



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 13/09/2016

Current Enrolments

Our current effective enrolment is **364** as per the breakdown below.

PREP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
49	53	57	59	47	48	51	364

Staffing Update

This Term, many Classroom Teachers have been on many forms of leave, including **Mrs Kim Wakelin-Gray**, **Mrs Catherine Lancaster**, **Ms Rebecca Egerton** and **Mr Cameron Preston**. Despite being very challenging to backfill these positions, many simultaneously, it has been achieved. Next Term is relatively quieter in terms of leave replacements, leading up to the conclusion of the school year.

Enrolment Management Plan

Many conversations and work has been undertaken in developing Parkhurst State School's Enrolment Management Plan (EMP), which will see only students residing in the school's catchment area entitled to enrol. It is envisaged that this Plan will be gazetted in the next few weeks. Until such time, enrolments will continue to be taken from families residing out of catchment. Siblings of existing Parkhurst State School learners are entitled to enrol. From 2017, there will also be quotas on specific year levels. This Enrolment Management Plan has come about due to the school being at 96% capacity. If you know of any families or acquaintances who are considering enrolling at Parkhurst State School, please advise them to act quickly before the Enrolment Management Plan is in place.

Facilities

In 2017, the school's existing facilities will not be able to accommodate the increased number of classroom spaces required. The Regional Facilities and Infrastructure Team has advised me that the school's built capacity is 19 spaces, comprising 15 classrooms, the Music Centre, 2 Special Education Classrooms and the Computer Centre. Regional Office have advised that despite the predicted enrolment of 390 learners will require additional classrooms spaces, existing spaces must be first be utilised, despite being designated for other purposes. In response to this, I have initiated conversations to seek clarification, particularly with digital technologies and inclusive education being DET priorities that require dedicated spaces.

Same Day Absenteeism Notification

This Term, parents and carers of students with an unexplained absence have been contacted immediately via an SMS to provide a reason for their child/ren's absence as per the Department of Education and Training's Policy and Guidelines. Next Term, a new Roll Marking System will be in place, known as ID Attend that will automatically generate SMS messages to parents and carers. It is essential that all absences are reported, particularly long term absences, which must receive an Exemption to State Schooling approval from the Principal. The school's 2016 Attendance Target has been set at **96%** and we are currently achieving **95%**. Student Attendance is an area that school performance is judged and reported against in a twelve page School Data Profile and the Headline Data Indicator Report.

2017 Workforce Planning

2017 Workforce Plans are currently being developed by schools based on their 2017 predicted enrolments. This process ensures schools have the opportunity to recruit and secure their Teaching Staff based on their requirements early. This Thursday, Teacher Transfers will be released, providing a more accurate indication of our staffing requirements. Parkhurst State School's predicted enrolment of 390 learners will provide sixteen class groups, an increase of one classroom teacher. There will also be opportunities for teachers to assume other key roles in the school, including Curriculum Leader positions, Neighbourhood Centre Teaching positions and Reading Leader.

Prep Information Sessions and Orientation Mornings

From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year One. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year One for 2017. The Department has recognised that since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. The vast majority of Queensland parents already choose to enrol their child in Prep when they reach the eligible age.

Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning. Parkhurst State School will be conducting two Prep Year Parent Information Sessions on **Thursday October 06th 2016** and **Wednesday October 13th 2016** at **5:30 p.m.** Prep Enrolment Interviews are scheduled for early next Term with the Prep Orientation Mornings timetabled towards the end of Term Four.

Community Road Safety Grant

Two weeks ago, we were notified that our Road Safety Grant to purchase an electronic sign to educate and inform our community regarding road safety around our school, particularly at prime Drop Off and Pick Up times was successful. Work will soon be undertaken in the lead up to the end of the year. It is envisioned our learners will be involved in developing the slides and images as part of their active and informed citizenship to communicate these important messages.

ICTs

Over the past few weeks, we have hosted visits from a number of schools interested in the work we have undertaken in the area of digital technologies, particularly iPads for learning. Currently we have the most iPads any school has in the entire Central Queensland Region, maintaining our commitment to 21st century learning.

Key Term Four Events and Activities

October 11th	P-3 Swimming Program commences
October 18th	P&C Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 11th	Remembrance Day School Disco
November 15th	P&C Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
December 01st	Year Six Graduation
December 02nd	Assembly of Excellence
December 06th	Semester Two Report Cards emailed
December 07th	School Concert
December 08th	Class Celebrations
December 09th	Final Day of Term Four

Financial Statement

The most current Financial Report is attached for this period.


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