



# PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

## PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 20/02/2018

#### Current Enrolments

The current effective student enrolment stands at **395** as outlined in the table below by Year Level. The school's effective Day Eight enrolment was **398**. This figure determines our staffing allocation and funding for the year. Over the next few weeks, we anticipate five additional learners enrolling with us in year levels across the school.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
60	55	50	64	58	62	46	395

#### Staffing Update

This year, we welcomed several new staff to school, including **Ms Rebecca Raymont** on 4/5R, **Ms Emma McInnes** on 4/5EM, **Mrs Kasey Taylor** on 4/5T, **Ms Karen Smith**, providing curriculum release time for each of our four Neighbourhood Curriculum Leaders, **Mrs Venus Heke**, backfilling behind Kayley Ross, **Mrs Nicole Murphy**, backfilling behind Averil Gooding and **Mr Shane Robinson**, our Guidance Officer.

Towards the end of this Term, the Senior section of the school will be restructured to accommodate the loss of our seventeenth teacher. When making predictions, we were unaware of three families who departed, At the current time, the school is paying for this resource until Easter, when a teacher will replace **Ms Michelle Jorgensen** when she commences Maternity Leave. This has enable us to retain a teacher to cover this vacancy for the remainder of the year as there is a severe shortage of teachers available for contracts and day to day replacements at the current time.

In Week Eight, we anticipate contacting all families affected by the collapsing of a Year 4/5 Class to accommodate this loss. It may mean that our Year Six classes will become 5/6 Classes due to their very low enrolment numbers. The new classes will be in operation for the start of Week Nine, providing an opportunity for the teacher on Year 2/3J to spend some time in the classroom with Ms Jorgensen before she commences Maternity Leave in Term Two.

#### Grounds and Facilities

A new 'hire' building was dropped into the school last week to accommodate the predicted seventeenth class. **Ms Rebecca Raymont** and Year 4/5R will move into this space adjacent to Mrs Kerley's P/1K Class once the building has been officially handed over.

On our return to school this year, Parkhurst State School, like many others across our Region experienced failing air conditioners. At the same time, we were also informed that our Repairs and Maintenance Budget, overseen by Building Assets Services was over spent, with urgent Work Place Health and Safety issues given priority. Air conditioners have been repaired/replaced and allocated funds mean our 2018-2019 Repairs and Maintenance Budget will be impacted to cover these repairs.

#### Strategic Planning

Each year, all Queensland State Schools submit Annual Improvement Plans that outline the strategies to address a key priority. In 2018, our improvement priority is reading across the key areas of curriculum, pedagogy (teaching practice), partnerships and performance. As

part of these strategies, in 2018, our Head of Reading, **Ms Dianne Stace** will be facilitating regular Parent and Carer Reading Sessions to raise awareness and provide knowledge and skills to assist with reading in the home, Very soon, all families will receive a survey to help determine the key areas to plan these sessions around to ensure they are relevant to the needs of our parents and carers.

# READING IS OUR PRIORITY

**TOP PRIORITY**

**CURRICULUM**  
 Comprehension Skills  
 Cross KLA Integration  
 Speech-Sounds-Pics  
 Decoding Strategies  
 Lesson Design  
 Reading: Writing Links  
 Differentiation  
 Resourcing

**PEDAGOGY**  
 Consistent, daily reading routines  
 High yield pedagogies  
 Explicit Instruction  
 Lesson Sequence  
 Independent Reading  
 Guided Reading

**PARTNERSHIPS**  
 Community Information  
 Sharing and Skilling  
 Curriculum relevance  
 Learner engagement  
 Neighbourhood Leaders  
 PAWS Incentives  
 Coaching

**PERFORMANCE**  
 Quality teaching  
 Raise achievement (U2Bs)  
 Coaching and Feedback  
 Capacity Building  
 Data and Profiling  
 Close the Gaps  
 Targets and Goals  
 Interventions

**PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL**  
**Leap to Lead**

**Problems of Practice**

1. The **consistent** and **quality** school wide delivery of reading
2. Positioning reading as the central **curriculum integration** tool

## Investing for Success

Each year, the Department of Education and Training (DET) determines the funding allocations to schools based on a range of information and distributes this via the Investing for Success Funding Program. In 2018, Parkhurst State School will receive around \$145 000 to assist in the management of the school to achieve outcomes for all learners. In 2018, this funding will purchase a range of resources, including digital technologies, curriculum and reading resources, fund the release of our four Curriculum Leaders (Mayors) one day a fortnight, fund staffing allocation gaps, provide Staff professional development and training, fund the PAWS Reading Incentives Program and employ additional casual Teacher Aides in Term Two to ensure every P/1 learner is read to by an adult and can read to an adult four mornings per week.

Towards the end of this Term, Expressions of Interest will be sought from applicants wishing to take on this role. Applicants will be required to submit a resume, a response to key selection criteria and undertake an interview. Successful applicants will commence in Week One of Term Two and will receive Induction and Training in the position. Details regarding the five positions will soon be advertised in the Newsletter and on our Website and FaceBook pages. Applications close on **Friday March 09<sup>th</sup> 2018**.

## Asset Replacement

This year, as part of our annual asset replacement schedule, a number of interactive whiteboards across the school have been replaced with mobile, interactive panels. The school's interactive whiteboards were originally purchased in 2006 and are starting to show their age, with parts unable to be sourced for repairs. This year, additional panels will be purchased to ensure every learning space has a functioning device to ensure learning is not compromised.

Staff iPads have also been replaced this year to ensure they are compatible with the school's technology infrastructure and are able to download apps, requiring updated iOS operating systems. The existing Staff iPads will be reset and used in classrooms as additional devices.

### **Finance and Budget**

A 2018 School Budget has been developed and is currently awaiting approval by Regional Office. This budget has accommodated the temporary purchase of our seventeenth class teacher until Easter. In 2018, due to increased operating costs, the budget is 'tighter' than in previous years.

### **Responsible Behaviour Plan**

Last week, all classes participated in Responsible Behaviour Plan Refresher Sessions to revisit the school's values, behaviour expectations and processes. This year, Mr Olive facilitated these sessions using technology, broadcasting into classrooms.

### **Parent/Carer/Teacher Information Sessions**

This year's information sessions were held in Week Three. It was pleasing to see so many parents and carers attending to learn about the classroom routines, expectations and learning focus for 2018. A thankyou is extended to the Parkhurst P&C for providing Afternoon Tea following each session.

### **Traffic and Parking**

Last week, a Rockhampton Regional Council Parking Officer conducted a patrol outside the school. During his patrol, he spoke with many parents and carers regarding parking on footpaths, private property, on yellow lines and double parking. He also spoke to some individuals regarding not using the provided Pedestrian Crossing to cross the road. In 2017, much time and work was invested in ensuring our community are aware of the expectations to ensure everyone is safe. This included changing the Pick Up Zone as a 'Kiss and Go' Zone, investing staff time after school to supervise learners and the installation of a pedestrian gate beside the MultiPurpose Court to encourage the use of the additional parking spaces in Mason Avenue. This Zone remains open until 3:30 p.m. each day to encourage families to 'stagger' the collection time of their children. Very soon, the widening of Mason Avenue and the Bruce Highway Upgrade will commence. This work is expected to have an impact on parking and traffic congestion, with only left turns permitted from Mason Avenue to Yaamba Road.

### **Term One Upcoming Events and Activities**

Tuesday February 20 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Zone 21
Friday March 02 <sup>nd</sup>	Term One School Disco at 6:00 p.m.
Monday March 05 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Up Parkhurst Day (Emu Parade after Muster)
Monday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Good News Week Starts
Monday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face Reporting Commences
Tuesday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Annual General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Zone 21
Friday March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior and Leader Induction Ceremony at 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country and Fun Run at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly of Excellence at 8:45 a.m.
	Easter Hat Parade at 2:00 p.m.
	Final Day of Term One

### **Financial Statement**

The most current **Financial Report** for this period, (including the Budget Overview Report and Financial Snapshot Report) is attached for minuting.

  
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