Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment stands at 286 as per the breakdown below.

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Staffing Update
Ms Kath Warcon and Mrs Sharon Tomkins are currently on Long Service Leave until the end of this Term. In their place, we welcome Mrs Jenny Howie and Mrs Rose Kunde. Next term, Mrs Michelle Gadsby is returning to her position of Teacher Aide, after eighteen months as an Administration Officer at Glenmore State School.

This Term we also welcomed our new Chaplain, Noel Missingham (‘Chappy Noel’) to the school. Noel will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays. Noel’s role will focus on working with boys and leadership. Noel’s time will also be shared with Glenmore State High School. Prior to Noel’s appointment, he had a career as an Engineer and was a Chaplain at a Darling Downs Secondary School.

Facilities, Grounds and Maintenance
The new Special Education Program (SEP) Building is now operational and the SEP Team are very pleased with their new surroundings. The school has purchased many items for this facility, including whitegoods. The SEP are seeking assistance from the P&C to purchase some kitchen and cooking item. The kitchen is an excellent facility and will be accessible by the P&C if and when it is required.

Last week, I met with the Region’s Facility Manager, Mr Bill McMillan and Mrs Christine Holmes, the Department of Transport and Councillor Rose Swadling from The Rockhampton Regional Council regarding parking and traffic. Education Queensland is actively seeking a long term solution, having purchased land adjacent to the school for additional staff parking.

During the visit, Mr McMillan indicated that the projected enrolment for Parkhurst State School is 860 within the next ten years. Once this is reached, the school will be capped and an Enrolment Management Plan will be actioned. Both the Council and Education have acknowledge that the area surrounding the school has been identified as a ‘housing hotspot’ and planning needs to be made now to cater for the school’s future growth and expansion. With our predicted student enrolment for 2014 being 316 students, an additional classroom will be required. The current classroom space in A Block has been identified as falling below the minimum standard of fifty square metres. An application for an additional double teaching space has been submitted to Facilities in Central Office for 2014. If successful, we will be notified early next Term with work to be undertaken ready for the commencement of the 2014 school year.
2014 Book Packs
The Teacher Team has developed their 2014 Booklists with an emphasis on consistency and reducing the amount of materials required. This information has been passed on to the P&C to outsource the materials, resources and equipment required in order to meet the Expressions of Interests submitted by parents and carers prior to the end of the school year.

 Explicit Instruction
This Term, we have welcomed Mrs Terry Thirkettle to the Parkhurst Staff. Terry’s role is a Pedagogy Coach. In this role, Terry will be working with staff to advance their skills, understanding and capacity to plan and deliver lessons through a model of explicit instruction. Terry will also be modelling lessons for staff as well as providing professional learning to individuals and groups. This year, we have seen much movement and success across all classrooms in the adoption of this ‘signature’ teaching strategy.

2014 Swimming Program
Preparations are underway for Swimming next term with our Year 4 to 7 students swimming at the CQU Sports Centre on Mondays and the Prep to Year 3 students swimming on Thursdays at the Caribea Swim School. Swimming is regarded as a necessary life skill and as such, the school heavily subsidises the program to promote maximum participation. A Swimming Carnival for Year 4 to 7 students will be held in Week Nine.

NAPLAN
Last Friday, the preliminary NAPLAN data was released to schools for analysis. On the whole, there has been significant improvement at Parkhurst State Schools across all areas. Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have shown improvement across all areas at a greater rate than the Nation. In some cases, the mean has been improved by fifty or more. All staff are congratulated for their continued efforts in consistently actioning our school improvement agenda. In 2014, we predict that the rate of improvement will be even more, given our rigorous reading, spelling and writing programs now in place. Parents and carers must also be acknowledged for their role in achieving this fantastic outcome, particularly in supporting their child/ren’s literacy development in the home.

Assembly of Excellence
This Friday, our Term Three Assembly of Excellence will be held in the Assembly Area at 9:00 a.m. The Assembly will include a performance by the school’s Choir, the official induction of our new Adopt a Cop, the presentation of Five ‘R’ Awards and the recognition of our 100% attenders. Please consider joining us for this special event, recognising the outstanding achievements, efforts and excellence of our learners.

Adopt a Cop
Constable Julius Cspresi will be officially inducted this Friday as Parkhurst State School’s Adopt a Cop. Julius will be replacing Constable Merv Hollier who was recently relocated to the Sunshine Coast on promotion. Constable Cspresi will maintain a regular presence at our school and will assist Class Teachers to deliver significant messages as required. I am sure everyone will join us in making Julius most welcome.

2013 Regional Council Gardening Competition
Mr Les Cowan and Mr David St Henry are congratulated for their efforts in preparing the school grounds for the official judging of the 2013 Regional Council Gardening Competition. Although unsuccessful, our grounds are becoming spectacular.
Council Donation
Recently, Councillor Rose Swadling contacted the school to submit an application to receive a small financial donation to assist the school with its gardens. A letter has been forwarded to Councillor Swadling and a cheque for $250 will soon be on its way.

Playground Grant
About three weeks ago, the school was informed that its application to the St George Foundation to fund the revitalisation of the school’s Playground was unsuccessful. This Foundation, based in Victoria was overwhelmed with applications and feedback indicated that our project did not fully meet this year’s criteria. The P&C’s other submission to the Community Benefit Gambling Fund is yet to be announced.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
Last Thursday the school’s Behaviour Team met to review the school’s responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Some very minor changes have been made and are awaiting Regional Office endorsement. 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 it is envisaged a copy of the revised document will be ready for circulation to all families by the end of this school year.

Head of Special Education Services (HoSES)
Applications have now closed for the classified position of Head of Special Education Services for the 2014 School Year. It is anticipated interviews will be conducted early next Term by a Regional Panel with the successful applicant announced on Thursday November 14th 2013. This position has been advertised state wide.

Thanks Mr Winter
I would like to formally acknowledge the outstanding work of Mr Matt Winter as Principal in my recent absence. I have received positive feedback from many people. It was a pleasure returning to school with an easy transition. Matt has indicated that he would be keen to return in the future if the opportunity arose.

Upcoming Events and Activities
Wednesday September 18th  
Friday September 20th  
Monday October 07th
Tuesday October 08th
Monday October 14th
Thursday October 17th
Monday October 21st
Tuesday October 22nd
Wednesday October 30th
Thursday October 31st
Wednesday November 06th
Monday December 02nd
Wednesday December 04th
Thursday December 05th
Wednesday December 11th
Japanese Expo at Cawarral State School
Assembly of Excellence
Labour Day Public Holiday
First Day of Term Four
Year 4-7 Swimming commences
Prep to Year 3 Swimming commences
Student Free Day
Year 4/5 Camp at The Caves
Prep Information Session
Year 4-7 Meet and Greet
Prep Information Session
Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival
Prep Transition Morning
Year Seven Graduation
Annual Christmas Concert

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

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL