CURRENT ENROLMENTS
Our current effective enrolment stands at 286 as per the breakdown below.

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STAFFING UPDATE
Next Term we welcome Miss Michelle Jorgensen to the Parkhurst Teacher Team. Michelle has been permanently appointed to Parkhurst, replacing Briony Chavez on Year 2/3C. Mrs Karen Jarvis has assumed the role of Teacher in Charge of the Special Education Program. We also welcome Mrs Stacy Smith to the Special Education Program for three days a week and Mrs Roslyn Back who has increased her teaching fraction to an additional half day per week. Whilst Mrs Jan Lawton continues to facilitate Project 600, Mrs Marg Hannan is undertaking the Support Teacher Literacy Numeracy position up until NAPLAN in mid May for three days per week. Miss Rosemarie Kunde is teaching Year 1H on the three days Mrs Hannan is completing this role. Next week we farewell Mrs Helen Barnes from our SEP as she takes up a full time contract position at Allenstown State School.

Mrs Angela Burns is now working as a casual Teacher Aide. Angela’s role is supporting targeted students requiring intensive support in the area of Literacy. Angela is also assisting with Speech Programs currently in place. A Recruitment and Selection process was recently conducted for the permanent position of Administrative Assistant (AAEP) with Mrs Wendy Evans being the successful applicant. This position is split with three hours each morning and one hour each afternoon. Next Term, the school will be seeking additional Teacher Aides to provide additional support across all classrooms. An Expression of Interest Form is on our school website. Once hours and positions are finalised, details will be communicated in the Newsletter.

FACILITIES, GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE
Maintenance work is currently taking place to the Senior Toilet Block. Works include the installation of a new roof and internal painting and the replacement of Toilet cisterns. Quotes are currently being sought by QBuild for the cementing of the area adjacent to the Assembly Area. This scope of works will also include some engineering works to ensure water is redirected from this space via the adjacent storm water drains.

A number of new bookcases have been purchased for the Library Space in Zone 21. To complete this task, we are seeking support from the P&C to purchase an additional six bookcases at $50 each. Mrs Stovold is also wishing to purchase an additional trolley for the expanding Junior Fiction collection. These currently retail for around $450 each. This project would directly benefit all learners across the school.
The tinting of the windows in Zone 21’s Theatre and the Tuckshop have now been completed and the transformation is incredible. Bluewater Tinting, the business responsible have offered all Parkhurst State School families a discount of 10% on all services.

**GRANTS**

Parkhurst State School is an Indigenous Education Focus School. I have submitted an application for $120 000 to support Indigenous Education across the four areas of Literacy and Numeracy, Attendance, Engagement and Connections and Leadership, Quality Teaching and Workforce Development. If successful, these funds will be spent on providing a range of additional resources, including hands on, oral and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). These resources will benefit all learners and directly enhance learning offerings throughout the school.

**Adrienne Wall** approached the school earlier last week regarding an Artist in Residence Grant that would provide an opportunity for all learners to participate in a Mosaic Project that will focus on creating a visual representation of our shared school values. If successful, the values will be on permanent display in the Assembly Area with similar placards throughout the covered walkways within the school.

**END OF TERM FACE TO FACE REPORTING**

This week, all classroom teachers have invited parents and carers to meet with them to discuss their child/ren’s first forty five days of learning and a range of other information. The take up of these invitations has been overwhelmingly high, indicating positive parent/teacher partnerships. Parents and carers are always reminded that interviews can happen at any time and should never only be restricted to end of each Semester.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is scheduled for Week Six next Term. **Language Conventions and Writing Tests** will occur on Tuesday May 14th 2013, **Reading** on Wednesday May 15th 2013, **Numeracy** on Thursday May 16th 2013 and ‘Catch Up’ Tests for absent students on Friday May 17th 2013. Once again, the P&C’s assistance to provide a ‘Fight the Fuzzies’ Breakfast each morning of NAPLAN is sought.

**LEADERS AND SENIORS INDUCTION**

This **Friday March 22nd 2013** will see the formal Induction of our 2013 Year Sevens as Seniors and a number of students assuming key Leadership roles. We will welcome a number of guests to our school to assist with the presentation of Certificates and Badges. The morning will conclude with Morning Tea for parents, visitors and students.

**2013 FUN RUN AND CROSS COUNTRY**

The annual Cross Country and Fun Run will be held next **Wednesday March 27th 2013**. This event will also take the form of a major fundraiser, coordinated by the P&C with funds raised directly supporting students. I would like to extend a special thankyou to **Mrs Wendy Evans** for all of her fantastic work already in preparing for this event.

**2013 EASTER HAT PARADE**

An annual highlight at Parkhurst State School each year is our Easter Hat Parade that encourages all learners across the school to parade their colourful, Easter inspired creations. A special note was sent home outlining just what is involved. The Parade will be held on the final day of school, **Thursday March 28th 2013 at 2:15 p.m.**
SPORTS DAY AND UNDER EIGHTS
This year, some major changes will be made to our Athletics Carnival, scheduled for **Wednesday June 05th 2013**. The day will commence with an Assembly and March Past, followed by the Prep to Year Three Heats. At 10:15 a.m. the school will break into two separate groups with the Prep to Year Threes participating in an Under Eights’ Activity Morning and the Year Four to Sevens will participate in a series of four rotations of their Field Events and Heats. At 1:30 p.m., all students will reunite for the Relays and presentations before departing at 3:00 p.m. This Program eliminates the need for ‘crowd control’, ensures every child is participating and allows all parents and carers to see their child/ren participating in a range of events, not just the regular heats.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
Education Queensland has developed the *Parent and Community Engagement Framework* to help schools, parents and the community to work together to maximise student learning. Research tells us parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes. A range of support materials have been designed to help schools, parents and the community focus effectively on the key outcome of student learning. Practical strategies are included, which schools, parents and the community can adopt and/or adapt to suit their local needs. Copies of the Framework are available this evening with access to a range of materials available from [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/about/](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/about/)

SCHOOL DISCOS
Staff have expressed their interest in assisting the P&C to coordinate a fundraising Disco next Term, preferably before or after NAPLAN Testing. They have also indicated a preference for all students to attend at the same time.

FRIDGES
Year 1H and Year 1/2W wish to personally extend their sincere thanks to the P&C for the purchase of two new refrigerators last week. Some tips and hints regarding storing lunches were included in last week’s Newsletter to avoid fridges from being over packed and preventing the cool air to circulate thoroughly.

UPCOMING EVENTS
- **Monday March 18th 2013**: Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews commence
- **Tuesday March 19th 2013**: P&C Annual General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday March 21st 2013**: World Harmony Day
- **Friday March 22nd 2013**: Senior and Leaders’ Induction Ceremony
- **Wednesday March 27th 2013**: Cross Country and Fun Run
- **Thursday March 28th 2013**: Easter Hat Parade at 2:15 p.m.
  - Sausage Sizzle 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Final Day of Term One
- **Friday March 29th 2013**: Food Friday

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
The most current Bank Reconciliation Report is attached for this period.

Lyle Walker
PRINCIPAL