Thought of the Week

"Write a wise saying and your name will live forever." - Anonymous

Virtue of the Fortnight

As we head into the Autumn holidays and Easter Break, this week we explore the virtue of caring. Caring is giving love and attention to the people and things that matter to us. When we care about people, we help them. When we do a careful job, we give it our very best effort. By caring, we treat people and things gently and respectfully.

Principal’s Message

Today officially marks the end of our first fifty days of learning for the year, which has seen our school successfully begin its transition to the Australian Curriculum. We have also seen our school improvement priorities becoming well embedded across the school with assessments and data collections already telling us our learners are achieving well.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate members of our school’s P&C Association for their continues excellent work in their outstanding support of our school. Last Saturday’s Election Day Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser, our Easter Raffle and last night’s Prep/One Meet and Greet are just three examples of the commitment displayed towards our learners and school. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our President, Mr Ashley Welfare, Vice President, Mrs Sandra Wingard, Treasurer, Mrs Jody Kelly, Assistant Treasurer, Mrs Melinda Hohn, Secretary, Mrs Jo Watterson and Fundraising Coordinator, Mrs Beth Fothergill. Well done for stepping forward in 2012!

This week has been another H-U-G-E week with many opportunities for all members of our school community to visit and become involved in the life of our school. Events and activities have included our Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival, annual Fun Run and Cross Country, Parent and Teacher Conversations, Prep/One Meet, Greet and Celebrate Evening, Easter Hat Making Bees and this afternoon’s Easter Hat Paarde. Next term begins on Monday April 16th 2012 and is shaping up to be as busy with NAPLAN, Education Week and Under Eights to name just a few of the activities to come. A special thanks also goes to Mr David Jaeger and Mrs Lucinda Stewart for their outstanding work this term and we wish you both the very best.

Until next time,

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL
**Birthdays of the Week**

Congratulations this week go out to Trinity Lowe, Katie Heinze, Lyric Janson, Megan Schluter, Robert Frahm, Ryan Frahm, Shariyah Ferguson, Ethan Rogers, Rusty Griffith, Blake Hanley, Abbie Jeffries, Tiah Skennar, Zakeri Graff, Kaylum Doyle, Jayden Nielsen and Maddison Jensen who are celebrating their birthdays over the next few weeks. Have a great birthday everyone!

**Stars of the Week**

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

- Prep/1K: Hollie Brereton
- Prep/1W: Jyelan Kuzmich
- Prep/1V: Quillin Ryan
- Year 2/3C: Angelique Doyle
- Year 2/3H: Izy McIntosh
- Year 2/3CS: Emma Brereton
- Year 4/5G: Lia Hiron
- Year 4/5J: Travis Morgan
- Year 6/7D: Nicholas Kuzmich
- Year 6/7F: Nicholas Green
- Year 6/7T: Abbey Forsythe
- Staff Member: Mrs Vanessa Flint

**Book Workers of the Week**

This week the following learners have demonstrated exemplary effort and achievement in the presentation of their Book Work and Handwriting.

- Prep/1K: Kailah Bohan
- Prep/1V: Holly Forsythe
- Prep/1W: George Goody
- Year 2/3C: Tiah Skennar
- Year 2/3H: Petria Hohn
- Year 2/3CS: Chloe Hohn
- Year 4/5G: Jai Harlow
- Year 4/5J: Katie Brereton
- Year 6/7D: Dylan Goffage
- Year 6/7F: Maddison Jensen
- Year 6/7T: Jess McIntosh

**Word of the Week**

This week, one of our five words of the week was ‘canticle’ meaning a song, poem, or hymn of praise. Our schoolwide ‘Word of the Day’ initiative aims to assist all learners and staff to develop and apply a richer vocabulary, whilst discovering new words, whilst applying them to their writing and learning new skills.

**Five Minutes with Our Team**

This week’s featured staff member is Ms Warcon, a valued member of our Prep/One Neighbourhood. Our Year 4/5s have again been budding reporters capturing some information to help us better know Ms Warcon.

Where were you born?
Rockhampton

What is your role in the school?
Teaching Preppies and Year Ones

Why do you do what you do?
I enjoy children, education is important

What music gets you dancing?
Guns and Roses

What’s something you can’t live without?
Chocolate

What food is your guilty pleasure?
Lots of chocolate

What do you do to relax?
Jigsaw puzzles

What is one of your big plans for 2012?
Enjoy teaching my four, five and six year olds

**Responsible Behaviour Plan**

Last week, all classes participated in a web information session around our Responsible Behaviour Plan and the expectations and consequences associated with it. The Plan also detailed the processes to follow to address bullying should it arise. A copy of this has been included in this week’s Newsletter as well as being available on our Website.

Our process for responding to bullying is through the ‘6Rs’, providing specific actions, strategies and responsibilities to be taken by learners and staff to address concerns as they arise.

Recognise - Is it bullying?
Bullying is when someone continues to do or say things that have power over another person.
**Respond**  
- Tell the person to **stop** what they are doing **straight away** and that you do not like it.  
- Tell them that you will **report** it if they do not stop it.  
- If it continues, walk away.

**Report**  
- **Tell** an **adult** straight away. There is always someone at least five metres away from you!  
- If you cannot find someone, report the incident to the **Office** or your **Classroom Teacher** when you return to class.

**Record**  
- An adult will document and record the incident.  
- The Principal will take action.  
- Parents and carers of both students will be contacted.

**Repair**  
- The ‘bully’ will receive a consequence, including an apology to their ‘victim’.  
- An interview may be conducted between the ‘bully’ and victim.  
- Parents and carers of both students will be contacted.

**Resilience**  
- Tomorrow is a brand new day.  
- Well done for following the process!  
- We will help you build your skills to better cope if this happens again.  
- Be confident, show courage and try to detach yourself from the situation.

At Parkhurst State School, we also strongly believe that when we exhibit all of our ‘5Rs’ of **respect**, **responsibility**, **rigour**, **resilience** and **relationships** we develop an excellent (A+) **reputation** for ourselves and our school.

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**Behaviour Certificates**  
Next term, we will once again be recognising the exemplary efforts of our learners across the school in maintaining excellent behaviour through the achievement of **Behaviour Certificates**. Learners have been collecting house merits to achieve one of our four behaviour levels of **Bronze**, **Silver**, **Gold** and **Platinum**.

**Year 6/7 Camp**  
Each year, our Year 6/7 Neighbourhood of learners highly anticipate their annual school camp. This year, much work and planning has occurred behind the scenes to organise this year’s Camp to Brisbane.

To assist families plan financially for this exciting extra curricular activity a number of strategies have been put in place including ...  
- Regular payments, including Centre Link deductions and direct deposits  
- Payment plan options  
- Money boxes to collect loose change. A limited number of these are available from the Office ready for collection

**Global Citizenship Wrist Bands**  
Our 2012 Student Parliamentarians’ very first Fundraiser, the sale of special wristbands supporting the many local, national and global and informed Citizenship projects will be on sale for **$2:00** each by the Student Parliament Representatives.

The proceeds from the sale of the wristbands will support the range of projects including ...  
- Saving the Loggerhead Turtle  
- Recycling and Water Conservation  
- Saving the Northern Hairy Nosed Wombat  
- Our Adopted Orphanage in Zimbabwe  
- Butterfly Replenishment  
- Gardening and Sustainability  
- Deforestation

Parents, Carers and members of our wider school community are also encouraged to get involved and help promote the great work our learners, their Teachers and Support Staff do in promoting active, global and informed citizenship skills, whilst preparing learners for rich futures beyond the school.
Parkhurst State School P&C
Next Meeting
Tuesday April 17th 2012
at 7:00 p.m. in Zone 21
Everyone Welcome!

Like us on Facebook ‘ParkhurstSS’

Student Banking
Student banking through the Commonwealth Bank has
recommended every Monday for all students in Prep to Year Seven.

An Information Package has been distributed to all new Prep Students. If you would like your child/ren to begin banking and have not yet received an Information Package, please see our Banking Coordinator Mrs Michelle Gadsby at the Office.

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

Michelle Welfare
Uniform Shop Convener

Uniform Price List
Embroidered Polo Shirt (6 to 16) $18.00
Embroidered Polo Shirt (14S to 16M) $20.00
Prep Shirts (4 to 8) $14.00
Mesh Shorts (4 to 16M) $10.00
Skorts (4 to 14) $15.00
Hats (55 to 59) $6.00
Sports House Shirts (6 to 16) $16.00
Library Bags $7.00

Sports Shirts in all house colours are available from the Uniform Shop

Make Saturday Night ‘Nit Detection Night’ in your house and help us eradicate them!

Parkhurst Tavern Raffles
Volunteers are sought from each of our Neighbourhoods each fortnight to assist with our Raffles at the Parkhurst Tavern every Thursday night. If you are able to assist and wish to be added to the Roster, please call Sandra Wingard on 04 3154 4073.

The income generated has and will continue to support YOUR students and their learning. If you are not able to make it to the Tavern and wish to still purchase tickets at $2.00 each, please send an envelope to the Office, clearly marked ‘Tavern Raffles’ with your money enclosed. You may also wish to identify some favourite numbers and we will do our best to secure them for you. Good Luck!

Term One and Two Raffle Roster
Thursday March 30th 2012 Year 4/5s
Thursday April 05th 2012 Year 6/7s
Thursday April 12th 2012 Prep/Ones
Thursday April 19th 2012 Year 2/3s

Expressions of Interest
From time to time, at Parkhurst State School, many opportunities arise for casual, temporary and long term employment across a range of non teaching positions within the school. We are currently undertaking a process to widen our Human Resource Pool of people wishing to backfill employees on leave.

A form is available from the Office to submit an Expression of Interest for a range of positions including Teacher Aides, Cleaners, the Schools Officer, Administration Officers and Crossing Supervisor.

School Banking
is on Mondays!

Follow us Twitter ‘@ParkhurstSS’
Helpers are always sought at Tuckshop every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are able to assist, please contact Danielle by mobile on 04 2283 6734 or call into the Tuckshop. Thirty minutes of your time would be a great help to us. Please consider dropping into the Tuckshop for a chat and a cuppa.

Our Tuckshop number is (07) 4924 6535. Our current Roster is included in each Newsletter. A copy of our most recent Menu and Price List was included in a previous Newsletter and is also available for download from our school website.

Danielle Wingard
Tuckshop Convenor

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Have you got your lucky tickets for our weekly Thursday Night Tavern Raffles? Phone Sandra on 04 3154 4073

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Aluminium Can Collection
Empty aluminium drink cans may be left for recycling in the wired collection point in the Car Park area near Zone 21. Every can means money for Parkhurst.

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Tips for Reluctant Readers
- Make reading relaxing and low key for a short part of the day.
- Read aloud some funny or interesting parts from your favourite book.
- Draw your child in with a riddle book for children, a passage from a sports magazine or an interesting or amusing news story.
- If your child likes a movie, see if it’s based on a book, then bring home the book.
- For children who have lost the motivation to read, use material that’s intensely interesting to them.

Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. So read with your child often and create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and even a passion for reading.

Here are some easy, practical ways you can increase your child/ren's skills and foster a love for reading.

- Read with your child every day possible, even your baby. Give children something to look forward to by reading to them every day at the same time.
- Have your youngster read out loud to you. Listen carefully and make sure to praise your child's reading.
- Take turns reading. You read a section, then have your child read the next section.
- Even after children can read on their own, keep reading to them so they can enjoy stories and books that interest them but are too hard for them to read by themselves.

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Position Vacant
A vacancy currently exists for a casual cleaning position at the Country Club Caravan Park. Interested applicants are asked to call Belinda on 4936 1022 or email belinda@countryclubcaravanpark.com.au

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Keep Watch these Holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, please keep an eye out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call the School Watch number, 13 1788. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy, 13 17 88 and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
Enrolments and Information Packages are now available for children who wish to commence Prep in 2012 and beyond. If your child turns five by June 30th 2012, they are eligible for Prep this year. The following table will assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep.

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Enrolments are always welcome across all year levels, come a tour!

School Holiday Activities

Author, Stephen Anastasi will be conducting school holiday writing workshops and competition fun and games sessions for children aged from eight to thirteen at the Rockhampton Regional Library on Monday April 02nd 2012 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and the North Rockhampton Library on Tuesday April 03rd 2012 between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Bring along your pens, paper, iPad and laptop. Places are limited so call 07 4936 8043 to book your place.

Cross Country Champs

Well done to everyone who participated in Wednesday’s annual Cross Country and Fun Run. Congratulations go out to our champion Blake Penfold. A special thankyou goes out to Mrs Louise Quirk for organising this event and Tuesday’s Senior Swimming Carnival. Well done Mrs Quirk!

ewaste Recyclathon

Get rid of your unwanted IT equipment and recycle them for free. Come along to any one of our eWaste Recyclathon at The Good Guys on Tuesday April 10th 2012 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. There are also prizes for the largest amount of eWaste dropped off.

You can drop off computers, printers, laptops, CRT and LCD monitors and all computer peripherals. All equipment is recycled by Buyequip in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

Election Day Stall

A special thankyou to all the volunteers who assisted with Saturday’s Election Day Stall and everyone who supported it by purchasing a Sausage and Drink. Just over $600 was made. Well done everyone. Our next event will be on Saturday April 28th 2012 for the Council Elections.

Next Term’s Focus

Creative Citizen
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#### Upcoming Events

- **March 30th**: Easter Hat Parade at 2:15 p.m.
- **April 16th**: Final Day of Term One
- **April 16th**: First Day of Term Two

### 2012 Term Dates

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“We Leap to Lead!”
**PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU**

Full Menu available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - Sorry, No Credit Available!

- 🔴 Green (Everyday Items)
- 🔴 Amber (Sometimes Items)
- 🔴 Red (Special Occasion Items)

### FIRST LUNCH MEAL DEALS

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### FIRST BREAK ONLY at 11:00 a.m.

#### SANDWICHES
- ☇ Ham
- ☇ Ham and Salad *
- ☇ Chicken
- ☇ Chicken and Salad *
- ☇ Egg and Lettuce
- ☇ Vegemite or Jam
- ☇ Salad *

#### BOWLS (Plates an additional $1.00)
- ☇ Salad Bowl * (including Dinner Roll)
  - with egg
  - with chicken
  - with ham
  - with chicken and egg
  - with fish
- ☇ Chicken Caesar Wrap (Chicken, lettuce, cheese, bacon & dressing)
- ☇ Chicken Wrap (Chicken, lettuce, cheese and mayo)
- ☇ Chicken Snack Wraps (Chicken, lettuce, mayo and cheese)

### AFTERNOON TEA SNACKS at 1:30 p.m.

- ☇ Tuckshop Baked Muffins Chocolate, Blueberry or Banana $1.00
- ☇ Fresh Pikelets (plain or with jam/butter) $1.00
- ☇ Funky Fruit Kebabs (Fruits in Season) $1.00
- ☇ Yoghurt Fruit Cups $1.00
- ☇ Custard Fruit Cups $1.00
- ☇ Custard Cups $1.00
- ☇ Yoghurt Roll Ups $0.10
- ☇ Corn/Rice Thins (cheese/sour cream or chives/sweet chilli) $1.00

### DRINKS (Available at Both Breaks)
- ☇ Bottled Water $1.00
- ☇ Breaka 300ml (strawberry, chocolate, vanilla) $2.50
- ☇ Calcyums Milk 200ml (strawberry, chocolate) $2.00
- ☇ Slush Puppies (limit of two per day) $2.50
- ☇ LOLs (raspberry, tropical mango, blackcurrant) $2.00
- ☇ Poppers (Apple/Black Currant/orange/apple/tropical) $1.30

### OCCASIONAL ITEMS (Home Baked)
- ☇ Chocolate Slice (Substituted with muffin if not available) $1.00

### OVER THE COUNTER ITEMS
- ☇ Bag of Popcorn $0.50
- ☇ Icy Cups $0.50
- ☇ Icy Cubes $0.10
- ☇ Assorted Ice Blocks from $1.00

**ORDERS** need to be on a paper bag for each break and handed in by 9:00 a.m. Printed paper 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 AT TUCKSHOP?

Volunteers are always sought.

If you can spare any time or have questions, please contact our Convenor, Danielle Wingard on (07) 4924 6535 or call into the Tuckshop.

### ALLERGIES AND FOOD INTOLERANCES

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

- * Basic Salad (Lettuce/tomato/carrot/beetroot/cheese)
If you or someone you know is being ‘bullied’ at Parkhurst State School …

What should YOU do?

| Recognise | - Is it bullying?  
|           | - Bullying is when someone continues to do or say things that have power over another person. |
| Respond   | - Tell the person to stop what they are doing and that you do not like it.  
|           | - Tell them that you will report it if they do not stop it right away.  
|           | - If it continues, walk away. |
| Report    | - Tell an adult straight away. There is always someone near you!  
|           | - If you cannot find someone, report the incident to the Office or your classroom teacher when you return to class. |
| Record    | - An adult will document and record the incident.  
|           | - The Principal will take action if required.  
|           | - Contact will be made with parents/carers as required. |
| Repair    | - The ‘bully’ will receive a consequence, including an apology.  
|           | - An interview may be conducted between the ‘bully’ and ‘victim’.  
|           | - Parents/Carers will be contacted. |
| Resilience| - Tomorrow is a new day.  
|           | - We will help you build your skills to better cope if this happens again.  
|           | - Be confident, show courage and detach yourself from the situation. |

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