



# PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

## *Parents and Citizens' Association*

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 20/07/2021

#### Current Enrolments

The current effective enrolment is **443** as outlined below. Over the Winter Break, ten learners departed the school and five new learners have joined us.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
61	63	74	65	64	53	63	443

#### Staffing Update

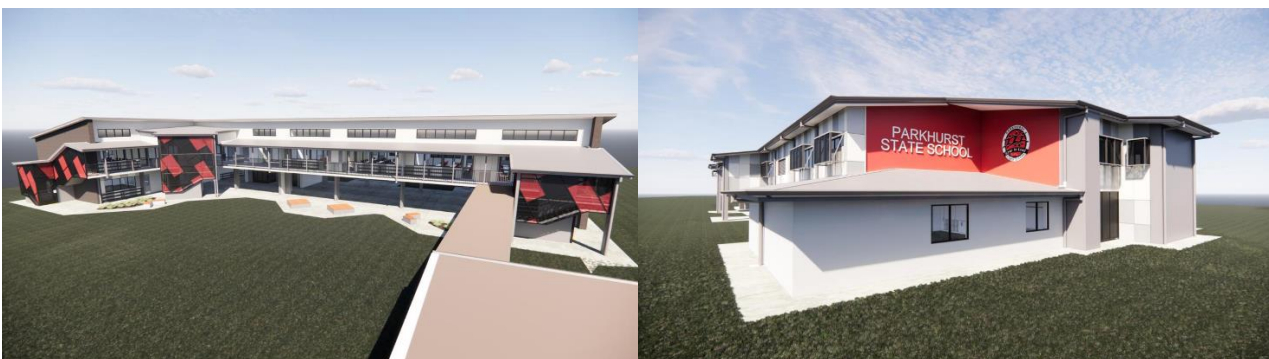
This Term, we welcomed (and welcomed back) new Staff, including **Mr Brendan Cheung**, who has replaced **Mrs Jackie Egan** whilst she is on Maternity Leave, **Ms Tess Henning**, replacing **Mrs Tayla Fagan**, who continues to be on extended sick leave, Mrs Sarah Jones, replacing **Mr George Grant** who has taken on the role of the school's STEAME Specialist Teacher and **Mrs Deborah Krogh**, a Teacher Aide replacing **Mrs Rosemarie Horstman**.

**Ms Rachel Krogh**, has come to us from Berserker Street State School as an additional allocation. Sometime this Term, an additional class may be formed in the Early Years Sector, where substantial growth has been experienced. All parents and carers will be notified of any changes in advance, particularly for affected learners.

The school is currently recruiting casual Teacher Aide vacancies. All interested applicants are asked to submit a recent Resume, outlining experience in the position and the names and contact details of two professional referees. With L Block soon coming online, an additional cleaning position will be advertised for recruitment and selection in coming weeks. At the current time, it is envisaged this position will be for 16 hours per week.

#### Facilities

Over the Winter Break, some major works had commenced (and completed) as part of the construction of L Block. The walkway, including steps, a pathway from L Block to Mr Ridgley's Prep R Classroom and ramp are almost complete. Two additional air conditioners were installed as part of the Queensland Government's commitment to ensure every space is air conditioned. L Block works continue, with the external screening to be mounted, external painting, electricals, landscaping, the installation of sprinkler systems and the LED screen. At this stage, handover may occur on **Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**, once furniture has been delivered and placed. An invitation will be sent out for a tour of L Block, prior to classes taking occupancy.



Stage Two of Parkhurst State School's Growth Planning has been budgeted for in the 2021 and 2022 Financial Year. The Stage Two scope of works originally included the removal and replacement of the current Administration Building and the construction of a new Canteen. I have not yet received confirmation and details of the exact scope of works, including timeframes. As soon as this information is communicated, it will be shared.

### **School Opinion Surveys**

The suite of School Opinion Surveys is undertaken each year by the Department of Education to obtain opinions about our school from families, school staff and learners in target year levels (5 and 6). The surveys will help identify what we are doing well, and understand where we can improve.

Each school family will receive one email invitation from the Department of Education to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual's response can be identified by the school. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey. The survey can be completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection.

It's important that as many parents/caregivers as possible complete the survey, so we would appreciate if members of this committee would raise awareness of this survey with other parents/caregivers. The survey invitation will be emailed in the week beginning **Monday July 05<sup>th</sup> 2021** and it is titled School Opinion Survey for parents and caregivers, 2021.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Thank you again to everyone who continues to follow COVID-19 procedures, particularly at school events and activities, including School Discos and the upcoming Sports Day. We are reminded to ensure we ...

- stay home when we are sick, this includes parents and carers visiting the school
- get tested if we have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild
- stay 1.5 metres away from other people or wear a mask when required to do so
- wash our hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser
- practise cough and sneeze etiquette
- check in at school events using the Check In Queensland app

### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

Tuesday July 20 <sup>th</sup> 2021	P&C Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Zone 21
Wednesday August 04 <sup>th</sup>	Jeans for Genes Day
Tuesday August 10 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Zone 21 Census Night
Thursday August 12 <sup>th</sup>	PAWS Pop Up Shop
Friday August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term Three School Disco
Monday August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year Six Camp
Wednesday September 01 <sup>st</sup>	Book Character Parade
Friday September 03 <sup>rd</sup>	Student Free Day
Monday September 06 <sup>th</sup>	Face to Face Reporting commences
Tuesday September 07 <sup>th</sup>	World Teacher Aides' Day
Thursday September 09 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday September 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Support Staff Day
Wednesday September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Talk Like a Pirate Day
Thursday September 16 <sup>th</sup>	PAWS Pop Up Shop
Friday September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly of Excellence Winter Vacation Commences
Monday October 04 <sup>th</sup>	Term Three of Learning Resumes

### **Financial Statement**

The most current **Budget Overview Report** and **Financial Snapshot Report** are attached.

  
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**PRINCIPAL**