Current Enrolments
Our current effective enrolment is 364 as per the breakdown below. This week two new learners and their families joined us and we expect additional enrolments next Term.

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Staffing Update
Last week, we were informed that Mr Glenn Olive had been permanently appointed as Parkhurst State School’s Deputy Principal. Following the Winter Vacation period, Mr Olive will be on long service leave for four weeks. Unfortunately, due to a limited acting pool in the Rockhampton area, Glenn will not be replaced during this time. We have also welcomed Mrs Alison Worthington to the Parkhurst State School Teaching Team, replacing Mrs Stacy Smith on Year 2/3S for the remainder of 2016. Mrs Sharon Tomkins is replacing Ms Dianne Stace as Reading Coach for the first week of next Term, whilst she is on long service leave.

Facilities
The school’s Wireless Upgrade Program (WUP) has concluded with wireless access points installed in every learning space in the school. Already, feedback from staff and learners regarding their increased access to the internet using a range of devices has been positive. With the increased wireless access, the P&C may wish to pursue the provision of a laptop to the Tuckshop for online ordering via a dedicated email account.

Semester One Reporting
This afternoon, Semester One Report Cards were emailed to the parents and carers of all learners with a current email address. To date, there are only three families without a current email address. Any parents and carers wishing to receive a hard, paper copy of their child/ren’s Report Cards had the opportunity to inform the Office. The Department of Education and Training have renewed their emphasis on the importance of A to E Reporting as the indicator of every learner’s achievement and progress and encourages schools to tailor intervention strategies to this information.

Under Eights’ and Sport Day
This year’s Under Eights’ Activity Morning and Sports Day were an overwhelming success, with a record number of parents, grandparents and carers present to cheer on competitors. A special thank you is once again extended to the P&C Association, Kristie Eldridge and her team of volunteers who provided an outstanding assortment of foods on the day. Early Years’ Staff are also grateful of the P&C’s donation towards the consumable materials for the arts and craft activities on offer.

Grants and Submissions
Last Friday, we were informed that our Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow Submission for $16 400 was successful to advance the teaching of coding and robotics. The purpose of the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow grant is to develop the skills students need to become the creators and innovators of Queensland’s future. A requirement is to make the resources we develop available to all state schools to assist them in developing their own entrepreneurial learning programs. Much progress has already been made in this area this year, led by Mr David St Henry and Mr Andrew Clair, including the purchase of a range of resources.
Chaplaincy Coin Lines
Yesterday, our annual fundraiser to support Chaplaincy at Parkhurst State School was conducted in the form of the ‘Chaplaincy Coin Lines’. Over the past four weeks, all classes were encouraged to collect and pool their loose change to form a class coin line in the Assembly Area. The longest and most expensive coin lines were recognised. Just over $507.00 was raised to support the Local Chaplaincy Committee.

World Cleaners’ Day
Last Friday was World Cleaners’ Day, the day each year when the work and efforts of our ‘Gleam Team’ is acknowledged and celebrated. Our ‘Gleam Team’ take great pride in their work, maintaining safe and clean environments for learning. A special presentation and gift was made last Friday on behalf of the Parkhurst State School community.

Gonski
Two weeks ago, the Queensland Teachers Union (Q TU) organised a free Coffee Van to visit the school to talk with parents, carers and community members about Gonski Funding and what it means to school communities. Mr Dan Coxen, the Region’s Q TU Field Organiser was accompanied by the Federal Labor Candidate for Capricornia, Mrs Leisa Neaton. Under Gonski, the school’s current funding through Investing for Success (I4S) of $120 000 would increase dramatically to $480 000. Gonski funding is needs based funding and allows schools to make decisions regarding the investment of funds where they are most needed to support all learners. This visit was in lieu of tonight’s visit and provided Mrs Neaton with an opportunity to connect with many more parents, carers and community members.

Facilities Infrastructure Planning
Conversations are continuing with the Regional Facilities and Infrastructure Team regarding our 2017 facility requirements, based on our conservative, predicted total enrolment of at least 390 students. There are currently no available classrooms and our predicted enrolment will warrant the formation of at least one additional class in 2017. Our infrastructure needs will continue to be communicated with the Facilities Team and Advisors to ensure spaces are ready for the commencement of the 2017 school year. Our State Member for Keppel, Ms Brittany Lauga has also been informed of the school’s growth and related facilities requirements.

Choir and Ukulele Performances
Our School Choir and Ukulele Troup are congratulated for their outstanding performances last week at the Rockhampton Heritage Village Morning Tea Fundraiser and the Rockhampton Show. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers in attendance to enjoy the performances. The Choir will again perform at this Friday’s Assembly of Excellence.

Upcoming Events and Activities
Monday June 20th 2016 Chaplaincy Coin Line Fundraiser
Tuesday June 21st 2016 Monthly P&C Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Semester One Report Cards emailed
Friday June 24th 2016 Assembly of Excellence at 9:00 a.m.
Semester One Concludes – Winter Vacation Commences
Saturday July 02nd 2016 Federal Election
Monday July 11th 2016 Term Three commences
School Improvement Unit Visit

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

Lyle Walker
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