Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment stands at **289** as per the breakdown below.

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Staffing Update
There have been no staffing changes since we last met. On Monday, I was notified that **Ms Alana Fitchen** has been appointed the school’s Head of Special Education Services (HoSES) commencing in 2014. The school’s temporary Head of Curriculum (HoC) position has been advertised this week for a period of six months, whilst **Moira Mackenzie** continues as Acting Deputy Principal at Frenchville State School. Applications close this Friday and I hope to be in a position to announce the successful applicant by Week Nine.

2014 Classes and Staffing
With the recent influx of enrolments for 2014, changes continue to be made to our proposed class grouping model. At the current time, our anticipated total student enrolment for 2014 is **328**, thirty nine additional students to this year. In 2014, our Prep enrolments continue to grow with fifty one new learners joining the school. A breakdown of our year levels for 2014 are as follows.

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Parkhurst State School’s classroom teacher entitlement, based on **328** students is 13.27. There is still sometime until school resumes in 2014 and we can typically enrol up to eighteen students in the remaining weeks of the school year. All schools have been directed to ensure no class exceeds the mandated class size targets of twenty five students in Prep to Year Three classes and twenty eight students in Year Four to seven classes. Schools are also asked to ensure there is capacity across all year levels for future enrolments. It is envisaged that a DRAFT model will be communicated to parents, carers and learners by the end of this year.

School Facilities
In 2014, based on our current anticipated enrolment, we are entitled to thirteen class groups. At the current time, Parkhurst State School has thirteen classroom spaces. If enrolments continue to grow, we will need to utilise one of the existing Special Education Program classrooms to accommodate a class. During my initial communications with the Regional Office and Central Office Facilities Team, they indicated that the Music Centre and Computer Centre are also designated as classroom spaces and could also be used if the need for additional space arose.
Last week, ‘Demand Maps’ were released indicated the ‘hot spot’ areas across Queensland that would require additional facilities and schools due to anticipated enrolment growth. Gracemere, Parkhurst and Kawana were identified as three areas in Rockhampton that met this criteria. Parkhurst State School is now on ‘red alert’ in regards to facilities. Each time a student is enrolled or informs us they he/she is departing, this must be communicated with Staffing and Facilities.

**Playground Grant**
Work to revitalise the existing Prep to Year Two Playground will commence over the upcoming Summer Vacation period. This work will include the addition of three new playground pieces, new sand and edging. $35 000 was received in this year’s Community Benefit Gambling Fund Grant. Unfortunately, when it comes to playground equipment, money does not go a long way. The P&C and school will be required to meet a shortfall of around $3000. In retrospect, this is a small amount of money for something that will benefit many students. Thanks again to those P&C members who looked over the plans and the staff members who assisted in making the selections.

**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 be 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.

**Upcoming Events and Activities**
- November 22\(^{nd}\) 2013  School Disco, theme ‘Ridiculous’
- December 02\(^{nd}\) 2013  Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival
- December 04\(^{th}\) 2013  Prep Transition Morning
- December 05\(^{th}\) 2013  Year Seven Graduation Ceremony
- December 06\(^{th}\) 2013  Term Four Assembly of Excellence
- December 10\(^{th}\) 2013  Semester Two Reports released
- December 11\(^{th}\) 2013  Christmas Concert
- December 12\(^{th}\) 2013  Break Up/Party Day
- December 13\(^{th}\) 2013  Final Day/Clean Up Day

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

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