



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 15/10/2019

Current Enrolments

The current effective student enrolment is **431** as outlined in the table below. Five new learners commenced with us after the Spring Vacation and three families departed.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
66	67	57	52	64	65	60	431

Staffing Update

This Term, we welcomed back **Mrs Alana Fitchen**, **Ms Tanisha Bickey** and **Ms Diane Stace**. Mrs Fitchen has returned to her role as Head of Inclusion for three days a week. The other two days will be as a Guidance Officer, based at Lakes Creek State School. Ms Tanisha Bickey has returned to her P/1B class for three days a week until Week Four, when she will resume her fulltime position.

The school's Head of Reading position has been reconceptualised into two roles, with Ms Stace assuming a new **Middle Years' Leader** role, supporting all Year Four to Six classes and Mrs Lyn O'Farrell is the new **Early Years' Leader**, supporting all Prep to Year Three Classes. These new roles align to our explicit improvement agenda and provide an opportunity to further support all classroom teachers with precision, impact and depth through modelling and coaching.

For a part of this Term, I will be continuing in my role as a Seconded Assessor with the Queensland College of Teachers as well as my Principal role. There are still some elements of the work I undertook last Term that needs to be completed within some strict timeframes.

Enrolment Management Plan

There appears to have been some confusion regarding the school's Enrolment management Plan (EMR) in regards to out of catchment enrolments. At the current time, there are only forty Prep enrolments for 2020, despite being able to accommodate sixty seven, as referenced in the Enrolment Management Plan.

A Waiting List for all Out of Catchment enrolments has been reinstigated to allow for the inclusion of out of catchment enrolments across all year levels, dependent on capacity. In regards to our 2020 Prep Year intake, enrolments cannot exceed sixty seven and must provide capacity for in catchment enrolments as they occur throughout the year.

We are currently encouraging all families who have siblings of existing learners to enrol in Prep for 2020 to contact the school as soon as possible. Likewise, any out of catchment families considering Parkhurst State School in 2020 are also strongly encouraged to express their interest and be placed on our 2020 Waiting List.

Grounds, Facilities and Infrastructure

Planning is currently underway to prepare for some major facilities and infrastructure work over the Summer Vacation. This work will involve the removal of the current Music Centre off site, the relocation of the existing P/1K Prep building to the site of the Music Centre, the removal of the Year 2/3R Hire Building, the demolition of the adjacent house and shed, the removal of trees and the provision of storage containers and two additional relocatable

classrooms for Music and a Year 2/3 Class. This scope of works is still in proposal phase and is yet to be fine-tuned when we next meet with the Architects, Project Managers and members of the Department of Education's Infrastructure and Facilities Teams.

2020 Staffing

Work has commenced to develop the school's **2020 Workforce Plan**. This process identifies the school's specific staffing requirements against the school's allocation and entitlements. At this stage, due to the small number of Prep Year enrolments, we envisage commencing the year with the existing eighteen class groups. A significant reduction is expected in the Special Education Program staffing fraction in 2020.

In last week's Newsletter, all families are encourage to provide any specific information regarding their child/ren that can assist in their allocations to classrooms. Copies of this form have been included in the Newsletter and are available from the Office.

In 2020, there are a number of teaching staff wishing to return following leave. This may impact on the school's staffing entitlements, depending on the individual fractions at which they wish to return. It is anticipated that 2020 staffing and class placements will be communicated later this year in Week 9 as a part of our annual 2019-2020 Neighbourhood and Class transition processes.

Student Free Day

This coming **Monday October 21st 2019** is the Term Four Student Free Day across Queensland. This Student Free Day has been in place for almost 24 years and in 2020, the date will change to **Friday September 04th 2019** in Term Three. At Parkhurst State School, all Teaching Staff will participate in Moderation activities across school sites in the morning and complete their First Aid training in the Afternoon. Our Teacher Aide Team will be undertaking Speech Training in the morning onsite, in lieu of Moderation.

Resourcing

Six new interactive panels with adjustable stands have been purchased to replace the interactive whiteboards (IWBs) for all the P/1 classes in B Block and Year 1/2M in E Block. All existing IWBs purchased in 2007 have been replaced with consistent devices across all learning spaces. This Term, additional iPads will be purchased for classrooms to replace older devices and ensure all learners have access for their learning.

2020 Booklists

The 2020 Stationery, Book and Equipment Lists are in the process of being finalised. Parents and carers are once again provided with an option to purchase their own items, leave the Booklist at a Newsagency or submit online orders with OfficeMax. Booklists will be sent home mid Term Four to allow time for families to prepare.

Term Four Upcoming Events, Activities and Variations to School Routine

Tuesday October 15 th	P&C Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Zone 21
Monday October 21 st	Student Free Day
Friday October 25 th	World Teachers' Day
Friday November 01 st	National Tuckshop Day
Tuesday November 05 th	Melbourne Cup Day
Monday November 11 th	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:40 a.m.
Tuesday November 12 th	P&C Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Zone 21
Friday November 15 th	Term Four Disco at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday November 27 th	Prep Orientation Session One
Friday November 29 th	Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival
Wednesday December 04 th	Prep Orientation Session Two
Thursday December 05 th	Senior Graduation Ceremony at CQU at 9:15 a.m.
Friday December 06 th	Assembly of Excellence

Tuesday December 10th
Wednesday December 11th
Thursday December 12th
Friday December 13th

End of Semester Two Report Cards emailed
School Concert at 9:00 a.m.
Class Celebrations and Picnics
Clean Up Day and Classroom relocations
Term Four concludes

Financial Statement

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



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