

Scenic Shores State School P&C Meeting Principal's Report February 2024

Current Enrolments as of 15 February 2024 are:

Prep – 32
Year 1 – 7
Year 2 – 18
Year 3 – 14
Year 4 – 12
Year 5 – 9
Year 6 – 8
Total – 100



Students

- More student enrolment interviews were held in the 2 weeks leading up to school starting.
- Student Resource Scheme (SRS) invoices were sent out to parents on 15 January, 2024. The SRS is so that parents do not need to buy book lists. Under this scheme the school sources all stationary, pays for all apps and school-based excursions for the students. These SRS payments are due by the end of February.
- QParents: Currently we have 90 students/ families out of 97 that are active on QParents (93%). There have been four forms issued to families including media consent, Student Resource Scheme commitment, Online services consent and most recently consent for upcoming incursion at the school – Starlab. Parents are starting to use QParents to record student absences including future student absences. QParents streamlines the process for both families and the school.
- Students started school on Monday 22 January 2024 with the TODAY Show broadcasting the weather live with Tim Davies the weather man from 4am.



- MSP Photographers visited on the first day of school to take photos of staff, students and informal photographs to record the events of the first day. Parents were invited to purchase individual student photograph packs.



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- Smart Moves is a program, organised by Mr Glen Robinson -HPE teacher, which started on Monday 29 January. Each morning, all students start their day with a variety of movement activities run by the teaching staff. Some of the physical activities that students have been involved in this year include: Newcombe ball, Just Dance, relays, basketball – Golden Child and skipping. Each of these activities not only provided students with the benefits of being physical but also the opportunity to learn new games for break times, team work and social skills. Smart Moves works on a roster allowing students to trial a variety of activities over the week. Feedback from our staff and students has been positive.



- We held our first assembly on Monday 29 January, 2024 in the Hall at 1:30pm.
- Day 8 occurred on Thursday 1 February where the student numbers were sent into the Department of Education. From these numbers our school funding for the year will be determined.
- On Monday 5 February, three of our Year 5/6 student leaders ran the weekly school assembly by being MCs, helping hand out certificates and reading the Acknowledgement to Country. Other Year 5/6 students have been nominated by their teacher to do this job on a roster system later in the term.
- A roster system for the Year 5/6 students has been developed to raise and lower the flags each day. We have 4 flagpoles for these flags: Australian, Queensland, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.
- Religious instruction started this week for students in Year 1 to Year 6. Students, with parental permission, attended a 30-minute lesson which will run fortnightly. The students were split into two groups Year 1 -2 or Year3-6.

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, schools are to provide Religious Instruction (RI) if approached by a faith group seeking to provide RI and students of that faith attend the school. RI is required to be consistent with legislation and Department of Education policies and procedures.

All RI instructors must hold a blue card and participate in compulsory Student Protection and Code of Conduct training. A school staff member will be present during the delivery of RI. Participation in RI is not compulsory.

Staff

- ADCO Site Induction for the staff occurred on Monday 15 January at 9am so that they could enter the building site to start setting up their classrooms before handover.



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- Student Free Days started officially for our staff on Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 January with these sessions undertaken:
 - Teach Like a Champion Workshop with Christopher Thomas
 - Mandatory Training, Student Protection and CARA PD
 - Workplace Health and Safety Meeting
 - Promoting Literacy Development Online PD in structured synthetic phonics
 - PBL- Positive Behaviour for Learning session
 - African Drumming session
 - Planning meetings were held with DP, Curriculum Leader and teachers
 - Teachers set up classrooms
- 30 January, Spencer Craddock, Zoe Brookes and I engaged in the regional Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Microsoft Teams induction.
- I have started to conduct the Annual Performance Development Plan meetings with each of the teachers to record their desired areas of learning for the year and how the school can support.
- A meeting with held on 2 February with the Occupational Therapist and the Physiotherapist allocated to the school to discuss support for selected students this term.
- Kelly Marc has taken on the Acting Business Manager position:
 - On the 5 February, Kelly Marc started the regional office BM training sessions for the term.
 - Kelly Marc and I completed SBS and HR requirements for staffing in 2024 on 6 February.
 - A number of DoE staff from other schools/ regional office have visited to support Kelly in learning the requirements of this role.
 - Kelly also engaged in a Budget Finalisation PD on Tuesday 13 February.
 - I would like to thank Kelly for volunteering to take on this important position. Her enthusiasm, work ethic, willingness to learn and intelligence have been greatly appreciated, especially when we are constantly buying resources, furniture and other supplies.
- I attended the Metro South Principal Connect Meeting on Thursday 8 February to find out about the direction of DoE for 2024.
- Queensland Teachers Union visited the school on 13 February to meet with members.
- I engaged in an Effective Governance Microsoft Teams workshop run by MSR office staff on 15 February.

Site

- On Friday 12 January, a Site Meeting with the ADCO team, Rob Gordon and Desiree Bennetts was undertaken in the Administration Conference Room at 9am.
- In the week beginning 15 January, Telstra installed the phone system with the school number now operational: 3479 4111.
- On Monday 15 January, a meeting was held to set up the automated bells/ music timings for the school day.



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- The handover date for the classroom buildings, resource centre, music building, oval, groundsman's shed, The Terraces and the hall occurred on Thursday 18 January, 2024.
- On the 25 January, Redlands City Council inspected the Canteen to ascertain if it met the food codes. The inspectors were very impressed with the facilities.
- On 1 February, Georgina visited from Mitel to program the telephone handsets.
- Staff are emailing me in any building defects that they find to forward onto the ADCO team to rectify.
- Over the past 5 weeks, ADCO have continued to build the playground spaces in the Prep area, Junior Building and behind the Resource Centre and Music Building. The ADCO team took Susan Bunce and myself on a visit of this area on Wednesday 7 February, 2024.
- More toggles and keys for staff are being sourced so that staff have access to the areas of the school that they need. A final order was sent in on 9/2/24.
- 2 February, I met with Georgia from the ADCO team to get an update on the fixed defects.
- A handover meeting, with how services around the school work, was held on Monday 5 February. e.g., hydraulic & fire services, mechanical services, elevators, electrical, AV, security and dry fire services.

Other

- On Thursday 18 January, a meeting was held with my School Supervisor- Daniel Duke, Regional Director- Racquel Gibbons and Diane Masci re: The TODAY Show Weather segment broadcasting live from Scenic Shores State School on the first day of school. Also, meetings were held re: Central Office support of signage, balloon arch and personnel to help.
- On Monday 22 January, the TODAY Show broadcast the weather segments live across Australia, showcasing Scenic Shores State School between 4-9am.



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- Australia Day Public Holiday Friday 26 January 2024
- The Scenic Shores State School Community Open Day occurred on Saturday 3 February 2024 from 9am-12noon. This was a great opportunity to showcase the school facilities to the community who have watched the building site develop over the last 15 months.
 - The P&C conducted a sausage sizzle with bacon/ egg sandwiches, drinks.
 - Raffle prizes were drawn on the day
 - A Scholastic Book Fair was organised by Susan Bunce which ran from 3 – 9 February. At the open day we sold \$860 in products to school families and the broader community. Throughout the week the Book Fair was open to families at various times. During the week we sold an additional \$750 in products bringing the fair total to over \$1600. As a result of these sales, the school is given \$700 worth of books. The books chosen will go towards our Story Sacks for Prep/Year 1 homework as well as additional books for the library. Thank you to the staff and our school community for their support with the book fair.
 - These QR codes were displayed on the Community Open Day to show the footage from the TODAY Show and Channel 10 news on the first day of school.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Hendriks".

Mrs Sue Hendriks

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