Thought of the Week

“Patience has its limits. Take it too far, and it’s cowardice.”

- George Jackson

Virtue of the Week

Our virtue of the week is resilience, the fourth of our five Rs. Resilience is a life skill that helps us cope with our day to day set backs, challenges and tough times. When we are resilient, we show courage, confidence and try our very best. When we show resilience, we see every day as a new day an opportunity to start again from where we had left off. Please consider discussing resilience with your child/ren over the next week.

Principal’s Message

This week, our school hosted a visit from Ms Angela Collins, an acting Assistant Regional Director who supervises schools in Rockhampton, the Capricorn Coast and out to Emerald. The purpose of her visit was to touch base regarding the school’s predicted 2014 NAPLAN performance and the specific strategies we have in place to support all learners who may be at risk from not meeting the national minimum standard.

During Ms Collins’ visit, time was spent with Year 5/6F and P/1K in their classrooms participating in an explicit teaching lesson. Mrs Collins expressed how impressed she was with the high standard of teaching taking place and level of learner engagement. She also commented on the quality of both learning environments. Mrs Vanessa Flint and Mrs Anne Kerley were congratulated for volunteering their classrooms as were their learners for their outstanding efforts. Whilst in Year 5/6F, Mrs Collins presented a number of NAPLAN ‘style’ questions to complete as a moderation exercise across the schools she supervises.

Our school has high expectations for student learning, achievement and behaviour as well as teaching standards in all classrooms. There are times when some learners require gentle reminders of what appropriate behaviour is and the consequences for displaying this. Communication between the school and home is essential and we will ensure as a school you are aware of any issues and concerns that may affect your child’s learning and that of their peers.

Until next time,

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL

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Our P&C meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Zone 21
Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to the following students recognised as our ‘Parkhurst Stars’ for consistent achievement and effort across the areas of Spelling, Handwriting, Book Work, Behaviour and Reading. Well done everyone!

P/1K  Jesse Bray
P/1T  Anikkah Harvey
P/1J  Kade Doyle
1WS  Amelia Black
2/3G  Lilly Horstman
2/3K  Tyrelle Doyle
2/3M  Charli Thorley
3/4H  Gary Cron
4S   Ben Taylor
4/5W  Michael Jacobsen
5/6F  Blake Cassidy
6/7L  Kenya Nebauer
6/7P  Liam Oddy

Happy Birthday

Birthday greetings go out to the following students who will be celebrating their birthdays from today and up until next Thursday. We all hope you had a terrific day.

Declan Loweke  Josiah Lowe
Isaac Holden  Jayden Mackie
Caelan Hall  Jai Dai
Amber Ware  Hunter Knipler
Oliver Mann  Shayla Callaghan
Marg Hannan

Resilience

This year, resilience was a major component of our behaviour presentations to all classes as part of our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. Resilience is a skill that assists us to develop courage to see every day as a new day and opportunity. There may be times when things don’t go quite the way we would like them to go. With resilience, we are able to have another go even if we aren’t sure we will succeed or bounce back after a set back, failure or upset. Resilience is an essential skill that we are developing in all learners across our school. A copy of the poster displayed in all learning spaces is outlined below.

School Banking

All Parkhurst students have the opportunity to participate in the Commonwealth Bank’s Student Banking Program every Wednesday. For every deposit made, the school receives a small commission that soon adds up.

Senior Induction

Friday March 14th 2014
at 9:15 a.m. in the AA
Everyone Welcome!

Parkhurst State School P&C

Next Meeting for 2014
Tuesday March 18th 2014
at 6:30 p.m. in Zone 21
Everyone Welcome!
Weekly Attendance Statistics

Attendance continues to be our priority. Our aim for Term One is to reach 96% and have classes of ‘Every Day Counts’ Champions. Our current school wide daily attendance rate is 94.5%. The attendance rate of each class is listed below, with huge improvements noted, well done everyone!

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Every minute of every hour of every day of learning counts at Parkhurst State School

Student Absence Line

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

Uniform Shirt Days

Some changes have been made to the days when certain uniform shirts are to be worn to ensure consistency. The assistance of parents and carers is sought according to the information below:

- Mondays: Red or Black Shirts
- Tuesdays: Red or Black Shirts
- Wednesday: Sports House Shirts
- Thursdays: Red, Black and Senior Shirts
- Fridays: Red or Black Shirts

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.

High Five Strategy

At Parkhurst State School, we have explicitly taught our learners a range of strategies as part of our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. The High Five Strategy is one of these and provides our learners with a sequence of steps to follow when they find themselves in challenging situations. There may be times when only one or two steps are needed. Likewise, a few steps in the sequence may be skipped, depending on the situation.

For example, if a student was experiencing name calling from a fellow student, they could start at ignoring or depending on the degree, may go straight to telling a teacher. We have informed all students of this strategy for dealing with bullying and encourage them to apply it when necessary.

‘High Five’ Strategy

1. **Ignore** - the first, and usually the most effective, is to ignore the annoying behaviour.
2. **Walk Away** - from the offending student.
3. **Wait** - politely tell them to stop and wait for them to join in.
4. **Warn** - speak assertively, strongly but still politely and tell them to stop it or you will tell.
5. **Tell** - if you have tried the preceding four steps and the offending behaviour has still not stopped, tell the Adult On Duty.

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Help protect our school.
If you see any suspicious behaviour, please contact School Watch on 131 788.
Parkhurst Tavern Raffles
The P&C’s Parkhurst Tavern Raffles are now once per fortnight. There is currently a risk of losing this very profitable fundraiser to other community groups unless we can commit to regular Friday evenings. Everyone is welcome to come along this Friday night to learn more about conducting Raffles.

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 call Sandra Wingard on 04 3154 4073 to be added to the Raffle Roster, if only for one night this year. Income generated has and will continue to support YOUR students and their learning.

Playground Access
All students have been reminded of the expectations regarding playground access before and after school. At Parkhurst State School, we strive to maintain a safe environment for staff, students and visitors. At a recent Assembly, everyone was reminded that Playgrounds and its equipment is a ‘No Go Zone’ before or after school. No staff are on duty at this time and will assume no responsibility for any injuries sustained. All playground areas are clearly marked with posters explaining this expectation as indicated below.

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

Uniform Price List

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Sports Shirts
in house colours are still available from the Uniform Shop
Worn only on Wednesdays!

2014 Senior Induction Ceremony
This year’s Induction of Seniors and Leaders is scheduled for Friday March 14th 2014 at 9:15 a.m. in the Assembly Area. This special occasion is always greatly anticipated by Mums, Dads, staff and students. As in previous years, a number of special guests will be officiating at the special event. All Year Sixes and Sevens will be presented with their 2014 Senior Badges and Senior Shirts, as well as inducting our Year Sevens into their key leadership roles. Formal invitations were posted this week.

2014 Cross Country and Fun Run
By now, all families would have received information regarding this year’s Cross Country and Fun Run to be held in the last week of this Term. This year we have the opportunity to do online sponsorship. Simply register your child/ren at http://schoolfunrun.com.au/students and follow the prompts.

Cross Country and Fun Run
Thursday April 03rd 2014
**Tuckshop News**

Our new Tuckshop Menu has proven popular amongst our students. Additional copies are available from our website, the Tuckshop and Office. Tuckshop helpers are always sought on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Just thirty minutes of your time would be a great help. The Tuckshop’s telephone number is (07) 4924 6535. If you are able to assist, please contact this number, call into the Tuckshop or complete the form below. A weekly Roster will soon be available.

Gina Ware
Tuckshop Convenor

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**Get Set for Prep**

Enrolments and Information Packages are now available for children who wish to commence Prep in 2014 and beyond. If your child turns five by June 30th 2014, they are eligible for Prep next year. The table below is a guide to assist families determine their child/ren’s Prep eligibility.

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**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.

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**Senior Induction**

Friday March 14th 2014 at 9:15 a.m. in the Assembly Area
Everyone Welcome!

**We are a Sun Safe School**

Parkhurst State School is proudly recognised as a Sun Safe School and has high expectations for all students and staff to practise sun safety at all times. Our Policy is strictly No Hat No Play and learners without hats have denied themselves an opportunity to participate in lunchtime play, outdoors health and physical education lessons and lunchtime access to Zone 21. Your assistance and support as parents and carers to ensure your child/ren always have their black broad brimmed hat at school is greatly appreciated. This fortnight is our ‘Hat Blitz’!

WE are sun smart at Parkhurst!
Schools Clean Up Day

Today was **Schools Clean Up Day**. All classes assumed responsibility for their own allocated area of our school, making our school spic and span. There are also various community Clean Up activities being held this **Sunday March 02nd 2014**. The **Clean Up Australia Day** website lists the planned venues and activities. Visit … [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day)

Easter Raffle

Tickets will soon be on sale for the P&C’s annual Easter Goodie Raffle to be drawn on the last day of school at the **Easter Hat Parade** on **Friday April 04th 2014**. First Prize will be a Barbeque, perfect for Easter entertaining. Donations are also being sought for Easter ‘goodies’ to make up prize baskets. One item from every family would provide over two hundred items. Donations can be left at the Office.

Band Workshops

The **Capricornia Silver Band** is conducting a Brass and Percussion Workshop for Year Five, Six and Seven students. This workshop will be run by the Musical Director on **Saturday March 01st 2014**. For more information, please contact **Craig Holbeck** by telephone on **04 0773 5702** or email at … [president@capsilver.org.au](mailto:president@capsilver.org.au)

Make Every Day Count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV at the following link … [http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland)

Instruments for Sale

Yamaha Flute - **$500**. In an as new condition. Please phone Robyn on **04 0338 7378**

Flute for sale - **$200**. Please see **Marg Hannan** at school in the Year 3/4H classroom if interested.

Butterflies

The butterflies are having a good season at school. We have had some 'Dainty Swallowtails' emerge from the Prep Classes and a beautiful 'Blue Argus' with **Year 2/3K**. At present we have about ten 'Lemon Migrant', one 'Orchard Swallowtail' and fifteen 'Dainty Swallowtail' caterpillars in our Butterfly Nursery. Perfect timing for the Creepy Crawly lessons in the younger grades!

Street Parking

Parents and Carers are reminded that parking in Mason Avenue is restricted to only the one side that is marked as **designated** parking. Rotherys Buses continue to experience issues on a daily basis entering and departing the school. There have been some very close shaves. Working together, we can ensure the safety of all.

writers of the week

Congratulations to the following learners who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in writing this week.

Megan Ferrier
Darcy Burns
Charli Thorley
# Parkhurst State School

## Term One Calendar of Events

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## Upcoming Events

- March 02nd: Clean Up Australia Day
- March 14th: Senior Induction Ceremony
- March 17th: St Patrick’s Day
- April 03rd: Fun Run and Cross Country
- April 04th: Easter Hat Parade
- Last Day of Term One

## 2014 Term 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 2014: Term One 2015 Commences

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

🌟 Green (Everyday Items)
🌟 Amber (Sometimes Items)
🌟 Red (Special Occasion Items)

SORRY NO CREDIT AVAILABLE

FIRST BREAK ONLY 11:00 a.m.
SANDWICHES/WRAPs
- Ham
- Ham and Salad
- Chicken
- Chicken and Salad
- Egg and Lettuce
- Vegemite or Jam
- Salad (lettuce/tomato/cucumber/beetroot/cheese)
- Chicken Caesar Wrap
- Chicken Wrap
- Chicken Snack Wrap

BOWLS (Plates add additional $1.00)
- Salad Bowl (includes a dinner roll)
- With egg
- With chicken
- With ham
- With chicken and egg

EXTRAS
- Boiled egg
- Cheese
- Toasted
- Bread Roll
- Wrap

HOT FOODS
- Chicken Fingers (7)
- Fried Rice (Home Baked)
- Hot Dog
- Hot Dog and Cheese
- Meat Pie
- Sausage Roll
- Spaghetti Bolognaise (Home Baked)
- Chicken Burger (Lettuce/Mayonnaise)
- Beef Burger (with basic salad)

AFTERNOON TEA 1:30 p.m.
- Dinosaur Snacks/Chicken Nuggets (3)
- Mini Sausage Rolls
- Mini Hot Dogs
- Mini Pie
- Chicken Fingers (7)

AFTERNOON TEA SNACKS 1:30 p.m.
- Tuckshop Baked Muffins
- Fresh Pikelets (Plain or with Jam/Butter)
- Funky Fruit Kebabs (Fruits in season)
- Custard Fruit Cups
- Custard Cups
- Corn/Rice Thins
- Jelly Cups

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

OCCASIONAL ITEMS (Tuckshop Baked)
- Chocolate Slice
- (Substituted with muffin if not available)

OVER THE COUNTER ITEMS
- Bag of Popcorn
- Bag of Mini Choc Chip Biscuits
- Bag of Rice Snacks (Cheese/Chicken)
- 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)
Paper Bags (pack of 50)

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 INTOLENCES
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