Thought of the Week

“There’s no present. There’s only the immediate future and the recent past.”

- George Carlin

Virtue of the Week

This week, we explore the virtue of **courtesy**. **Courteous** is being polite and having good manners. It is also a gracious way of speaking and acting which give others a feeling of being valued and respected. **Couresty** is also about greeting others with respect and using words such as ‘Please’, ‘Hello’, ‘Thank You’, ‘Excuse Me’, ‘Goodbye’ and ‘You’re Welcome’. Please consider discussing being **courteous** with your child/ren over the next week.

Principal’s Message

Today marks the end of a busy week at Parkhurst State School, which started with the delivery and installation of our new building, the Year 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival, Face to Face Reporting Sessions and rain, lots of it! It has been very impressive to see just how well our learners have coped with the excessive rain and limited opportunities for outdoors play. Staff are also commended for their work over the last few days managing learners, in what has been challenging weather conditions.

Last week was Good News Week and it has been wonderful to hear from so many parents and carers of their appreciation of the personal communications made last week to recognise and celebrate achievement. Teachers have also ‘fed forward’ to me the delight they had last week in receiving positive feedback themselves via emails, telephone calls and face to face comments. On behalf of all staff, thank you. Your efforts are truly appreciated and valued.

At Parkhurst State School, we pride ourselves on maintaining high expectations and standards across all areas, including book work, achievement, uniforms, attendance and behaviour. It is always so pleasing when positive comments regarding our school and its outstanding reputation are received from a range of people. Such a reputation is the result of the combined and consistent effort of all members of our school community. So please, accept my thanks and congratulations for working with us.

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 Tyler Sloan
P/1T Jaxon Albion
P/1J Jack Brandt
1WS Masri Pearce
2/3G Dallas Feldman
2/3K Lacey Welfare
2/3M Chloe Gunder
3/4H Jhett Sherwood
4S Izzy McIntosh
4/5W Domi De Haas
5/6F Shaun Stubbs
6/7L Riley Barton
6/7P Lacinda Wright

Happy Birthday

Birthday greetings go out to the following students who will be celebrating their birthdays. We all hope you have a terrific day.

Tiah Skennar
Thomas Millar
Trinity Lowe
Katie Heinze
Aiden Balderson
Darcy Sewell
Tayla Welfare

Kind Kids Awards

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

Lucas Kemp
Zeth Gilbert
Chloe Hawe
Kailah Bohan
Josh Mantz
Tom Davies
Alexandra Muller

Jesse Bray
Kye Holden
Abby Jacobsen
Ashleigh Fleming
Lilly Cron
Rebecca Rufus

Super Writers of the Week

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

Karly Petersen
Dylan Barber
Shelby Seymore-Penstone
Aiden Balderson
Amelia Black
Blake Hanley
Ennika Gooding
Amber Ware
Matthew Romer

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 93.7%. The attendance rate of each class is listed below, with huge improvements noted, well done everyone!

P/1J 95.77%
P/1K 94.96%
P/1T 91.43%
1WS 96.41%
2/3G 95.63%
2/3K 96.08%
2/3M 95.72%
3/4H 95.04%
4S 94.77%
4/5W 90.33%
5/6F 88.17%
6/7L 95.36%
6/7P 93.16%

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

Student Absence Line

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

Cross Country and Fun Run

Thursday April 03rd 2014

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.

Term One Assembly of Excellence

Our school community unites at the end of each TERM to celebrate effort and excellence in the form of our special ‘Assembly of Excellence’. This special event is scheduled for next Friday April 04th 2014 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Area. During this Assembly, our School Choir will perform, followed by the presentation of 100% Attendance Awards, ‘5R’ Awards by Class Teachers, our Bronze Behaviour Awards and the first of our Gold 5R Star Badges. We hope you can make this event and help us celebrate.

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.

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

Make Saturday Night ‘Nit Detection Night’ in your house!
2014 Cross Country and Fun Run

Our 2014 Cross Country and Fun Run is scheduled for next Thursday April 03rd 2014 from 9:15 a.m. All families would have received information regarding sponsorship. This year online sponsorship is an option for families. To register, visit the following site http://schoolfunrun.com.au/students and follow the prompts.

Cross Country and Fun Run
Thursday April 03rd 2014

School Banking Wednesdays

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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 this year. The table below is a guide to assist families determine their child/ren’s Prep eligibility.

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Enrolments always welcome!

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.

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

Tuckshop Helpers

- I am able to assist at Tuckshop.
- Please add me to the Roster …
- Regularly on …
  - Weekly
  - Fortnightly
  - Monthly
- As required on preferred days

Name ____________________________
Contact _________________________

ASSEMBLY OF EXCELLENCE

Friday April 04th 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Area

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

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Thursday April 24th at 9:00 a.m.
Anzac Day Ceremony and March

For new families, each year at Parkhurst State School, we commemorate Anzac Day by conducting our very own Anzac Day Commemoration Service on the front lawns. This year, this special and moving Ceremony, led by our school leaders and Staff will be held on Thursday April 24th 2014. All parents, carers, friends of the school and community members are welcome to join us.

On Anzac Day, all schools are invited to participate in the annual Community March. Information regarding this event will be sent home next week, due to Week One of next Term being a three day week. Each year, our school’s representation grows. All learners are invited to participate.

Great Results Guarantee

Earlier this week, the Great Results Guarantees of all schools were approved by the Director General of Education and returned for uploading to school websites. Our Great Results Guarantee is located on our school home page www.parkhurstss.eq.edu.au and outlines the key strategies we have in place to guarantee the literacy and numeracy achievement of all learners. This Guarantee also outlines our budget and how it will be expended over the remaining months.

Assessment Captures

Staff are in the process of finalising their end of Term Assessments and Data Captures. To assist Staff in ensuring your child/ren’s individual learning needs are catered for, it is essential they attend every day, particularly in our last week. Remember, every hour of every day of learning counts at Parkhurst State School.

Absenteeism Letters

This week, some parents and carers would have received letters in the mail regarding their child/ren’s unexplained absences. After three days of unexplained absence, the school will contact parents and carers for an explanation. After five days, the Principal will make this phone call.

Should absences continue beyond this time, formal Enforcement of Attendance Letters will be sent home, which may even lead to prosecution. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to notify the school of all absences.

Easter Raffle

Tickets have been distributed 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. There will also be a special prize for the highest Ticket Seller.

Easter Hat Parade

Friday April 04th 2014
at 2:15 p.m.
In the Assembly Area

Winter Jacket Orders

Orders are currently being taken for the school’s NEW Winter Jackets. Wednesday April 09th is the deadline for orders this Term. If you wish to place an order, please contact Michelle Welfare at the Uniform Shop, Gina Ware at the Tuckshop or the Office.

Mothers’ Day Stall

The P&C will once again be conducting a Mothers’ Day Stall on Thursday May 08th 2014. An assortment of quality gifts will be available to purchase for $5.00 each. Unfortunately this year, there will be no FREE gifts provided. If you are able to assist with the setting up of the stall or selling of items, please contact a member of the P&C or the Office.

Term Two Date Claimers

April 21st - Easter Monday
April 22nd - Term Two Day One
April 24th - Anzac Day Ceremony
April 25th - Anzac Day Community March
May 08th - Mothers’ Day Stall
May 13th - NAPLAN – Reading
May 14th - NAPLAN – Language Conventions
May 15th - NAPLAN – Writing
June 03rd - Curriculum and Discipline Audits
June 05th - Sports Day
June 06th - Under Eights’ Activity Day
June 13th - Rockhampton Show Day Holiday
June 14th - School Disco
Swimming Carnival

Monday’s **Year 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival** was an outstanding success with an extremely high percentage of students participating. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers present to cheer on their children and their Sports Houses. A very special thankyou to **Mr Matthew Wilson** and **Mr David St Henry** for coordinating this Term’s Swimming Program and the culminating Carnival.

This year’s winning Sports House will be announced at next Friday’s **Assembly of Excellence** as well as the Age Champions. Thanks P&C for sponsoring the medallions. Well done to Mr St Henry and Mr Wilson for capturing some great images from the event with their new cameras.

Well done Mr St Henry, what an image !

An underwater ‘selfie’, how clever !

Look at that strength in the strokes !

Bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles !

And they’re off ... don’t forget a deep breath !

Now that face looks familiar !

And they are off, some more than others !

Like us on FaceBook ‘ParkhurstSS’
Wow … this looks a close finish !

Mr Preston starts the races with precision

What a great roll up and audience !

New Cyber Safety Website

The ‘Meet the Creeps’ Cyber Safety Website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

‘Crackers the Clown’ and ‘Shifty Shane’ are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

Free Dress Day

The Student Council’s very first fundraiser last week was an outstanding success with $326 raised from gold coin and ‘paper’ donations. Funds will support the upcoming Queensland Cancer Council’s Relay for Life and 2014 Year 6/7 Camp as well as funding a legacy item for the school. Thank you once again to everyone who supported this event.

Kenya Nebauer
Student Council President

Easter Hat Parade

Friday April 04\textsuperscript{th} 2014
at 2:15 p.m.
In the Assembly Area

P&G Easter Raffle

Tickets $1.00 each
First Prize is a Barbeque
Drawn at Easter Hat Parade
Extra Tickets available!

2014 NAPLAN

May 13\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th} and 15\textsuperscript{th} for all Year 3, 5 and 7 learners
Breakfast provided by our P&G

Supporting Numeracy at Home

This year, numeracy and in particular number facts and mental computations are a school wide improvement priority at Parkhurst State School. There are also ways parents and carers can support this focus at the home and while you are out and about in the following ways …

- Show connections. Help children to see the connections between Maths and everyday life.
- Be creative. Keep an open mind and consider different ways to reach solutions.
- Be confident. Avoid passing on a ‘Maths Phobia’ to your child/ren. Develop a ‘I’ll Give It A Go’ attitude.
- Calculate. Encourage your child/ren to make speedy mental calculations.
- Think Critically. The 21\textsuperscript{st} Century requires critical thinkers. Encourage your child/ren to inquire and question.
Promote Positive Attitudes to Maths by...
- Maths is everywhere. Notice it and talk about it.
- Do maths together by cooking, building and playing.
- Maximise ‘real life’ maths situations such as shopping, budgeting and using pocket money.
- Ask good questions rather than always providing answers.
- Use games such as cards, checkers and chess to make maths enjoyable.
- Build confidence by practising the times tables.
- Ask your child to explain what they are doing in Maths.
- Help your child/ren set their own learning goals in Maths.
- Use online Maths resources to keep your child/ren motivated and extend them.
- Ask your child/ren’s teacher how you can help.

Parkhurst and District Pony Club

New members are sought at the next rally scheduled for Sunday March 30th 2014 at the Pony Club Arena on Norman Road. Morning Tea will be provided. We welcome both riding and non-riding members into our friendly and social club. Riding members of the Parkhurst and District Pony Club participate in a range of horse riding disciplines including show jumping, cross country, dressage, sporting, camp drafting and mounted games. Rallies are held every fortnight. For more information, please contact Seneya Thomas on 04 4853 1792 or Melanie Minto on 04 2196 4617.

Sun Smart Grant

Last week, the school was advised that its application to the Queensland Cancer Council for a $2000 SunSmart Grant was successful. This grant will purchase an additional three coloured portable shade marquees for the use at sports events and activity days throughout the year.

National Walk to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday May 23rd 2014. This is a day set aside each year for groups of students and their families to walk to school safely. The school will soon receive a kit of stickers, posters and information for those who participate. For further information please visit www.walk.com.au

Rocky River Run

The 2014 Frenchville Sports Club Rocky River Run was recently launched with the website www.rockyriverrun.com currently taking online registrations.

New Winter Jackets

Orders now being taken until April 09th at the Uniform Shop, Tuckshop or Administration

Preparing for NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that Year 3, 5 and 7 students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background. More information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption is available from the SEP. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.
# PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL
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## Upcoming Events
- **April 03rd**: Fun Run and Cross Country
- **April 04th**: Assembly of Excellence, 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 $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 Wrap (chicken, lettuce, cheese, bacon and dressing) $4.00
- Chicken Snack Wrap (chicken, lettuce, cheese and mayonnaise) $3.00

**BOWLS** (Plates add additional $1.00)
- Salad Bowl (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
- Toasted $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 (3)** $2.50
- Mini Sausage Rolls $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
- Calycum Milk 200ml (Strawberry, Choc) $3.00
- Slush Puppies (Limit of two per day) $3.00
- LOLs (Blackcurrant, Strawberry, Raspberry, Tropical, Mandarin) $3.00
- Poppers (Assorted flavours) $2.50

**OCCASIONAL 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.

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