Dear Parents & Community

A very big thank you to Ms Helen Heery, Principal of Park Avenue State School, for allowing our Year 6 students to join her school’s excursion at such late notice. Both groups of students enjoyed a day out on South Passage challenging themselves in such tasks as raising the mainsail, tying knots, crawling along the bowsprit and diving for treasure. A real team building experience! Many thanks to Mrs Cook for all the time she put in to have the paperwork correct for this trip on such short notice. Thank you to Roz Clarkson for assisting with supervision.

Deepest sympathy to Mrs Issaakidis, Georgia, Roz (her mum) their families on the death of their father, husband and grandfather. Donations from staff, parents, and students will be forwarded to Sailability as per the family’s request. Mrs Issaakidis will return to school next week. Many thanks to Mrs Fotopoulos, Mrs Slasberg, Mrs Clarke and Ms Svenson for their commitment to our school and students in their role as relief teachers.

Again Byfield State School Year 6 students have been invited to participate in the Capricorn Coast Year 6 Beach Activities program. Our Teacher Aides will be involved in supervision duties and will transport the students each week to the venue and then on to Cooee Bay pool to join the school’s swimming sessions.

This Friday is School Support Staff and Teacher Aide Day. I would like to acknowledge the brilliance of these important people on our staff — Mrs Gaye Cook, Mrs Rhonda Palmer, Ms Relle Stickley and Ms Jodi Stickley. Many thanks ladies for your tireless efforts to assist students and support teachers and have our bills paid. I invite parents to write a note of appreciation to these ladies for their commitment and time to our students.

This Sunday is a special day for all the dads and grandfathers in our community. We wish you all a very happy and enjoyable day. Please enjoy the gifts the students have lovingly created.

Yours in education
Jo-Anne Shephard  Principal
A reminder to parents about what your child should do for homework -

Spelling learning, quick maths activity, read a home reader each night (parents to sign off each night) and learn their Sight Words. Spread over each night, students would only need to do about 15 minutes. This term we are noticing a few students who regularly do not read their ‘at level’ reader or learn their Sight Words and this is impacting on them in their achieving reading benchmarks. Home readers are meant to be easy with maybe a little help from parents, so students are really practicing their reading. Children should point to the words as they read so their eyes are focused on the words and therefore not ‘reading’ from memory.

Learning Sight Words allows a child’s brain to automatically recognize a word and therefore they do not have to work so hard when reading. These are the targets for Sight Words:

Prep students should achieve across the year Gold, Red, Blue, green, Orange, Indigo, Violet (first 100 words)

Year 1 students should achieve across the year Pink, Purple, Aqua, Lime, Lemon (2nd hundred words)

Year 2 students should achieve across the year Ruby, Sapphire, Jade, Amber, Pearl (3rd hundred words)

After this comes the fry 1000 words. Parents see where your child is up to in their Sight Word book. We have some high achievers in the Junior classroom who are already up to their Fry words! Fantastic!!!!

Junior students aim HIGH

From the Junior Classroom

From the Senior Classroom

Students have begun their next unit in English where the focus literature is poetry. They have also completed their assessment in Geography and Unit 5 English assessment tasks.

I have really enjoyed my extended time with this class and getting to you each student better and just for one day.

Mrs Fotopoulos
**P&C News**

Proposed meeting: Wednesday 16th September
All welcome
Roz Clarkson  P&C President

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**Student Resource Scheme**
A new supplier has taken over the contract for supplying schools with all classroom, office and cleaning products. The Customer Service manager called in (yes, personal service) to the school this week to give us a quick run down on services and the items the company supplies. This company has a much more streamlined process for ordering 'Back to School' student items to save our staff.

In 2016 we shall again be offering the very cost effective Student Resource Scheme for our parents. We know this scheme takes all the worry, time and stress away for parents.

Details will go out next term for parents to accept to join this scheme. As always parents may wish to opt out of this service and purchase all the required items themselves. Reminder that parents are always welcome to pay off their account over a period of time.

Just a reminder that this year we had a number of donated stationery items for the students to use which helped to reduce costs.

**Shop Lunch**
Reminder to parents to PLEASE order your child’s shop lunch prior to lunchtime. Staff will not order food for students if parents forget! If parents are uncontactable we

**Lost Property Box** contains all un-named clothing, lunch boxes, containers

It’s located in the Library

We have had trouble again with trespassers last weekend. This time water went missing from a bore tank. We would appreciate the community ringing School Watch 131788 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 if you notice anything untoward or vandalism.

**Library Borrowing**
Week 9 is the last week for borrowing. There have been quite a few ‘lost’ books this year.

Our librarian will send home notices to students who have ‘Overdues’. The Junior class is also missing some home readers that have not been returned for several weeks.

**Congratulations Byfield Students**
Again this year we have had 100% of Byfield students achieve their Premier Reading Challenge. For all students this is something to be proud of.

Later this year students will receive a certificate awarded from the Premier.

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Bob Beauprez

Please support our school with your shopping stickers.
Thank you to all who have done so! :)

**It’s back!**
Help make a difference for your local school or ELC
**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
This month is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. When a child is affected by a serious illness, support for them and assistance for their family and friends is important.

Through raising awareness we can also highlight:
- the value of medical research into improving treatments for children with cancer
- the importance of early detection and diagnosis
- the healthy choices we can all make to reduce our cancer risk and set an example for others.

**New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems**
New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems will commence for students entering Year 11 in 2018. These include a combination of school-based assessment and external assessment, new processes to strengthen the quality of school-based assessment, and a move from the Overall Position (OP) tertiary entrance rank to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank.

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**FOR SALE BY TENDER**

**THE FOLLOWING SEPARATE ITEMS**

1. Pair of large steel double gate frames
2. Pair of small steel double gate frames
3. Electronic shredder (in working order)
4. 8 long wooden planks
5. ‘As is Where Is’ 1250L (300 gallon) rainwater tank and steel stand to be removed off school site as part of tender.

*Please put offer in sealed envelope with name and phone number on outside and leave in office.*

For viewings—contact office

**CLOSES: 18 September 3pm** (altered time)