



PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – 06/02/2023

Day Eight Enrolments

Each year, the Department of Education conduct a collection of each school's effective enrolment to determine the annual staffing required. This is referred to as 'Day Eight'. Parkhurst State School's effective Day Eight enrolment was **447**, which was ten learners more than we finished the year on. Due to many families not returning, we did not meet the anticipated enrolment target of 450, resulting in the formation of eighteen classes not nineteen. This year, we have welcomed almost ninety new learners to the school, including our Preps. A breakdown of our Day Eight enrolment is outlined below.

PREP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
59	58	64	59	74	70	63	447

At the current time, some class groups are at or approaching the class size targets of 25 learners in Prep to Year Three Classes and 28 learners in Year Four to Year Six. In the event that classes become over class size targets, an application for additional entitlement can be submitted to the Region's Human Resources Department for consideration to employ additional staff. Although all staffing and class structures are DRAFT until Day Eight, a decision was made to dissolve one class early in Week One as soon as the shortfall was determined. As a result, the Year 1/2 multiage class was dissolved and one of our Prep classes became a P/1 Class. I would like to acknowledge the work of **Mr Dan Evans** and **Mrs Lyn O'Farrell** who assisted with this process, particularly in their communications with families affected by the change[s].

Staffing Update

This year we have welcomed a number of new Staff to the school. Our new class teachers include **Mrs Susan Ho**, teaching Year 1H, **Ms Alyssa Palmer**, teaching Year 3P and **Ms Angela Chant**, teaching Year 5C. **Mrs Margaret Tritton** has replaced Mrs Christine Olive, our Business Manager who is on Long Service Leave and **Mr Shannon Dohl** has replaced Mr Jeffrey Tan as our School Technical Officer.

Parent Information Sessions

Our annual Parent and Carer Information Sessions are being facilitated this week. This is an opportunity for all parents and carers to connect with their child[ren]'s Class Teachers and learn about the specific classroom routines, homework expectations, the Term's curriculum focus and a range of other information specific to each class.

2023 Strategic Planning

Each year, all Queensland Schools are required to develop an Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) that responds to each school's four year School Strategic Plan (SSP), developed following a School Review, specific data sets and its Explicit Improvement Agenda, the key improvement priority. A copy of the school's endorsed 2023 Annual Implementation Plan is available for minuting. In 2023, the Department of Education's **Equity and Excellence Strategy** sets a clear vision for a progressive and high performing education system that focuses on :



educational
achievement



well being and
engagement



culture and inclusion

Current Grants Available

The State Government recently announced opportunities for school's to apply for a range of grants, including:

1. Go For Gold Fund for Sports Infrastructure and Equipment
2. School Playground and Tuckshop Upgrades
3. Community Benefit Gambling Fund

Expressions of Interests to apply for these grants are open. **Mr David Johnson** is in the process of submitting a Sports Equipment Grant. An Expression of Interest has been submitted for the Playground Upgrade, based on the permitted specifications. Eligibility for these grants are based on a number of factors, including school location and socio economic status. A limited number of applications will be considered and approved based on the state-wide funding available.

Construction Update

Much work has occurred since school ended in 2023 over the entire construction site. The recent rain has slightly affected progress, with changes to the practical completion date now being in late May. The internal works of the Administration are currently the focus, with the installation of plaster board, electrics, painting and flooring.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Monday February 06 th 2023	Parent/Carer Information Sessions Start
Tuesday February 07 th 2023	Monthly P&C Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Friday February 10 th 2023	Years 5 and 6 Interschool Sport Commences
Monday February 13 th 2023	Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday February 15 th 2023	Tuckshop Meal Deal #1
Friday February 03 rd 2023	Senior and Leaders' Induction Ceremony at 9:00 a.m.
Monday March 06 th 2023	Clean Up Parkhurst Day – Emu Parade
Tuesday March 07 th 2023	Monthly P&C Meeting and AGM at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 08 th 2023	Tuckshop Meal Deal #2
Monday March 13 th 2023	Week Eight is Great : Good News Week Starts
Friday March 17 th 2023	Be a Buddy Day
Monday March 20 th 2023	Face to Face Reporting Commences
Wednesday March 29 th 2023	Fun Run and Cross Country at 9:00 a.m.
Friday March 31 st 2023	Assembly of Excellence at 8:55 a.m. under The Loft Easter Hat Parade at 2:00 p.m. under The Loft Autumn Vacation Commences
Monday April 17 th 2023	Term Two Commences

Financial Statement

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



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