Principal’s Report

In the coming weeks our school will begin to undergo some new changes. Old furniture, broken outdoor seating and outdated equipment will be removed. This will make way for classrooms to be repaired and painted. Our gardens will also get a tidy. The term is also preparing for many transitions as our Year 6 students prepare for high school and we welcome our kindergarten students for 2015.

Staffing Changes
On Monday 3rd and 10th of November, I will be working with a panel including Mrs Oughton to select and interview our Instructional Leader. The Instructional Leader is a highly skilled and experienced teacher that has a deep knowledge of curriculum. The Instructional Leader will work in classrooms directly with the class teachers to build each teachers’ ability to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for students, particularly in the early years of schooling. The Instructional Leader will be at our school for 3 days per week until December 2016.

The Champions class will also see a change of teacher. On the 10th November, Mr Easton will be taking on a role within the school which will provide support to specific students and specific lessons in subjects such as science. The teacher who will be coming into the class is currently being interviewed. Once the successful applicant has been confirmed, I will advise you immediately.

Our School Community
Thank you to the parents, carers and community members who joined me for our first community meeting. I enjoyed the conversations. Many suggestions came from the meeting and I am happy to say that we have made some progress on the topics discussed. In response to support for a new and updated school uniform, we have approached a company and will have a sample of the polo shirt and jumper in about 3 weeks. I have made submissions for 2 programs to begin at the school in 2015. The first is a program called Language, Learning and Literacy (L3). The second program is Taking Off With
Numeracy (TOWN). I am still following up on other suggestions. I look forward to another positive School Community meeting.

Working with Karabi Neighbourhood Cottage
I have had a meeting with Ini at Karabi and we are working together to develop programs for our community.

Here is a link to their newsletter and webpage:

Ms Colleen Potter
Principal

Language, Learning & Literacy

What is Language Learning and Literacy?
Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) is a program for Kindergarten students. All the Kindergarten teachers in our school will participate in training to learn how to use this program in their classrooms. L3 focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful Readers and Writers.
It occurs as part of the daily literacy lesson within the Kindergarten classroom.
During the literacy session your child will be taught in small groups of three to four students.
While each group is being given short, explicit lessons in Reading and Writing, the rest of the class will complete carefully selected activities to extend their literacy learning.
Your child will also listen to the reading of stories, poems and songs in small groups. This will build their knowledge of sentences, letters and words to help their reading and writing.

Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) is a whole-class intervention program which focuses on improving numeracy skills of students in the upper primary years identified as not performing at expected stage level. Taking Off With Numeracy is a program designed to assist teachers to identify where students’ solution methods in mathematics are breaking down, and provide explicit guidance to move the student beyond the identified hurdle. In particular, as Taking Off With Numeracy focuses on improving numeracy in Stage 2 and Stage 3, greater emphasis is given to the teaching sequence related to developing place value, as it underpins the four operations and decimals.
Student Update of Information
On Monday we will be requesting all families to update their address and contact details. It is important that these are returned as we have found that in some circumstances the information that we have on file is out-of-date.

The nerds are the ones that make the films and do loads of other really cool stuff in their life.

Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter)

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Advance notice for the Stewart Housing Clothing Appeal. In early November the clothing appeal bags will be sent home and it is a good opportunity to clear out cupboards and drawers of unwanted items especially those winter items of clothing that your children have grown out of and other items such as, blankets and quilts. Bags will be collected from school on Friday 7th November. Bags will be sent home next week. If you would like to know more about the work that Stewart House does please visit their website www.stewarthouse.org.au.

2015 Kindergarten Enrolment & Orientation
Enrolments are still being taken for Kindergarten 2015 of children, who will be turning 5 years old on or before 31st July, 2015. Please pass this information on to friends or neighbours who do not receive this newsletter. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Orientation for students starting in Kindergarten in 2015 will be held on Friday the 31st October, 7th November and 14th November between 9.00am and 11.00am.

Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant!
http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3

Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet?

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