PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL
Parents and Citizens’ Association
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Tuesday March 15th 2016

Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment is **364** as per the breakdown below. Next Term, we farewell one family of two students and welcome five new enrolments to the school.

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Staffing
The position of permanent Deputy Principal has been advertised statewide, with the successful incumbent assuming the role at the commencement of Semester Two. A Recruitment and Selection Panel is currently shortlisting applicants for a full time Teacher Aide position recently advertised, with interviews scheduled next week. At the end of this Term, we officially farewell **Mrs Heather Stovold** who has been on Staff at Parkhurst State School for more than twenty years. A special presentation will be made to Heather at our Term One Assembly of Excellence. We also welcome **Ms Rochelle Vycke** to our Teacher Aide Team, working three days per week in our Early Years classrooms. At the end of this Term, we also officially farewell **Ms Kath Warcon** as she moves into her retirement with her husband Steve.

Investing for Success
All Queensland State Schools receive funding each year as part of the ‘Investing for Success’ initiative. As part of our 2016 Plan, Teacher Aides have been employed for two hours, four mornings per week to ensure every learner in Prep and Year One is read to, read with and listened to every day. This year, **Ms Tracey Pike, Mrs Kerryn Nebauer, Mrs Tracey Callaghan, Mrs Emma Tekii and Mrs Dayle Bray** were successful applicants following the recruitment and selection process undertaken. Our Plan will also partly fund the school’s Reading Coach Position, provide teacher release time for planning, professional development and resourcing.

2016 Strategic Planning
The school’s 2016 Strategic Planning Documents have been approved by our Assistant Reginal Director, Mr Wood. This suite of documentation includes the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA), Investing for Success Plan (I4S) and updated School Strategic Plan (SSP). Copies are available this evening for the P&C Association’s records. Tomorrow, **Mr Noel Seawright** from the School Improvement Unit will be visiting the school to review the school’s progress in implementing its Priority School Review Action Plan, twelve months since its inception.

Model Constitution
A 2016 copy of the Constitution was tabled at the first P&C meeting for the year for adoption at tonight’s Annual General Meeting (AGM). All mandated changes, including those made in 2015 have been included. Each year, Parent and Citizens’ Associations are asked to update their Model Constitutions and forward to the Regional Office.
Smart Choices Changes
Last week, the Director General advised all schools that the proposed changes to the Smart Choices legislation in schools has been delayed until the commencement of 2017, as a direct result of feedback from schools regarding their preparedness and the impact it will have on Tuckshop facilities. The Ready Reckoner provided regarding the foods and drinks supplied in schools will assist schools to adapt their Tuckshop Menus, Pricelists and ‘Red Day’ day events and activities. This also extends to the provision of birthday cakes, which was already covered under the previous legislation. Communications regarding these changes to our school community have been published in the past two Newsletters.

Facilities
Discussions and site visits have been made by the Region’s Facilities Manager, Mr Bill McMillan and our school Infrastructure Advisor, Mr Michael Neaton. As a result of these conversations, a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan has been developed to identify the future short, medium and long term facility needs. This plan details the following ...

- master planning the school for future growth to avoid an ‘ad hoc’ approach
- the provision of additional classroom spaces to accommodate projected growth, particularly permanently constructed buildings
- raising the standard of A Block through refurbishment, repurposing and revitalisation
- addressing Workplace Health and Safety concerns related to the Administration Building
- addressing current and future traffic and parking issues
- the provision of an all weather enclosed facility for the delivery of specialist curriculum areas and community access and/or the extension of the school’s current Assembly Area
- providing a larger Tuckshop to accommodate growth
- providing additional Toilet facilities to accommodate growth
- extending the existing boundary fence to Brosnan Crescent to provide additional play space and/or siting for an additional building/s

NAPLAN
The 2016 NAPLAN Testing for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (ie; Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Numeracy will be held in Week Five of next Term from Tuesday May 10th 2016 to Thursday May 12th 2016. Every year, the support of the P&C to help learners to ‘fight the fuzzies’ is appreciated.

Upcoming Events and Activities
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<td>It’s Good News Week</td>
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<td>Tuesday March 15th</td>
<td>P&amp;C Annual General Meeting at 6:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Monday March 21st</td>
<td>Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival at 9:15 a.m.</td>
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<td>Student Council Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser</td>
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<td>Wednesday March 23rd</td>
<td>Annual Cross Country and Fun Run at 9:15 a.m.</td>
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<td>Thursday March 24th</td>
<td>Term One Assembly of Excellence at 9:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Annual Easter Hat Parade at 2:00 p.m.</td>
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Financial Statement
The most current Financial Report is attached for this period.

Lyle Walker
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