

## PRINCIPALS REPORT Week 3 Term 1

It has been a busy year already but a great one. The children are incredibly settled and already hard at work in their classrooms. Actually in all my years of teaching I have never seen a more settled group of students / school / teachers. To be getting major assessments, class contracts and starting major work already in class is sensational. I am really excited about this year.

- **Enrolment**- some enrolments have already come in for 2018. This year we have 60 students at Yeo Park. 20 K, 21 Year 1 and 19 year 2.
- **TPL** – Staff completed a very full day on Staff Development Day. Mandatory child protection and code of conduct training, looking closely at restorative justice and recording of data in terms of behaviour, data for Investigations, data for Bounce Back and data collection for literacy and numeracy, we also looked towards the future directions of our next school plan and began initial discussions. In addition, to further enhance the work we are doing with Investigations and learning intentions and success criteria we are looking at some ways to further ingrain this into day to day language.
- **Staff thanks** – amazing settling into new school and working with our community. A very smooth transition to this year with the children already well into getting quality work done.
- **Community / parent and carer thanks** – so proud to be part of this community when you all work so hard to support each other. I have loved hearing about the get togethers on the holidays and it was so wonderful to watch you all support our new families. Thank you so much. Many thanks to Stephe for giving up his time to be on the panel for the interviews for our new staff.
- **Students** – Year 2 new buddy role has been highly successful. Year 2 students demonstrated a great deal of responsibility and initiative, on the first day of Kindy but as ongoing role models. In the next week we will get started with our Eco Warrior roles.
- **Staffing** – Charmaine Hermansyah – very experienced classroom teacher with a diverse experience including the Zoo school, mobile zoo school visits, Field of Mars, Observatory Hill and even Western Plains Zoo. A devout conservationist and environmentalist, she is already an asset to the school. She will teach Science, assist in classrooms and take on casual days and also she will perform the Learning and Support teacher role (thank you again for your generous donation). Narelle Mills has been a breath of fresh air. As a highly experienced and dedicated teacher she has already slotted in and is working really hard with our Year 2 students.
- **Meet the teacher night** – next week. We will run concurrently as there are only 4 siblings in the school this year. Thank you to parents and carers who are going to 'divide and conquer'. We understand that a couple of parents were not able to do this and will meet with these parents separately. Afterwards we will hold an information session in regard to investigations and learning intentions. (The survey last year showed that this was something parents wanted more information on.)
- **Annual School Report** – a new process to be uploaded by end term 1.
- **School Plan 2016**-we will continue to work towards outcomes of the school plan in this final year. Towards the end of the year we will begin to construct our new school plan and strategic directions. Staff identified some areas that we will begin to work on this year in Literacy with a focus on writing and in maths with the focus on whole number in Kindy and addition and subtraction in Stage 1.
- **Dates** – all dates have gone home in newsletter and term letters.
- **Stop the press**- a restorative justice workshop with Terry O'Connell has now been booked. Terry will do some basic introduction to RJ for our new parents and carers but most of this workshop will be extension – I told him you are ready for higher level! He will work with our students during the day, our staff in the afternoon and our parents in the evening. March 9<sup>th</sup> is the big day. We would like a parent or carer from each family and preferably two. Grandparents are welcome.
- **Financial Report 2015** – tabled and presented to P and C treasurer . Many thanks to Carol for getting this done whilst in the throgs of all the new processes with LMBR! We are lucky to have such a dedicated and thorough manager. The budget for 2016 is set with the new LMBR budget tool. This year we will focus on spending in the areas of writing for literacy and whole number for K and addition and subtraction for Stage 1. Investigations remains a

priority. Technology coordinator days are no longer funded by DET so will be factored into our budget. The other large priority is staffing to boost student performance – LaST. No students have individual funding at this time.

Staff are looking forward to a productive year with the P and C and working in close collaboration with our community. Your hard work last year has led to us being able to do some exciting things,

Kind Regards

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