

PRINCIPALS REPORT Week 5 Term 4 2016

- **Staffing and enrolment** – Our enrolment for Kindy next year is 21. This is 3 of the average annual intake. In the last couple of years it was higher but this drop was expected. We have had quite a few siblings leave but in general our retention rate is high which is great.
- **LMBR** – the school is doing really well. There have been a few glitches and we are on a steep learning curve but in general we have all systems in place. Carol and I will attend budgeting training for LMBR next week.
- **Results** – parents and carers will get some more data about the schools achievements through the annual school report. As you know our core business is education through syllabus outcomes. At the beginning of Year 1 2016 the average reading level of students was 3 to 4. The average now is between 16 and 18 with my lowest child on a 16 (expected level) but many finished home reading. Our exiting kindy students will have an average of 6!!!! They are writing in sentences already. Our Year 1 students on average could not complete a full sentence (data was taken on entry) and are now writing a minimum of a page. Our results are sky rocketing. The initiatives we have put in place and the staff who were dedicated to innovation have had an extraordinary differential. The results are truly exciting and I look forward to sharing them with you.
- **Wellbeing Policy**– I am excited to present the Wellbeing policy and Learning Support Team Policy. The Wellbeing Policy underpins all other policies including the LST, Teaching and Learning policy, GaTs policy, homework policy and uniform policy, it also underpins DET policies such as working with children, WHS, child protection etc.
Any issues with bullying, mean behaviour, harrasment and inequal treatment are treated through the wellbeing policy. For example unfair treatment of a child wearing certain clothes is not covered in the uniform policy but through the wellbeing policy. The uniform policy is about clothing only.

Upcoming events

- Thursday November 10th – Grandparents Day Stage 1 only / Presentation of projects in Stage 1 classes only
- Wednesday November 16th – Kindy Transition – Year 1 buddies to have morning tea with new Kindies
- Thursday November 17th – Carol and Fiona – LMBR budgeting
- Monday November 21st – rehearsal at CHRSL 10-12 for presentation evening
- Wednesday November 23rd – Opera House Excursion
- Tuesday November 29th – Presentation Evening at Canterbury Hurlstone RSL 6.30 – 9.00pm
- Thursday December 1st – Morning Tea by invitation from teachers for parents and carers who have assisted
- Tuesday December 6th – final Ethics and Scripture and thank you morning tea (12.00pm)
- Thursday December 8th – Year 2 Fun Day – Burwood Movies and water fun in our park
- Friday December 9th – Reports go home
- Saturday December 10th – Carols by Candlelight at Ashfield Park – as many students as possible to attend to sing
- Tuesday December 13th – Special Lunch Day
- Wednesday December 14th – Talent Quest Assembly – 2.20-3.20 – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM THURSDAY
- Thursday December 15th – End Year Picnic – Shelley Beach Manly
- Friday December 16th – last day / special visitor coming at 1.30pm / End of Year Disco 4.30 – 6.30pm