Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment stands at 321 as per the breakdown below. This is a 14% increase from the end of school last year. In total, there are 86 new faces joining us in our classrooms in 2014.

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Staffing Update
This year we welcome Mrs Alana Fitchen, our Head of Special Education Services (HoSES) to Parkhurst State School, along with Mrs Alexis Robinson who is also working in the Special Education Program, three days per week. We also welcome Mrs Amelia Freeman as our acting Head of Curriculum. Also joining the Parkhurst Teacher Team in 2014 is Mr Cameron Preston, teaching Year 6/7P and Mrs Stacy Smith, teaching Year 4S.

School Facilities
On the summer holidays, I was informed that as a result of our predicted growth anticipated in 2014 and the need for additional facilities, our submission for an additional teaching block has been successful. The new building, known as a T2010 Relocatable will arrive towards the end of this Term, with installation expected to take place over the Easter Vacation. Year 5/6F and Year 4/5W will relocate from C Block to this new space. P/1K will then move into C Block, allowing the SEP to again use both sides of their building.

SunSmart Grant
Last week, an application was submitted to the Queensland Cancer Council for a $2500 SunSmart Grant for the provision of additional portable marquees. With the school’s enrolment growth, there has been an increased need for additional shade structures for special events and activity days. If successful, we will be advised mid May.

Playground Grant
Work was set to commence this week on the new additions to our Prep to Year One Playground adjacent to the SEP, B Block and the Music Centre. New additions include a climbing net, a musical feature and boat. This year, as a result of our enrolment expansion, some changes have been made to which year levels now access particular play areas.

2014 School Priorities
All schools are required to develop an annual Explicit Improvement Agenda that clearly articulates the school’s key priorities and the strategies to be implemented to achieve improvement. In 2014, our priorities include Reading Comprehension, Writing, (including Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Numeracy, Vocabulary
Development, Attendance and Explicit Instruction. In 2013, Parkhurst State School was among the most improved schools in the Central Queensland Region, achieving improvement better than the nation across thirteen of the fifteen areas.

Great Results Guarantee
All Queensland schools have received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and a draft plan has been submitted to Regional Office outlining our strategies to utilise these funds to better support our students and improve their outcomes. The plan must focus on Prep to Year Three learners in our Early Years’ classes, with evidence based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

At Parkhurst State School, we hope to employ additional Teacher Aides, whose role will be working with individuals and groups of students in the areas of reading, writing and number. We also need to purchase additional reading resources (including online and home reading materials) to keep up with our enrolment growth and the turnover of materials as learners progress through the levels. Also identified is professional development for Teacher Aides and Teachers and the acquisition of additional reading and numeracy standardised assessment tools to enable increased teacher access.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
In 2013, a Team met to review and revise our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan to ensure it complied with Education Queensland’s mandated requirements. An overview of the plan has been included in the past two Newsletters for parents and carers. Over the past week, I have met with all classes to clearly explain the Plan, its expectations, processes, roles and responsibilities. In 2014, all learners will have the opportunity to demonstrate that they have ‘five star’ reputations by earning stars that will translate into special certificates and ‘gold star’ badges at the end of the year.

Additional Furniture Requirements
With this year’s growth by thirty seven additional students, the availability of furniture had become a concern, particularly in our middle years’ classes. A last minute order was placed at the end of 2013 to outfit a Year Four space. The furniture arrived last week and has been most appreciated by students and teachers. An additional order has been placed for the new classrooms about to come online. This order also extends to interactive whiteboards and teacher furniture.

Parent and Carer Information Sessions
This week, all classroom teachers hosted their Parent and Carer Information Sessions. It is always challenging to schedule these without clashes. These sessions are always valuable opportunities for parents, carers and teachers to connect, hear about their child/ren’s classroom expectations, routines, curriculum and assessment goals, upcoming events and opportunities to become involved.

2014 P&C Constitutions
Cilla Martland is the Central Queensland Region’s new P&C contact person for advice and referral. Cilla can be contacted by Telephone on 07 4842 8335 or email at Priscilla.MARTLAND@dete.qld.gov.au. In 2014, Principals have been requested to email Cilla when the 2014 P&C constitution has been adopted at the Annual General Meeting. Constitutions must be adopted by April 04th 2014 and must remain onsite. Copies of the P&C’s Accounting Manual and Compliance Package for Audited Annual Financial Statements are available this evening for the Treasurer. Principals are also required to submit the following documentation to Regional Office on the P&C’s behalf.
- Transmission Report
- Auditor’s Report/Management Letter and your response
- Annual Financial Statements and certificates
- Form regarding details of the elected Executive Committee
Upcoming Events and Activities

Monday February 17th
Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Tuesday February 18th
Parent/Carer Information Sessions
P&C Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday February 19th
Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Friday February 28th
Clean Up Parkhurst Day

Friday March 14th
Senior and Leaders’ Induction Ceremony

Monday March 17th
St Patrick’s Day

Tuesday March 18th
P&C AGM and General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival

Monday March 24th
Face to Face Reporting commences
Cross Country and Fun Run
Term One Assembly of Excellence
Easter Hat Parade
Final Day of Term One

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

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL