



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 09/03/2021

Current Enrolments

The effective Day Eight Student Enrolment was **434** as outlined in the table below.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
64	60	70	65	59	53	62	434

Staffing

A statewide and national process to recruit and select a Music Specialist Teacher is underway for the second time, with applications closing on April 01st 2021. The Regional Human Resources Team have expressed the challenges around filling vacancies, particularly specialist teaching vacancies.

This week is **Ms Heidi Martin-Sanders'** final week of teaching before she takes Maternity Leave for the remainder of the year. Ms Martin-Sanders' role has been an extra position funded by the school to deliver STEAME in Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as supporting learners in the Year Six Learning Neighbourhood. At the end of this Term, we also farewell Mrs Georgia Leyshon who will be taking leave for the remainder of the year, to accompany her husband on transfer. Mrs Leyshon has been undertaking the triple role of teaching STEAME in the Prep to Year 3 classes, overseeing curriculum development for the Prep and Year One Learning Neighbourhood and releasing each of the four Neighbourhood Mayors to engage in curriculum planning. Warm wishes are extended to both ladies and we wish them the best.

Semester One Face to Face Reporting

Invitations have been sent home to all parents and carers to indicate preferred days and times to participate in Semester One Face to Face Reporting in Weeks Nine and Ten of this Term. This is a timely and valuable opportunity to connect with your child[ren]'s Class Teacher[s] to discuss their progress, achievement and performance. This year, as a school we are aiming for a participation rate of 90% and higher. If you have not yet received an invitation to meet with your child/ren's Class Teachers, please contact the Office as soon as possible. Confirmation slips regarding days and times should have already been received.

Annual Fun Run and Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country and Fun Run is scheduled for **Wednesday March 31st 2021**. This event is one for all learners and their participation is strongly encouraged. Information, including Sponsorship Packages have been sent home to all families. The fantastic work of **Mr David Johnson** is recognised in preparing all learners for this popular, annual event, that raises significant funds to support the implementation of our health and physical education program, key sporting events and interschool sports.

Mandatory Training for Volunteers, Visitors and Contractors

All volunteers, visitors and contractors are required to undertake mandatory training each year, to ensure they are aware of their obligations whilst within the school. The key areas of Asbestos Awareness Training, Emergency Response, Fire Safety and Mandatory All Staff Training encompassing the areas of working safely, working ethically, working together, protecting our information and protecting our students will be facilitated this evening.

Grounds, Facilities and Infrastructure

The current Growth Planning Project constructing our new Learning Facility is well underway and now on to the second floor, with steel defining the roof line. The expected completion date is still by the end of Term Two, ready for occupancy by Term Three. I am currently in the process of finalising the procurement of furniture for the learning spaces. The Parkhurst State School Parents and Citizens' project to provide six refrigerators for each classroom space is much appreciated.

2021 Explicit Improvement Agenda

The enactment of the school's Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) priority of reading is well underway across the school to ensure that every Parkhurst State School learner succeeds, based on our reading data and other information sources collected as part of our ongoing inquiry. Our Explicit Improvement Agenda has four drivers aligned to our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) of consistency, quality, consistent quality and collaboration. The infographic below summarises the agenda.

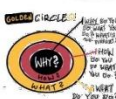


Reading is OUR 2021 Priority



Our Vision

Every Parkhurst learner is literate, numerate, safe, happy and learning every day.



Why Reading ?

Reading is a life skill, linked to writing requiring a knowledge of texts, their structures and the elements authors use across the curriculum.



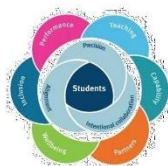
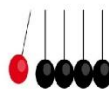
Our 2021 Reading Targets

Improve every learner's reading achievement and actual gain

- 96% of all learners read at and above a 'C' standard and are achieving at their level.
- 50% of all learners read at an 'A' and 'B' standard.

Our Impact – Measures of Success

1. Our vision is attained
2. All learners are achieving and successful
3. Our drivers are realised
4. All Staff are skilled and capable



Communications and Staff Contact

The school's strives to ensure that a range of communication tools are used to ensure all members of our school community are informed and updated. These tools include :

- the school **website**
- social media accounts, (including FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram)
- a weekly Newsletter published each Friday
- QSchools and QParents apps
- an electronic school sign
- notes and updates from Class Teachers

Every Parkhurst State School Staff Member has an email address which is accessible via the school website at this address <https://parkhurstss.eq.edu.au/our-school/our-staff/teacher-email-contact>. All Staff are encouraged to respond to all emails in a timely manner. If you need to clarify anything at anytime, Class Teachers are always your first point of contact and can also be contacted via telephone to arrange suitable suitable times to meet face to face.

COVID-19 Update

We are all reminded that there are still some restrictions in place including :

- maintaining social distancing between all adults (ie; 1.5 metres)
- maintaining hand sanitising
- signing in for meetings and school events for contact tracing purposes
- practising cough and sneeze etiquette
- limiting food sharing and handling that could result in cross contamination
- staying home if unwell

We are also reminded that current measures in place are not only to reduce the risk of COVID-19 but also to reduce other transmissible diseases, including the flu.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Tuesday March 09 th 2021	P&C Monthly Meeting and AGM at 6:00 p.m. in Zone 21
Friday March 19 th 2021	Induction of Seniors and Leaders at 8:45 a.m. Be a 'Buddy' Day
Monday March 22 nd 2021	Face to Face Reporting commences
Wednesday March 31 st 2021	Cross Country and Fun Run at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday April 01 st 2021	Term One Assembly of Excellence at 8:45 a.m. PAWS Pop Up Shop Open Easter Hat Parade at 2:00 p.m. Final Day of Term One
Monday April 19 th 2021	Day Two of Term One
Tuesday April 20 th 2021	Monthly P&C Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Friday April 23 rd 2021	Anzac Day Commemoration Assembly
Monday April 26 th 2021	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday May 03 rd 2021	Labour Day Public Holiday

Financial Statement

The 2021 Budget has been developed and endorsed. The most current **Budget Overview Report** and **Financial Snapshot Report** are attached for minuting.


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