PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – 15/07/2014

Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment remains at 313 as per the breakdown below. Four new families have joined us this Term.

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Staffing Update
Mrs Jan Lawton has commenced a new role as Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy (STLaN) at Berserker Street State School. Ms Moira Mackenzie, our substantive Head of Curriculum (HoC) has returned to her position and Mr Cameron Preston is currently Paternity Leave for the next two weeks, with Mr Laurie Hill teaching Year 6/7P in Cameron’s absence. With the school’s enrolment growth at Day Eight, the school has gained entitlement to a classified Business Services Manager position. This was recruited over the recent Winter Vacation. Mrs Christine Olive has been relocated from Allenstown State School to this position commencing in Week Four. We say a sad farewell to Mrs Emma Newman who is awaiting a relocation to another school location.

School Facilities
The planned concreting project and shade structure relocation near the Assembly Area (AA) commenced over the Winter Vacation with the drainage work now completed. We are now awaiting this year’s Facilities Budget to complete the remainder of the project which will provide additional handball squares and seating for students. Mr Les Cowan has organised for the local Fire Service to burn off the waste at the end of the Oval on Norman Road. This is scheduled over the next two weeks.

DETE Changes
On July 01st 2014 some significant changes took effect in the Department of Education, Training and Employment. One such change is the appointment of additional Assistant Regional Directors (ARDs) across each of the Regions. These new appointments have resulted in changes to the current supervision structure of schools. Parkhurst State School is now in a cluster of Rockhampton Schools to be supervised by Mr David Roach who was recently appointed to the Central Queensland ARD Team.

School Improvement
This Semester, Numeracy, particularly the explicit teaching of mental computations (number facts) and problem solving strategies will form the basis of our school wide Numeracy Improvement Plan. Watch out for our Strategy of the Week in the Newsletter and Homework Activities. Assessments and Data will also be collected every five weeks to provide information about every learner’s numeracy performance. This will take the form of weekly Number Fact Speed Tests, Benchmarking and Diagnostic Assessments and a range of other classroom and cohort assessments. Improvement Targets have also been set to monitor learner improvement in response to our key strategies.
Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audits
Prior to the Winter Vacation, two Audits were undertaken at Parkhurst State School to determine our status in terms of teaching and learning and behaviour management. The results of each dimension of each audit have already been shared. Last week, the commendations, affirmations and recommendations were received, which will guide us in our strategic planning processes for the next four years. The recommendations are outlined below ...

Teaching and Learning Audit Recommendations
- Continue to refine the whole school pedagogical framework ensuring clarity about what students are expected to learn and be able to do, high expectations of every student’s learning, explicit teaching of skills and content, individualised attention as required, and timely feedback.
- Provide professional development aimed at revising staff members’ data literacy skills. Use literacy and numeracy data to identify gaps in student learning, revise classroom programs and monitor improvement and growth over time across the years of school.
- Support and encourage teaching staff to cater for individual differences by offering multiple means of representation, engagement and expression that is to be included in planning documents.
- Support and sustain the strong collegial and self-reflective culture in which teaching staff invite the Principal and colleagues to observe their teaching, discuss their work and provide feedback. Use objective data to reflect on the effectiveness of teaching practices.

Discipline Audit Outcomes
- Continue to embed the behaviour process systematically across the whole school to ensure its effectiveness in developing a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment that focuses on student engagement and the development of a culture that enhances learning for all students.
- Review attendance protocols to ensure that the Every Day Counts strategy is effectively enacted.
- Provide opportunities to engage the full range of parent and community representatives in information sessions on the school’s approach to behaviour management and school program development as new topics arise.
- Enhance existing connections with the local high schools to progress the sharing of curriculum, pedagogy and behaviour processes that will enhance the transition for students to Junior Secondary.
- Investigate possibilities to involve community partnerships to enhance student learning and leadership opportunities.
- Continue to enhance teacher expertise in the use of OneSchool to record and retrieve data and effectively use the information available on the Dashboard.

Oral Health Dental Service
Prior to the Winter Vacation, the school was advised that the Oral Health Dental Service will be soon visiting the school to conduct dental examinations and treatment. Forms were sent home on Monday to seek permission from parents and carers for dental check-ups. This is a free service available to all Prep to Year Ten students.

School Photographs
School Photographs are scheduled for Tuesday July 29th 2014. Photo Packages were sent home prior to the holidays with payments due on the day in the envelopes provided. Class groups, individual portraits, sports teams, choir and leader photos will also be taken on the day.
Quality Schools Inclusive Leaders (QSIL) Conference
All school leaders are required to participate in a statewide professional development program to assist in the implementation of inclusive educational practices. Moira Mackenzie, Alana Fitchen and myself will be attending the two days in Gladstone this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The program will cover the areas of legislation, school culture, curriculum and school program delivery. Following the program, schools will be supported by Inclusive Education Mentors (IEMs) to further implement programs for students with disabilities.

Enrolment Management Plan
North Rockhampton Schools, including Parkhurst State School have been directed to implement an Enrolment Management Plan. The purpose of this plan is to ensure all students whose principle place of residence within the school’s catchment area have access to an appropriate educational service. Because of current enrolment capacity and predicted future growth, Parkhurst State School may be unable to meet this obligation in the future, unless action is taken now to manage enrolments. As Principal, I must restrict enrolment of ‘out of catchment’ students to ensure in catchment students can enrol at their local state school, without requiring the provision of additional facilities. Our School Enrolment Management Plan will set out the conditions under which students may be enrolled into Parkhurst State School, subject to any other requirements or limitations. Existing ‘out of catchment’ students and any future siblings are entitled to continue their education at Parkhurst State School, as are children of staff members.

Staff Professional Development
On the first two days of the September Vacation, Staff will be participating in professional development as part of the school’s Flexible Student Free Day Program. All Staff will be travelling to Darwin in the Northern Territory, together with teachers from other local schools. During the two days, Staff will visit three schools, with a focus on Indigenous education, literacy and numeracy, ICT and school improvement.

Student Council Fundraisers
This Term, the Student Council have planned some fundraising events for Jeans for Genes Day and ‘Shave for a Cure’. More information will be communicated soon.

Upcoming Events and Activities
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<td>AusKick Clinics commence</td>
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<td>Jeans for Genes Day Fundraiser</td>
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<td>Meet and Greet for P/1s and ‘Newbies’</td>
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<td>Book Character Parade</td>
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Financial Statement
The most current Bank Reconciliation Report is attached for this period.