



# PARKHURST STATE SCHOOL

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## *Learning@Home Update*

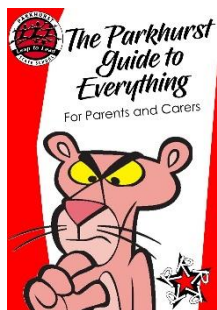
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The purpose of this communication is to share with you the processes we have put in place to ensure the learning of your child/ren is continued and sustained. To date, there has been no clarification regarding the return of school in Term Two, scheduled to commence on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020. This week, the entire Parkhurst State School Teacher Team have engaged in quality professional development, learning and training to prepare a suite of school specific content to support every learner in the home.

On Wednesday, our Kiss and Go Zone became a hub of activity, providing families with an opportunity to collect a range of resources that will compliment the materials we have uploaded to our website. These materials are intended to be used in Week One and Week Two of Term Two, should we not return after the Autumn Vacation.

On our school website, under the 'Curriculum' tab, there are a number of drop down menus that contain information, resources and learning tasks and activities for learners to undertake. These have been organised by Learning Neighbourhood (ie; P/1, 2/3, 4/5 and Year 6), Specialist Learning Areas and school focus areas of Reading and Writing.



It is important when accessing our website for these materials and resources that you start with the 'Learning@Home' page. This page contains an explanation of how our materials are organised as well as providing access to an eBook, 'Our Parkhurst Guide to Everything : Parent and Carer Edition' (aka, 'TPG2E'). This eBook contains everything you may need to refer to across all year levels. The information is very easy to understand and is in a visual format, the same that appears across all learning spaces in the school.

### **Learning Grids**

Every Learning Neighbourhood has a Learning Grid for Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Spelling, Social and Emotional Learning and Integrated Studies. Learners are encouraged to make daily choices of tasks and activities over the fortnight period and complete their work in a scrapbook or exercise book. As tasks and activities are completed, the section of the grid is coloured as a guide to what options remain.

## PAWS Reading

Reading remains front and centre as our school improvement priority and focus. **Practise Achieves Weekly Success**. Every Parkhurst State School learner is encouraged to continue their nightly reading to collect their PAWS. Just as there are four pads on a PAW, we encourage every learner to read for at least four nights each week. Prompt sheets, suggested questions and activity responses are included in the PG2E as well as in the Learning Packs distributed to families.



PAWS would love to see every child reading at home and the reading materials being accessed. Please remember that every Parkhurst State School learner has access to a **Reading Eggs** or **Sunshine Online** subscription. The website links are included at the end of this update. Please consider emailing PAWS with your photos, a book review, a recommendation or a drawing to [paws@parkhurstss.eq.edu.au](mailto:paws@parkhurstss.eq.edu.au) We are confident every email will be responded to by PAWS !

## YouTube Channel



We have recently relaunched our YouTube Channel. The link is on our 'Learning@Home' Page. This will contain an assortment of videos from all Class Teachers, Specialist Teachers, CoTeachers and The Leadership Team. These short videos have been designed to explain key concepts, activate prior knowledge and provide opportunities for learners to engage with Teachers and apply their learning. These videos will be accessible from Week Three, should schools be closed after the Autumn Vacation.

**YouTube Link :** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbvFiZhFp4WmcQJVjyKeDcg>

## Parkhurst Radio Station



Parkhurst State School has had an active Radio Station for the past eight years. Our Radio Station is web based through **SoundCloud**, not the regular FM Radio Station we experience due to the very close proximity of two receivers. Our Music Specialist, **Mr David St Henry** oversees the day to day running of our Radio Station and has worked with all Staff to record audio books for all learners to access from home. A link to our Radio Station via SoundCloud is on our 'Learning@Home' page.

**Parkhurst Radio Link :** <https://soundcloud.com/parkhurst-school-radio>

## Microsoft OneNote



All Teachers are in the process finishing off Class OneNotes if there is a need to move to a longer term online platform in Term Two. Microsoft OneNote allows teachers to distribute a range of content that can be access from iPads, tablets, laptops and personal computers (PCs). Support materials in the forms of 'How To' Guides and video tutorials will be created to assist parents and carers. Our very own Ms Rhiannon McDougall has been instrumental in developing the capability of her colleagues to maximise the use of this amazing, virtual collaboration tool. Many of learners are already highly proficient in using OneNote and may even be able to teach you, when and if the time comes.

## Additional Online Materials



**Department of  
Education**

The Queensland Department of Education has established a suite of learning materials, accessible by families to compliment the resources. These materials can be accessed via the link on our 'Learning@Home' page on our school website and contain a wealth of resources to support English, Mathematics, Student Wellbeing, Science, Reading, Inclusive Education, Parent Advice, how to maintain healthy routines and learning resources across all learning areas.

**Website Link** <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home>

## Keeping in Touch

A specific email address has been established for parents and carers to post any questions regarding any aspect of learning@home. The link is on our own 'Learning@Home' page on our website.

**Email** [questions@parkhursts.eq.edu.au](mailto:questions@parkhursts.eq.edu.au)

## Quick Links

**School Website** : <https://parkhursts.eq.edu.au/curriculum/learning-home>

**YouTube Link** : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbvFiZhFp4WmcQJVjyKeDcg>

**Parkhurst Radio Link** : <https://soundcloud.com/parkhurst-school-radio>

**DoE Website Link** : <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home>

**Reading Eggs** <https://readingeggs.com/>

**Sunshine Online** [www.sunshineonline.com.au/](http://www.sunshineonline.com.au/)

**Information Email** : [questions@parkhursts.eq.edu.au](mailto:questions@parkhursts.eq.edu.au)

**PAWS Email** : [paws@parkhursts.eq.edu.au](mailto:paws@parkhursts.eq.edu.au)

Every school in Queensland is unique and have established a range of solutions to meet their individual contexts. We have endeavoured to provide a number of options that are readily accessible in the home, using everyday technologies that are familiar and don't require high levels of internet connectivity.

As a team, our shared commitment is to deliver our vision of 'every Parkhurst learner being literate, numerate, safe, happy and learning every day'. With your support, we will strive to maintain a strong connection between the school, home, our learners and yourselves.

Please stay connected via our social media platforms, QSchools app, school website and email for updates as they occur.

Until next time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Walker', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.  
Lyle Walker  
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