Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment stands at 288 as per the breakdown below.

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Staffing Update
Last week, Mrs Helen Barnes has commenced working Wednesdays with Year 1/2W as Ms Kath Warcon has reduced her days to four days per week. We also welcomed back Mrs Michelle Gadsby who is working with us three days per week and two days at Berserker State School. A Regional Recruitment and Selection Panel are currently shortlisting applicants for the school’s Head of Special Education Services (HoSES) position to commence in 2014. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will be announced in Week Seven.

Facilities, Grounds and Maintenance
There has been no update regarding our submission for an additional teaching Space for 2014 to allow for our anticipated student enrolment growth. If successful, work should commence this Term in preparation for the start of school in 2014. Each year, schools are issued with a Maintenance Assessment Report (MAR) with identified maintenance items budgeted for. I have been advised by

Playground Grant
I was informed during the recent vacation break that we were successful in our application for a playground upgrade from the Community Benefit Gambling Fund. Although $50 000 was applied for, we received $35 000 including GST. I have been advised that this was among the highest amounts provided due to the large applicant pool this round. Contractors are currently providing updated quotations to upgrade the existing Prep to Year Three Playground. This will include the provision of new pieces of equipment and the ‘tidy up’ of the current area.

Explicit Instruction
Explicit Instruction continues to be our major focus across the school. Our Pedagogy Coach, Mrs Terry Thirkettle will continue with us for another two weeks, working in classrooms across the school and providing professional development for all staff.

NAPLAN
This Thursday, NAPLAN Reports will be sent home to all Year Three, Five and Seven students who undertook the Tests in May. As a school, we improved in thirteen of the fifteen areas. Our very clear and rigid school improvement focus has contributed to this, together with the delivery of our curriculum through a consistent model of explicit instruction. In 2014, reading and writing will remain priority areas with the addition of numeracy, which will entail number facts and mental computations.
**Financial Audit**
The school is currently being audited across the areas of school finances, work place health and safety and human resources. This three day process is intensive and required us to produce many documents outlining our processes and procedures. In regards to finances, this also extended to some specific P&C financial reports.

**Parent and Community Engagement Framework**
By the end of 2013, all Queensland State Schools are required to develop a Parent and Community Engagement Framework. The purpose of this Framework is to acknowledge that the education of our students is a shared responsibility, benefiting all students and our society. It also recognises that parents and broader communities have a reciprocal responsibility to engage with schools and identifies what schools can do to strengthen learning outcomes for students, through effective partnerships between principals, teachers, students, parents and the community. It reminds schools to focus on parent and community engagement as a key part of supporting student learning. A **DRAFT** copy of our Framework is available for perusal.

**Asbestos Awareness**
Each year, schools must provide Asbestos Awareness Training for its staff and members of its school community. Parkhurst State School is in a fortunate position to have only one piece of Asbestos in the school which is deemed to me a very low risk. The school is required to inform the P&C of the processes around dealing with Asbestos, particularly in schools where P&Cs initiate or oversee facility works.

**2013 Swimming Program**
Swimming commenced this week for all students from Prep to Year Seven. Swimming is a mandated part of the HPE curriculum and will be assessed this Term. Our Swimming Program has been subsidised and the participation of all students is strongly encouraged. Our annual Swimming Carnival for Year 4 to 7 students will be held in Week Nine.

**Responsible Behaviour Plan**
From July 2013, all Queensland Schools will be audited in regards to their Behaviour Management Processes. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan has been reviewed and updated by the school's Behaviour Management Team. Staff will undertake a session on the revised Plan at their upcoming Student Free Day on Monday October 21st 2013. The revised Plan will be implemented at the start of 2014 and copies will be ready for circulation to all families by the end of this school year.

**2014 Staffing and Planning**
Planning is currently underway for the 2014 School Year. At the current time, our anticipated Student Enrolment will be 314, with forty three Enrolment Applications already received by Prep Students. Based on this figure, the school will be entitled to 12.70 Classroom Teachers, with the additional .30 to be purchased by the school to create **thirteen** class groups. Staff will be participating in a Student Free Day session to design class structures that accommodate these numbers, whilst providing capacity for future growth and abiding to the mandated class size targets of 25 for Prep to Year Three classes and 28 for classes from Year Four to Year Seven.

Our **2014 predicted** enrolments are as follows …

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All parents and carers will have an opportunity to once again provide any specific information they may have to assist staff allocate learners to classes for 2014.
Upcoming Events and Activities
October 14th 2013  Swimming commences
October 22nd 2013  Year 4/5 Camp
October 29th 2013  Life Education Visit
October 30th 2013  2014 Prep Year Parent/Carer Information Sessions
November 06th 2013  2014 Prep Year Parent/Carer Information Sessions
November 11th 2013  Remembrance Day
November 15th 2013  Possible Date for School Disco
December 02nd 2013  Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival
December 04th 2013  Prep Transition Morning
December 05th 2013  Year Seven Graduation Ceremony
December 06th 2013  Term Four Assembly of Excellence
December 10th 2013  Semester Two Reports released
December 11th 2013  Christmas Concert
December 12th 2013  Break Up/Party Day
December 13th 2013  Final Day/Clean Up Day

Financial Statement
The most current Bank Reconciliation Report is attached for this period.

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL