



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 09/02/2021

Current Enrolments

The effective Day Eight Student Enrolment was **431** as outlined in the table below. New families have expressed their interests on our Waiting List and there are three families moving to the area this Term. Our effective student enrolment has allowed us to commence the 2021 school year with the same allocation as we concluded 2020 with.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
64	60	69	64	59	53	62	431

2021 Staffing

A very positive start to the 2021 school year has occurred, with some slight changes to our school routines to accommodate the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions and measures. This year, we have welcomed many new faces (learners, parents, carers and staff) around the school, including **Mrs Hannah Hudson, Mrs Katherine De Mey, Ms Mackenzie Phillips** and **Ms Emma Wilkes**. Please join me in welcoming these ladies. Over the Summer Vacation, we said goodbye to **Mrs Rachel Sampson**, who accepted a Head of Department – Curriculum position at Moranbah East State School and **Mrs Jovelyn Dig-O**, who has been appointed the Guidance Officer at Goondiwindi State School. We wish both ladies the very best in their future careers. As a result of these movements, a slight reshuffle of staffing occurred.

Our anticipated 2021 Class Structure remains in place, with some staff changes as outlined below :

2020 Class Teachers

PD	Katherine De Mey	4G	George Grant
PH	Hannah Hudson	4H	Krystal Hardin
PR	Keegan Ridgley	4/5E	Rebecca Egerton
1F	Tayla McFarlane	5W	Emma Wilkes
1M	Silvie Moravek	5/6B	Tanisha Bickey
1/2M	Emma McInnes	6D	Dominic Draper
2K	Anne Kerley	6F	Vanessa Flint
2P	Mackenzie Phillips		
2/3E	Jackie Egan		
3M	Rhiannon McDougall		
3O	Lachlan O'Keefe		

Other 2021 Staffing Positions

Head of Inclusion	Katrina Gilligan	CoTeachers	Kathryn Shields
Early Years Leader	Lyn O'Farrell		Suyra Jose
Middle Years Leader	Dianne Stace		Alison Worthington
STEAME Specialists	Georgia Leyshon	P/1 Mayor	Georgia Leyshon
	Heidi Martin-Sanders	2/3 Mayor	Rhiannon McDougall
District Relief Teacher	Natasha O'Leary	4/5 Mayor	Krystal Hardin
Physical Education	David Johnson	Year 6 Mayor	Vanessa Flint
Music	To be Appointed		
Japanese	Joanne Aaron		
Guidance Officer	Shane Robinson		

Parent-Carer-Teacher Information Sessions

Invitations were extended to all parents and carers to attend an Information Session, hosted by their Classroom Teachers this week, with some occurring yesterday and this Wednesday. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about daily classroom routines and expectations, curriculum coverage, how to become involved, upcoming activities, events and communication processes. Thank you to all parents and carers who have RSVPd or already attended.

Grounds, Facilities and Infrastructure

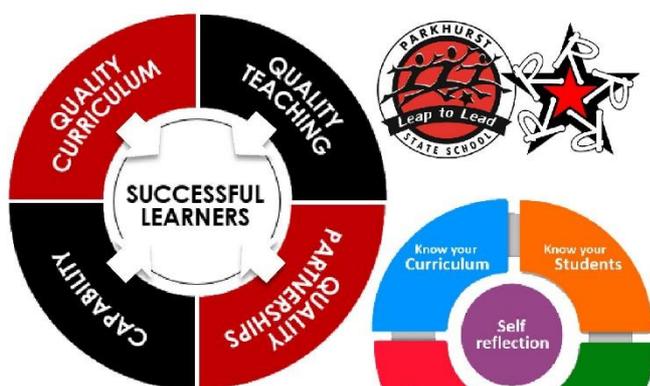
The current Growth Planning Project constructing our new Learning Facility is well underway and now on to the second floor. I have been advised the project has experienced a two week delay due to the sourcing of materials. The expected completion date is still by the end of Term Two, ready for occupancy by Term Three.

COVID-19

A special thank you is extended to all families for their support, patience and cooperation in accommodating the recent changes, particularly around morning Drop Off and Afternoon Collection. This week, the Afternoon Collection Routine was altered slightly, providing to Meeting Points for parents and carers to collect their child[ren]. The two Collection Points are the Assembly Area (AA) for all Prep to Year Three Learners and the Zone 21 Breezeway (near the entrances to the Theatre) for all Year Four to Six learners. Parents and Carers with learners across both sectors of the school are encouraged to negotiate one Collection Point with their children. Last Friday was our first Face to Face Assembly since March 2020. It was pleasing to see parents and carers practising social distancing, with only a few reminders and prompts required.

2021 Explicit Improvement Agenda

Reading is our Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) priority for every learner at Parkhurst State School, based on our reading data and other information sources collected as part of our ongoing inquiry. Our Explicit Improvement Agenda comes from an aspect of our Annual Improvement Plan (AIP). Consistency, Quality, Consistent Quality and Collaboration are our key drivers. The infographic below summarises the agenda.

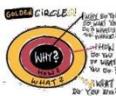


Reading is OUR 2021 Priority



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



Our 2021 Inquiry

- How can we close the gaps in reading ?
- What are our gaps ?
- What will this look like ?



Our 2021 Drivers

1. Quality
2. Consistency
3. Collaboration



Our Evidence

- Class Data Action Plans
- Learning Walls
- Collegial Engagement
- System Data
- Learner Assessments



2021 Strategic Planning

All Queensland Schools are required to submit Strategic Planning documents by the end of February 28th 2021.

These documents include :

- An Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)
- An Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA)
- An annual Budget
- An Investing for Success Agreement (I4S)

The school's 2021 **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)**, **Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA)** and **Investing for Success (I4S)** Agreement were collaboratively developed in 2020 and submitted to the school's Assistant Regional Director for approval. Copies of these documents to be minuted this evening.

2021 Investing for Success Agreement

Each year, the Federal Government provides funds to each State Government that are dispersed to every State School through an allocative model, based on complexity, enrolments, social economics and geography. In 2021, Parkhurst State School's Investing for Success Agreement will provide **\$171 643.00**, based on our effective enrolment.

Funds will support all learners, provide resources and develop the capability of all Staff.

Specific 2021 Investing for Success strategies include :

- releasing the four Curriculum Leaders (Mayors)
- curriculum resourcing
- staff professional development and coaching
- teacher release time for planning
- resourcing the school's PAWS Reading Incentives Program
- funding additional Teacher Aide time

2021 Theme for Learning

Each year, Parkhurst State School adopts a Theme for Learning that underpins all we do as a school. In 2021, the theme is 'What's Your Impact?' This is an opportunity for us all to consider our impact on others, our own learning and development, our community, our school, our country, our world and ourselves and individuals. Each week, on Assembly, we will acknowledge our **IMPACT Makers of the Week**, learners that have made a difference to others, themselves, our school and the community. We are fostering the traits of kindness and being aware of the need as a learning community to reflect and consider the impact our words, actions and gestures may have on others. It is also essential that we take the time to acknowledge others and let others know how their actions or words have made a difference.

Communications and Staff Contact

Every 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 emails in a timely manner, within at least one day of receipt. Class Teachers can also be contacted via telephone to arrange suitable suitable times to meet face to face.

The school's **website** is regularly updated as changes occur and is a good source of information regarding the school. The school has active social media accounts, including **FaceBook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**. A weekly Newsletter is published each Friday and distributed to all families and community members. Good news and information is regularly shared via these platforms. A recent FaceBook notification reminded all members of our school community of the terms and conditions associated with the use of our social media accounts.

All parents and carers are also encouraged to download the **QSchools** and **QParents** apps to access a wide range of specific learner, school and departmental information.

Additional Refrigerators

With the new learning facility available for occupancy at the commencement of Term Three, the Parkhurst State School Parents and Citizens' Association may wish to consider the purchase of six additional refrigerators for this space as a special 2021 project. There will be a dedicated space within the cabinetry in each classroom to accommodate a refrigerator.

Annual Mandatory Training

It is a Departmental requirement that all Volunteers, Visitors and Contractors complete Mandatory Training before undertaking any work within the school. This training, (including the annual Asbestos Training) is scheduled for the March meeting on **Tuesday March 09th 2021**. Copies of the handout is available this evening for any current volunteers who wish to undertake the training and be signed off by notifying the Administration Officers, **Mrs Liz Nugent** and **Mrs Nicole Rose**, prior to the March 09th meeting.

Term One Upcoming Events and Activities

Tuesday February 10 th 2021	P&C monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Zone 21
Monday February 09 th 2021 →	Parent and Carer Information Sessions
Friday February 26 th 2021	PAWS Pop Up Shop open
Friday March 07 th 2021	Clean Up Parkhurst State School
Tuesday March 10 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

Financial Statement

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

The 2021 Budget is currently in development.


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2021 School calendar Queensland state schools

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- School holidays
- Public holidays
- Staff development/student free days
- Student free days
- Part public holiday after 6pm
- Student free days for some schools in regional, rural and remote areas

There are 193 school days in 2021.

Semester 1, 2021 commences for teachers on 21 January and for students on 27 January, 2021.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are 21 and 22 January, 15 and 16 April and 3 September 2021. Schools are able to decide when they undertake the required hours for professional development for the flexible days, as long as they are on the flexible days, in the school holidays or out of school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Queensland public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.

Public holidays for local show days are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

19 November is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. 26 November is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on 3 December.

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