



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 19/02/2019

Current Enrolments

The current effective student enrolment stands at **434** as outlined in the table below. This figure determines our staffing allocation and funding for the year. Over upcoming weeks, three additional learners are enrolling in a range of year levels across the school.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
65	66	60	50	67	65	61	434

Staffing Update

This year, we have welcomed ten new staff members in a range of roles across the school. A warm welcome is extended to :

Mrs Sarah Jones (P/1J)

Mrs Vanessa Flint (6F)

Ms Krystal Hardin (2/3H)

Mr Lachlan O'Keefe (4/5O)

Mrs Lyn O'Farrell (2/3O)

Mr David Johnson (PE Specialist)

Mrs Natasha O'Leary (District Relief Teacher)

Mrs Surya Jose (Neighbourhood Centre)

Mr Mark Pearce (Curriculum/STEAME Release Teacher)

Mrs Jackie Berry (Teacher Aide)

In 2019, our staffing allocation to deliver **STEAME** (Science, Technologies, Engineering, The Arts, Mathematics and Our Environment) has been increased by the Department of Education as part of its priority to Advance STEM in schools. This year, **Mr Cameron Preston** will be released by **Mr Mark Pearce** for two days a week to work with classes and teachers to develop knowledge, skills and capability in this area. Mr Mark Pearce will also release our four Curriculum Leaders (aka 'Mayors') once a fortnight for curriculum coordination time.

Mrs Lyn O'Farrell has commenced coaching teachers in the area of writing. In 2019, linking writing to reading remains a key aspect of our school reading improvement priority. Year 2/3 and 4/5 Neighbourhood Teachers are released on Mondays, whilst their classes are engaging in Specialist STEAME lessons to develop their knowledge and skills in the teaching of writing.

Grounds, Facilities and Infrastructure

DesignTek and **GHD** have been engaged as the two local companies working with the school and Department of Education representatives to commence the planning and design of two upcoming facilities and infrastructure projects. These projects include the new Administration Building, School Canteen and General Learning Area Building (GLA). A comprehensive site survey was undertaken over the Summer Vacation period to identify all underground services to inform the initial plans. A draft concept plan has been presented to the school for feedback. The planning and design team will be meeting fortnightly as Phase One of the Project, before moving into the Ministerial Designation, Tendering and Construction Phases.

Much strategic work will be required regarding the provision of temporary buildings, the location of affected classes and the decantering of spaces in preparation for consequent phases of the project.

Strategic Planning

All Queensland State Schools are required to submit an **Annual Improvement Plan**, an **Explicit Improvement Agenda**, an **Investing for Success Agreement** and a **Budget** by the end of February each year. In 2019, Parkhurst State School undertook a School Review that identified the areas of commendation and key improvement strategies to inform our work over the next four years. This will form the basis of our new School Plan that is currently being developed. A range of other documents, including a **Workforce Plan** and **Professional Learning Plan** will also be required as a part of the annual strategic planning process.

In 2019, our **Explicit Improvement Agenda** is **Reading**, aimed at promoting success for every learner is framed around the four key areas of :

1. Australian Curriculum
2. Quality Teaching
3. Capacity Building
4. Collaboration

In 2019, all parents and carers will again have an opportunity to engage in information sessions and training around supporting reading in the home. In coming weeks, an electronic survey will be circulated to determine what this program may look like. Below is a DRAFT of what our 2019 Explicit Improvement Agenda entails and will be further enhanced over coming weeks.



Investing for Success Agreement

The Queensland Department of Education (DoE) requires all schools to submit an Investing for Success (IFS) Agreement at the beginning of each year to determine how funding will be used to achieve quality learning outcomes for all learners. In 2019, Parkhurst State School will anticipate around \$150 000 as part of this funding program. In 2019, IFS funding has been targets to purchase a range of curriculum resources, fund curriculum release time for our four Curriculum Leaders (Mayors), provide Staff professional development and training, resource the PAWS Reading Incentives Program, employ casual Teacher Aides to ensure every P/1 learner is read to by an adult and can read to an adult four mornings per week and fund any gaps in staffing allocations.

Expressions of Interest close this Friday for the five casual Teacher Aide positions currently advertised. Successful applicants will commence in Week Six of this Term and will receive Induction and Training in the position.

Year of Citizenship

Our schoolwide learning theme for learning in 2019 is developing every learner's capacity to be active and informed, 21st century citizens by providing opportunities to develop the characteristics and capabilities of 21st century citizenship through curriculum offerings and special projects. Increased opportunities will be made across the school for learners to provide feedback and offer their voices through voting in various modes and media.

Each week on Assembly, eighteen 'Stellar Citizens' are recognised for their contributions, efforts and citizenship and are presented with a globe, wristband and certificate.

Aussie of the Month

In 2019, as part of our schoolwide Citizenship theme, a well known program, called 'Aussie of the Month' will be introduced. 'Aussie of the Month' is a twenty year primary school recognition program outside of academic or sporting achievement, recognising learners for their active demonstration of good citizenship in line with Australian values of a Fair Go, Mateship, Respect and Inclusion.

Highway Upgrade

The joint venture of McIlwain Civil Engineering Pty Ltd and SGQ Pty Ltd (RNAJV) recently announced the commencement of construction for the Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade, recently awarded by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The upgrade will incorporate two jointly funded Australian Government projects between the Bruce Highway intersection with Rockhampton and Yeppoon. The Community Liaison Officer, Pam Thomas looks forward to working closely with the local community, residents and businesses to deliver these exciting projects that will greatly improve connectivity and traffic flow by widening the Bruce Highway to four lanes through the suburbs of Parkhurst and Glenlee, north of Rockhampton. Commencement of construction on the Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade is scheduled to commence this month with expected completion in mid 2020, weather permitting.

The combined scope of works will see the ...

- duplication of 4.9 km of the Bruce Highway from Yeppoon Road intersection to Terranova Drive
- realignment of Boundary Road (South)
- construction of two new service roads
- provision of signalised intersections
- provision of a dual lane roundabout at Stirling Drive
- construction of two new bridges across Limestone Creek
- demolition of the existing bridge structures

To ensure your safety and the safety of our crew, motorists are reminded to drive carefully through the work zone and be aware of changed traffic conditions. Any questions about these works, can be directed to the Community Liaison Officer on 04 4898 1129 or by email at community@rajv.com

Responsible Behaviour Plan

This week, all classes will be participating in Responsible Behaviour Plan Refresher Sessions to revisit the school's values, behaviour expectations and processes, facilitated by Mr Olive.

Parent/Carer/Teacher Information Sessions

This year's Information Sessions were held last week. It was pleasing to see so many parents and carers attending to learn about the classroom routines, expectations and learning focus for 2019.

Term One Upcoming Events and Activities

Tuesday February 19 th	P&C Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Friday March 01 st	Clean Up Parkhurst Day
	PAWS Pop Up Shop
Friday March 08 th	Term One School Disco
Friday March 15 th	Be a Buddy Assembly
Monday March 18 th	Good News Week Starts
Tuesday March 19 th	P&C Annual General Meeting and AGM at 6:30 p.m.
Friday March 22 nd	Senior and Leaders' Induction Ceremony
Monday March 25 th	Face to Face Reporting Starts
Wednesday April 03 rd	Cross Country and Fun Run
Thursday April 04 th	PAWS Pop Up Shop
Friday April 05 th	Term One Assembly of Excellence
	Easter Hat Parade

Financial Statement

The most current Budget Overview Report and Financial Snapshot Report is attached for minuting.



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