



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 11/05/2021

Current Enrolments

The current student enrolment is **447** (including new students) is outlined below. There are two additional families relocating to the area in coming weeks.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
63	62	73	67	63	56	63	447

Staffing Update

Last week, we officially welcomed two new staff to the Parkhurst State School Teacher Team. **Mrs Fiona McDonnell** has assumed her position as our Music Specialist Teacher and **Mr Luke Standfield** has relocated from Victoria to teach Year 1/2S. In coming weeks, our STEAME Specialist Teacher will be appointed to commence in Term Three in the new STEAME Centre, as part of our newly constructed 'L' Block.

A request for an Additional Staffing Allocation has been submitted to the Central Queensland Regional Human Resources Team in response to the recent spike in enrolments within the catchment area. This request, (if successful), will enable a minor reshuffle of classes to accommodate the provision of an additional Classroom Teacher for the start of Term Three, when additional learning spaces are available.

Grounds, Facilities and Infrastructure

The scaffolding is starting to come down around our new 'L' Block and the magnitude of the build can be clearly seen. The brickwork matches the finish on Zone 21 and external rendering has been completed. The front façade has been painted in a vivid red and the lettering and logo has been installed. In coming weeks, windows and the new LED sign will be installed by a contractor. Work will soon move to internal finishes, including cabinetry, painting, floor finishes and tiling. The furniture procurement order has been placed to ensure delivery prior to Term Three. At this stage, with the anticipated delays accounted for, learners and their teachers will be set to occupy the new spaces at the start of Term Three.



2021 Explicit Improvement Agenda

Very soon, all families will receive a survey from **Ms Dianne Stace** and **Mrs Lyn O'Farrell** to determine possible focus areas for upcoming information and skilling sessions to support learners with reading in the home.

Walk Safe to School Day

This Friday is the annual Walk Safe to School Day. The aim is to encourage parents, carers and primary school aged children to walk to school, whilst promoting the health benefits of walking to create regular walking habits. The day also assists children to develop vital road crossing skills and reduce car dependency and traffic congestion. A recent traffic accident outside a nearby school is a timely reminder for us all to use the allocated Pedestrian Crossings to cross the street at peak times. Although it is no longer in an ideal position, teaching learners to use this resource is important.

Additional Resourcing

As part of the school's annual Asset Replacement Schedule, a new fleet of thirty two work stations have been purchased to replace the workstations in the Zone 21 Computer Centre. The current work stations will be relocated to the school's new STEAME Space in 'L' Block, increasing computer access for all classes as part of their learning. The school's STEAME Specialist Teacher will be based in the STEAME Space, providing additional non-contact time for Classroom Teachers as their learners engage with the digital and design technology curriculum from the Australian Curriculum. An additional sixty iPads have been purchase to further supplement the iPads in the school, providing increased access to learners within their classrooms.

2021 Premier's Reading Challenge

Parkhurst State School is once again registered for the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for Queensland learners from Prep to Year Nine, as well as children (aged up to five years) enrolled in an early childhood centre. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. For a learner to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience the allocated number of books for their year level during the reading period. Learners who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

Classroom Teachers, **Ms Diane Stace** and **Mrs Lyn O'Farrell** have more information for parents and carers wishing to assist their child[ren] meet their reading goals and targets.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Tuesday May 11 th 2021	NAPLAN Testing – Day One
Wednesday May 12 th 2021	NAPLAN Testing – Day Two
Thursday May 13 th 2021	NAPLAN Testing – Day Three
Thursday May 14 th 2021	NAPLAN Testing – Catch Ups
Friday May 21 st 2021	PAWS Pop Up Shop Opens
Friday May 28 th 2021	Term Two Disco at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday June 08 th 2021	P&C Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Zone 21
Thursday June 10 th 2021	Rockhampton Show Day Holiday
Friday June 11 th 2021	World Cleaners' Day
Wednesday June 16 th 2021	Sports Day and Under Eights' Day
Friday June 18 th 2021	Anticipated Completion Date for Construction
Tuesday June 22 nd 2021	Semester One Report Cards Released
Thursday June 24 th 2021	PAWS Pop Up Shop Opens
Friday June 25 th 2021	Assembly of Excellence Winter Vacation Commences

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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