



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 14/05/2019

Current Enrolments

The current effective student enrolment is **433** as outlined in the table below. Some families have left the school and additional families joined us after the Autumn Vacation.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
65	66	58	51	66	66	61	433

Staffing Update

Ms Kirsty Hay has commenced as Deputy Principal this Term up and will continue in this role up to and including the end of Term Four. The permanent Deputy Principal position will be advertised in Term Four to commence in 2020. **Mrs Lyn O'Farrell** is now in the role of Head of Reading, overseeing many key aspects of the school's Reading Priority. Mrs O'Farrell will continue in this role for the remainder of 2019 while Ms Dianne Stace is on Special Leave.

Mr Cameron Preston has now assumed the dual incumbencies of Head of STEAME and Curriculum Release Teacher. **Mrs Jovely Dig-O** has replaced Mr Preston on Year 2/3P. **Mr Mark Pearce** is now in Mrs Alexis Robinson's CoTeaching position within the school's Neighbourhood Centre as she continues in the position of Acting Head of Inclusion, while Mrs Alana Fitchen continues as the Region's Principal Education Officer : Student Services.

Two non teaching positions are in the process of being recruited. The positions include a permanent Administration Officer and a Cleaner. The Administration Officer position closed last Friday, May 10th 2019. The Cleaning vacancy will be advertised this week, with applications closing on Friday May 31st 2019.

Grounds, Facilities and Infrastructure

A member of the public has expressed their concerns regarding the amount of traffic in Mason Avenue before and just after 3:00 p.m. each day. She had suggested that we disband the Kiss and Go as it has caused the congestion. I suggested she contact the Department of Main Roads and Transport, the Rockhampton City Council, the Department of Education and our State Member for Keppel, Ms Brittany Lauga.

Very soon, due to a neighbour's continued concerns regarding tall trees in the school grounds, at the Minister for Education's direction, five trees will be removed along the fence line behind E, F and G Blocks.

An **Emergent Minimum Requirement** application has been completed with the assistance of the Region's Infrastructure and Facilities Team to provide an additional double relocatable building to free up the Neighbourhood Centre and to provide space for an additional class in 2020. At the current time, there are no available classroom spaces and this has impacted on some of the programs and activities that have been available in the Neighbourhood Centre, as well as providing space for the Neighbourhood Centre Team.

If the application is successful, the Region's Infrastructure and Facilities Team will work with the school to identify a suitable site that will not impact on the future facilities, currently in the planning phase.

2019 Strategic Planning

The school's 2019 **Annual Improvement Plan, Explicit Improvement Agenda, Investing for Success Agreement** and **Budget** have been approved by our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Peter Tanzer. This Term, as a community, we will develop our 2019-2022 School Plan that will identify the key priorities for the next four years that will be actioned through our Annual Improvement Plans. Ideas are always sought from the community to input into this process.

New Website, QSchools and QParents

Last Term, a new school website was developed using the Department of Education's preferred SharePoint 365 Websites for Schools format. There are significant changes in its navigation, particularly around accessing key documents. The new website links to the QSchools App, which can be downloaded from either Apple's App Store or Google Play. This app [provides notifications, calendar events, access to the weekly Newsletter and so much more. Multiple schools can be 'liked' at a time.

Over the next Term, work will commence to introduce QParents, a secure, online portal that has been created by the Department of Education to provide parents of Queensland State School students with 24 hour access to their child/ren's information. The portal allows you to securely access information about your child and communicate directly with your child's school. QParents provides secure, online access to student information such as attendance details, behaviour, report cards and assessment dates, upcoming events, timetables, invoices, payment history and student photos. Further information will be sent home in coming weeks to prepare for its introduction.

NAPLAN

The annual National Assessment Program : Literacy and Numeracy commenced today for all Year Three and Five Learners. The information provided following this Program assists the school to identify the specific aspects of Literacy and Numeracy to address and the individual and groups of learners that require targeted support. This year, fruit and cheese platters will be provided following the completion of each test in lieu of the regular NAPLAN Breakfasts.

Attendance

At Parkhurst State School, we strongly encourage every learner to make every day of learning count. Unfortunately, there are often circumstances that do not make this possible. At the current time there is a small proportion of learners who are attending at rates of less than 70%. This means that they have not accessed their full curriculum entitlement and cannot be assessed against what has been planned and delivered in their classrooms. Classroom Teachers make every effort to be proactive in managing the attendance of their learners, making regular contact to share the importance of being at school every day.

Sports Day and Under Eights' Activity Sessions

Our annual Sports Day and Under Eights' Activity Sessions are in the planning process. Our Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday June 12th 2019. Mr David Johnson is congratulated for his recent work in conducting school trials to determine our representatives at the recent District Athletics Carnival. We wish our three competitors the very best as they compete at Farnborough State School in a few weeks time.

InterSchool Sports Season Two

Next Friday, Season Two of the Friday InterSchool Sports program commences for all Year Five and Year Six Learners. The sports on offer this round include Rugby League, Netball, Tennis and Hockey. There will be at least two teams in each sport, managed and coached by our Year 4/5, Year 6 and Specialist Teachers.

Portable Shade Structures

With an increase in learners this year and the deterioration of our portable shade structures, at least three additional marquees may be required for Sports Day. **Mr Greg Ganter** and **Mr David Johnson** are obtaining quotes and confirming the number and colours required.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund round 101 is now open and will close at 11:59 p.m. on May 31st 2019. Not for profit groups operating in Queensland can apply for grants online via the grants portal from \$500 to \$35 000 through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). This fund is Queensland's largest one off community grants program, distributing approximately \$55 million per year.

The fund allocates grants to not for profit community groups, to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

In the past, Parkhurst State School has received successful funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for projects including the Hand Ball Court adjacent to A Block, Oval Irrigation, Playgrounds and Playground Upgrades.

Term Two Upcoming Events and Activities

Monday May 13 th	Year Six Camp to Garapine
Tuesday May 14 th	Monthly Meeting of Parkhurst P&C Association at 6:30 p.m. NAPLAN : Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday May 15 th	NAPLAN : Reading
Thursday May 16 th	NAPLAN : Numeracy
Friday May 17 th	NAPLAN : Catch Up Test
Wednesday May 22 nd	Year 4/5 Koorana Crocodile Excursion
Friday May 24 th	PAWS Pop Up Shop Opens Season Two of Friday Interschool Sport Commences
Friday May 31 st	Term Two Disco : 'Mismatch Theme' Rockhampton Under Eights' Activity Day at Botanic Gardens
Wednesday June 05 th	Annual Golden Boot Competition
Thursday June 06 th	Queensland Day
Monday June 10 th	Good News Week Starts Year 2/3 Neighbourhood Excursion to Dreamtime Centre
Tuesday June 11 th	Monthly Meeting of Parkhurst P&C Association at 6:30 p.m. Choir Performance at Charity Morning Tea at Heritage Village
Wednesday June 12 th	Sports Day and Under Eights' Activity Session
Thursday June 13 th	Rockhampton Show Day Holiday
Friday June 14 th	Rockhampton Show Choir Performance
Wednesday June 19 th	Australian's Biggest Morning Tea
Tuesday June 25 th	Semester One Report Cards mailed Home
Thursday June 27 th	PAWS Pop Up Shop Opens
Friday June 28 th	Assembly of Excellence Last Day of Semester One

Financial Statement

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


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