITION - MOROCCO

On behalf of the Coomera Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA), students are invited to participate in the Annual Country of Study Competition for Primary School children.

This year the country of study is Morocco. Students are invited to investigate all aspects of life and living in this country.

Please ensure that you follow the criteria given. Adhere to size limits, student name to be included on back of entry (not on the front) and the name of the country - Morocco, must appear on the front of the entry for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Entries will close on Friday 17 May, 2024 and will be collected from the school office on Monday 20 May, 2024.

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2039/competition_guidelines.pdf

https://parklakess.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2040/prep_entry_document.pdf

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Specialist guest coaches

GRADES 4 - 12

Location: Brisbane Gold Coast

April 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th

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Registrations for the next Sharks Camp are open and filling up FAST!

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