Friday August 15th 2014

Thought of the Week
“Never take the advice of someone who has not had your kind of trouble.” - Sidney J. Harris

Virtue of the Week
Our virtue of the week is enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is being inspired and full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. When we are enthusiastic, we do things wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness, giving 100% to what we do. Being enthusiastic is also being excited about something and looking forward to it. Enthusiasm comes from having a positive attitude. Please consider discussing enthusiasm with your child/ren this week.

Principal’s Message
Next week marks the start of our sixth week of learning. Every week, it is always pleasing to visit every classroom and see consistency in fostering and maintaining high expectations and high levels of student engagement in learning. High expectations provide our learners, staff and yourselves, as partners in learning with a clear understanding of the direction learning is taking and the level of work expected to meet outcomes. Very soon, as parents and carers, you will have the opportunity to meet face to face with your child/ren’s classroom teachers to discuss the many facets of your child/ren’s education. A special invitation will soon be sent home. Please consider coming along to share your thoughts and learn ways you can further set your child/ren up for success.

Every week as I visit classrooms, our learners and staff openly celebrate the many great things that are happening, particularly improvements. Over the past few weeks, Ms Moira Mackenzie and I have been examining our A to E Report Card data, NAPLAN data and the weekly and five weekly data captures we take to monitor the literacy and numeracy achievements of all learners. It is very reassuring to see that the many strategies we have put in place, aligned to our priorities and based on the evidence we regularly collect is reaping rewards. Many of our strategies are ‘invisible’, happening daily and embedded as a regular part of our classroom and schoolwide routines. Congratulations to our Teacher Team for their ongoing consistency and efforts.

Until next time,

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL
Our Stars of the Week
Congratulations go out to the following students recognised as our ‘Parkhurst Stars’ for consistent achievement and effort. Well done everyone!

P/1K Mackenna Pitcairn
P/1T Cooper Todman
P/1J Amelia Bierton
1WS Jakobe Close
2/3G Keiarah Rose
2/3K Lacey Welfare
2/3M Ali Gadsby
3/4H Riley Lowrey
4S Ethan Rogers
4/5W Teliah Pitcairn
5/6F Zac Green
6/7L Kenya Nebauer
6/7P Lacinda Wright

Weekly Attendance Statistics
Attendance continues to be our priority. Our aim by the end of the year is to reach 96% and have classes of ‘Every Day Counts’ Champions. Our current school wide daily attendance rate is 93.2%. The attendance rate of each class is listed below, with huge improvements noted, well done everyone!

P/1J 93.27%
P/1K 96.56%
P/1T 92%
1WS 87.87%
2/3G 97.09%
2/3K 94.08%
2/3M 93.92%
3/4H 92.38%
4S 97.42%
4/5W 93.6%
5/6F 93.33%
6/7L 95.08%
6/7P 88.52%

Kind Kids Awards
This week, we once again acknowledge learners who consistently demonstrate respect and in particular kindness towards others in the form of a ‘Kind Kid’ Award.

Anneliese McCann Ethan Seeney
Charlotte Jones Jakobe Close
Cortni Pearce Maddison Belleville
Aiden Kingston Xavier George
Shayla Callaghan Dylan Barber
Cody Lorraway Corey Balderson
Lia Hiron

Birthdays of the Week
Birthday greetings go out to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week. We all hope you have a terrific day.

Toby Dendle
Ahna Stubbs
Blake Cassidy

Congratulations
5/6F
Class of the Week!

Student Absence Line
Parents and Carers are encouraged to use the school’s Student Absence line to report their child/ren’s absences on 07 4924 6566.

School Banking
Our Student Banking Program is offered every Wednesday. For every deposit made, the school receives a small commission that soon adds up. Thanks again to Angela George, for a job well done each and every week!

Face to Face Reporting
At Parkhurst State School, Face to Face Reporting occurs in Terms One and Three. Weeks Eight and Nine have been set aside this Term for Face to Face Reporting. Very soon, all families will receive invitations from Classroom Teachers to identify suitable days and times to meet and discuss the achievement and performance of learners.
Electronic Newsletter List
If you wish to receive an email notification each week, please send an email to the.principal@parkhurstss.eq.edu.au with ‘Electronic Newsletter’ in the subject field.

Icy Cup Fridays
The Student Council are selling Icy Cups for **60 cents** each to Sporting Teams after Sport every Friday in **F Block**. Remaining Icy Cups are available to purchase after **3:00 p.m.**

Parkhurst Tavern Raffles
The P&C’s Parkhurst Tavern Raffles are now once a fortnight and everyone is welcome to become involved with this profitable fundraiser.

There is virtually nothing to do except turn up, sell tickets and conduct the draws. Volunteers are still sought every fortnight to assist with the sale of tickets for some amazing prizes. If you are able to assist, please consider contacting a P&C Member to be added to the **Raffle Roster**. If every family assisted for just one night, the roster would be covered. All profits generated has and will continue to support **YOUR** students and their education.

P&C Uniform Shop
The P&C’s Uniform Shop opens every Friday from **8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** Uniform Sales are by **CASH or CHEQUE** only. A full Pricelist of all items is outlined below. A collection of second hand items is available. For sales and information, please visit the Uniform Shop or contact me by telephone on **04 4738 3265** or by email at welfare@internode.on.net

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Sports Shirts
available from the
**Uniform Shop**
Worn only on Wednesdays!

Aluminium Can Collection
Empty aluminium cans may be left in the wired collection point at the front of the school for recycling. Every can means money for Parkhurst.

Get Set for Prep
**Enrolments and Information Packages** are now available for children who wish to commence Prep this year and next. If your child turns **five by June 30th** they are eligible for Prep that year. The table below is a guide to assist families determine their child/ren’s Prep eligibility.

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Enrolments always welcome!

Tuckshop News
Tuckshop helpers are always sought on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you could even spare just thirty minutes of your time to help, it would make a real difference. If you are able to assist, please see me at the Tuckshop or call on **07 4924 6535**.

Gina Ware
Tuckshop Convenor

School Banking
Every Wednesday
Problem Solving Strategy of the Week
Problem Solving supports numeracy and literacy development by assisting learners to interpret questions, think beyond what is written and consider alternative ways to answer a question. This week, our strategy is to make an organised list.

Making an organised list helps problem solvers organize their thinking about a problem. Recording work in an organised list makes it easy to review what has been done and to identify important steps that must be completed. It also provides a systematic way of recording computations made with given data or recording combinations of given items.

Many problems involve finding the number of possibilities which satisfy a certain condition, or finding the number of possible ways to achieve a certain outcome. As long as the number of possibilities is not too large, we can list them and then find the size of the list. It is important to list the possibilities in a sequence to ensure that all the possibilities are found.

Physical Education Class
As part of their Physical Education course, Year Six students must select one indoor sport and one outdoor sport from the list given. How many possible combinations of sports are there to choose from?

The Ice Cream Van
An Icecream Van offers four flavours of icecream; chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and lemon. Donna is allowed to pick two different flavours for her icecream. How many possible flavour combinations could she choose?

Rubber Stamps
Mrs Smith has three rubber stamps. One for each letter A, B and C. She is making Maths Game Packets using two letters to label each packet. When the packets are passed out, what is the chance you will get a packet marked BA?

Are Your Details Up to Date?
Have you recently moved house, changed your telephone number, mobile or internet address? Have your emergency contact details or any other information changed? If so, please visit or contact the Office so this information can be updated on our system. There have recently been occasions where we have attempted to contact parents and carers without success due to incorrect or outdated information. A special form to update this information is also available from the Office to complete.

Student Recognition
At Parkhurst State School, we strive to consistently acknowledge the achievement and improvement of all students across the school, across as many learning areas as possible. This proactive and positive approach may involve the presentation of class awards, incentives, special notes being sent home and weekly certificates on Assembly. For many of our students, these awards are significant achievements and are valued by both themselves and their parents/carers.

There are many achievements we place great value on, and as a consequence we laminate them so they will be lasting reminders on a job well done. This also ensures that the certificates make it home in one piece to share with Mums, Dads and other family members who may not have been present for the formal presentation. We believe that every child
deserves their ‘five minutes of fame and recognition’ and we go to great lengths to ensure every child receives some recognition during the year. Recent anonymous feedback from a parent has indicated to us that the same value we share is not placed on awards, particularly those that are laminated. If you do not wish your child to receive awards as part of our weekly assembly, please contact the Office so we can ensure it does not occur.

**Book Character Parade**
**Thursday August 21st**
9:15 a.m. in the AA
Everyone is welcome!

Are YOU a Parkhurst Star?

**Doing Maths Together at Home**
Children need lots of experiences in making, counting, drawing and talking about numbers. Make connections for your child by explaining how numbers and counting are a part of everyday life. The activities below will help your child develop these skills. You may feel that the maths your child is doing at school is different from how you were taught, but you will still be able to support your child in many ways.

**Playing Shop**
- Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes or prices cut out of shopping catalogues.
- Talk about how we pay for items using notes and coins.
- Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell goods from the shop.
- Order the food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).
- Introduce kitchen scales to the shop to weigh some foods such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice and order items by weight.

**Playing Games**
- Play I Spy or other games to identify shapes, numbers and patterns.
- Dice are a great addition to any toy collection. Roll the dice and say, make or write the numbers identified. Roll the dice and add the numbers together to find the total.
- Play number games online with your child.
- Try this website ... http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/

**Making Patterns**
- Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.
- Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, crockery, cards and furniture.
- Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. For example, red, blue, white, red, blue, white.
- Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards or on material.

**Fathers’ Day Raffle**
The Parkhurst Parents and Citizens’ Association is in the process of organising its annual *Fathers’ Day Raffle* with some amazing prizes available, including a Weber Barbeque. Other donations of items for additional prizes are also sought. Thanks once again to Angela George, Jo Watterson, Beth Fothergill and Ashley Welfare for securing some great prizes. Look out in coming weeks for books of Raffle Tickets. Prizes will be drawn at our Assembly on Friday September 19th 2014.

**Help protect our school. If you see any suspicious behaviour, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**

**Super Homework**
This week, Caelan Hall and Cameron Hanley from Year 5/6F have been recognised for their outstanding homework presentation. Well done and keep up the amazing effort!

**Book Character Parade**
Every year, our annual Book Character Parade is a highlight for staff and students with an opportunity to come dressed as a favourite book character. The Parade will be held in the Assembly Area on Thursday August 21st 2014 at 9:15 a.m. Costumes do not have to be purchased, hired or especially made. Please consider using what you already have in your house. If you are after ideas, please do not hesitate in visiting Mrs Stovold or Ms Mackenzie or ask your child/ren’s Class Teacher.
Rugby Union Sign On

You are invited to Come Play Rugby in 2014. “The Game Played in Heaven” Sign on Days approaching for all Rugby Union Clubs in Central Queensland. Games are played at Rugby Park in Normanby Street, Rockhampton. Season Starts Friday September 05th 2014 for Pathway, Junior Boys and Girls Under Five to Under Eleven (Friday Nights). Competition for Under Thirteens to Under Eighteen Boys to commence after school holidays on Saturday Afternoons. Expressions of Interest are called for any girls wanting to play Rugby in an All Girls competition. For more information, contact Joanne Fletcher, CQ Junior Brahmans coordinator on 04 0957 2894

Children’s Book Week

Children’s Book Week starts next week and students of all ages can find a good read on the 2014 Book of the Year shortlist. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect’ and highlights the benefits of exploring other people’s stories. The reading period for the Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on Friday September 05th 2014. Are your children on track to meet your reading target before the deadline. For more information, please visit the following website links … http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm or http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/index.html

2014 Indigenous Sports Program

The ‘Empowering Students through Sports and Education’ is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school students aged from ten to fifteen at Central Queensland University Rockhampton from Monday September 22nd to Friday September 26th 2014. A lunch and snack is provided. There are limited spaces and the program is FREE! Students will participate in five days of fun sports, cultural, health and educational activities.

Facilitators include Central Queensland University faculty staff and professionals from local community agencies. Participants must prove their excellent behaviour and school attendance to be eligible. Applications close on Monday September 01st 2014 For an Application Form, please contact Campbell Macgregor or Sherry Savage from the Widening Participation Team on 4930 9456 or email engageeducation@cqu.edu.au

Have you Checked Lost Property

As of Wednesday afternoon, there were 35 jumpers and coats, 29 water bottles, 16 lunchboxes, 3 pairs of school shorts, 2 school shirts and 1 backpack in the Lost Property Tubs on the Stage in the Assembly Area. All items were placed out for classes to inspect this week. If you believe your child/ren are missing any items, please check the tubs. Any unclaimed and unmarked items will be sent to a local charity or the Uniform Shop for resale.

Choral Festival 2014

Once again the Parkhurst State School Choir will be attending and performing at this amazing event. A professional conductor has sent us six songs for all Central Queensland Schools to learn and on Monday September 08th 2014, our Choir will be joining hundreds of other students in learning and performing them. The Venue this year will be the Rockhampton Baptist Tabernacle on Norman Road at the end of Farm Street.

A special note has been sent home and all are welcome to attend the performance. Tickets are only $5.00
### Term Three Calendar of Events

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### Upcoming Events
- **August 19th**: P&C Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **August 21st**: Book Character Parade at 9:15 a.m.
- **August 27th**: Wombat Stew – The Musical
- **September 08th**: Face to Face Reporting commences
- **September 08th**: Choral Festival

### Important Dates
- **January 28th 2014**: Term One 2014 Commences
- **April 05th to April 21st**: Autumn Vacation
- **Tuesday April 22nd**: Term Two Commences
- **June 28th to July 13th**: Winter Vacation
- **Monday July 14th**: Term Three Commences
- **Sept 20th to Oct 06th**: Spring Vacation
- **Tuesday October 07th**: Term Four Commences
- **December 12th**: Summer Vacation
- **January 27th 2015**: Term One 2015 Commences

*We Leap to Lead!*
PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL
2014 TUCKSHOP MENU
Full Menu available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Smart
choices

SORRY NO CREDIT AVAILABLE

FIRST BREAK ONLY 11:00 a.m.

SANDWICHES/WRAPS
- Ham $4.00
- Ham and Salad $4.50
- Chicken $4.00
- Chicken and Salad $4.50
- Egg and Lettuce $3.00
- Vegemite or Jam $2.50
- Salad (lettuce/tomato/carrot/beetroot/cheese) $4.00
- Chicken Caesar Wrap $4.50
  (Chicken, lettuce, cheese, bacon and dressing)
- Chicken Wraps $4.00
  (Chicken, lettuce, cheese and mayonnaise)
- Chicken Snack Wraps $3.00
  (Chicken, lettuce, and mayonnaise)

BOWLS (Plates add additional $1.00)
- Sliced sandwich (includes a dinner roll) $4.00
- With egg $4.50
- With chicken $4.50
- With ham $4.50
- With chicken and egg $5.50

EXTRAS
- Boiled egg $0.50
- Cheese $0.50
- Toast $0.50
- Bread Roll $0.50
- Wrap $0.50

HOT FOODS
- Chicken Fingers (7) $4.00
- Fried Rice (Home Baked) $3.50
- Hot Dog $3.50
- Hot Dog and Cheese $4.00
- Meat Pie $4.00
- Sausage Roll $3.00
- Spaghetti Bolognaise (Home Baked) $3.50
- Chicken Burger (lettuce/mayonnaise) $5.00
- Beef Burger (with basic salad) $5.00

AFTERNOON TEA 1:30 p.m.
- Dinosaur Snacks/Chicken Nuggets (7) $2.50
- Mini Sausages $2.00
- Mini Hot Dogs $2.00
- Mini Pie $2.00
- Chicken Fingers (7) $4.00

AFTERNOON TEA SNACKS 1:30 p.m.
- Tuckshop Baked Muffins (Chocolate, Blueberry or Banana) $1.50
- Fresh Pikelets (Plain or with Jam/Butter) $1.50
- Funky Fruit Kebabs (Fruits in season) $1.50
- Custard Fruit Cups $2.00
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- Corn/Rice Thins (Cheese/Sour Cream or Chives/Sweet Chilli) $1.00
- Jelly Cups $1.50

DRINKS (Available at Both Breaks)
- Bottled Water $2.50
- Breaka 300ml (Strawberry, Chocolate) $3.00
- Calymilk 200ml (Strawberry, Chocolate) $3.00
- Slush Puppies (Limit of two per day) $3.00
- LOLs (Blackcurrant, Strawberry, Raspberry, Tropical, Mandarin) $3.00
- Poppers (Assorted flavours) $2.50

OCASIONAL ITEMS (Tuckshop Baked)
- Chocolate Slice $1.50
  (Substituted with muffin if not available)

OVER THE COUNTER ITEMS
- Bag of Popcorn $1.00
- Bag of Mini Choc Chip Biscuits $1.50
- Bag of Rice Snacks (Cheese/Chicken) $1.50
- Assorted Ice Blocks from $0.50 to $1.50

ORDERS need to be on a paper bag for EACH break and handed in by 9:00 a.m. Printed bags are available for purchase at the Tuckshop.
Paper Bags (each) $0.10
Paper Bags (pack of 50) $3.00

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO ASSIST?
Volunteers are always sought. If you can spare any time or have questions, please contact our Convenor on 07 4924 6535 or drop into the Tuckshop and say hello.

ALLERGIES AND FOOD INTOLERANCES
Please let us know of any allergies or intolerances that your child/ren may have and we will do our very best to provide suitable items specifically for them.

Every Parkhurst learner is literate, numerate, safe, happy and learning every day.
Parkhurst State School provides learners with Smart Moves and Smart Choices.
Our School Vision

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Our P&C meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.