



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 20/03/2018

Current Enrolments

The current effective student enrolment stands at **396** as outlined below. Six additional learners will be commence with us in various year levels across the school at the commencement of Term Two. Our current model of seventeen class groups was recently restructured to sixteen class groups in line with the Department of Education's Class Allocation and Staffing Model. At this stage, all classes in the Year 4/5 and Year 6 Neighbourhoods are at or above the maximum class size targets of twenty eight learners per class.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
61	54	50	64	60	62	45	396

Staffing Update

Last Friday, I was informed that **Ms Rebecca Raymont**, who joined the Parkhurst State School Teacher Team this year has been successful in a recruitment and selection process for the position of Principal at Ridgeland State School. Ms Raymont will assume this position at the start of Term Two. We wish her the very best in this new chapter of her career. We are now in the process of recruiting an additional classroom teacher to backfill this loss. We have been advised that available primary classroom teachers are at a critical low and internal arrangements.

Next week, our sixteen class structure will come into effect. This will mean that there will be four Year 4/5 Class Teachers and the two Year Six classes will become Year 5/6 Classes. The parents and carers of all affected learners have been contacted regarding these changes. At this stage, we envisage the teacher replacing Ms Raymont will backfill Ms Michelle Jorgensen, who will be on Maternity Leave for the remainder of 2018. There will also be a relocation of one of our Year 2/3 Neighbourhood classes to the new classroom in Y Block to increase space in A Block.

Grounds and Facilities

The new 'hire' building has officially been certified. The 'active' gear that provides internet access has been installed and the adjustable height furniture has arrived. The school is still awaiting the arrival of the telephone system prior to occupation.

Investing for Success

Applications have now closed for the employment of five casual Teacher Aide positions, commencing 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. This is a key strategy of our 2018 Investing for Success Agreement. Face to Face Interviews will be conducted this week.

Asset Replacement

Parkhurst State School has now been confirmed as having the most iPad devices in any school within our Region, providing an access ratio of two students per device. With wireless internet connections across the school, iPads have become an excellent solution to enhance learning, whilst freeing up much needed space that computers take up. Every classroom still has access to a number of computers or laptops to ensure every learner's skills are developed using key software. From next Term, **Ms Rhiannon McDougall** will become our second Class Teacher employing a 1:1 iPad Program in her classroom.

Face to Face Reporting

Semester One Face to Face Reporting commenced on Monday, with teachers indicating high levels of participation from parents and carers. Face to Face reporting provides an opportunity for every parent and carer to meet with their child/ren's classroom teachers one on one to discuss key aspects of their learning and education, including academic, social and behavioural achievement and the learning goals that have been set for them to achieve. The information provided at these interviews will ensure that nothing on formal End of Semester Written Report Cards is not a 'surprise' or 'shock', providing opportunities to collaborate with teachers to assist learners in identified curriculum areas.

Fun Run and Cross Country

The school's annual Cross Country and Fun Run will be held next Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. As in past year's this popular event starts with an official march past to the Oval. Three years ago, the circuit was changed from being outside the school to inside, ensuring the safety of all participants. This event is the major fundraiser for Health and Physical Education and the 2018 target is \$5000. Thank you again to every family that has sought sponsors and returned their forms. As in previous years, all parents, carers and friends of the school are encouraged to attend and participate.

Easter Hat Parade

This popular end of Term event will be held next Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Area. Every learner in the school is encouraged to participate, with our P/1 and Year 2/3 neighbourhoods designing, making and evaluating their colourful and creations during learning time. Our Year 4/5 and Year 6 Neighbourhood learners have been encouraged to create their head attire at home as part of this week's Homework Projects. Everyone is very welcome to attend and celebrate the end of a very productive term of learning.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Parkhurst State School was front and centre in the media last week for its efforts in raising awareness around this national issue. Our State Member for Keppel, Mrs Brittany Lauga was in attendance at our Assembly, standing with us to make a stance against any form of bullying, harassment and violence. Our Year Six learners provided a role play that outlined the difference between being 'mean', 'rude' and a 'bully, soon followed by a Choir performance, led by **Mr David St Henry**. Following the Assembly, the entire school formed the word, 'No' that was filmed using the drone, featured on Win Television News, our electronic sign and FaceBook page.

Term One Upcoming Events and Activities

Monday March 19 th	Semester One Face to Face Reporting Commences
Tuesday March 20 th	Year 2/3 Excursion to the Botanical Gardens P&C Annual General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Zone 21
Wednesday March 21 st	Challenge Cup at Glenmore State High School
Friday March 23 rd	Senior and Leader Induction Ceremony at 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday March 28 th	Cross Country and Fun Run at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday March 29 th	Assembly of Excellence at 8:45 a.m. Easter Hat Parade at 2:00 p.m. Final Day of Term One
Tuesday April 17 th	Day One of Term two

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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