

Principal's Report 29 August 2014

Staff Update

- Our Senior Administrative Manager, Helen Bowling, is on Leave until 15 September, and is replaced by Lyn Goode.
- David Clark, the school GA is on leave and is being replaced by John Jackson.
- We welcome Sharma Nelson to our school as a relieving Learning Support Officer.

School Enrolments

- School enrolments are now restricted to in-area and sibling enrolments only.
- We have 66 Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 confirmed.
- The school will require an extra classroom for Stage 3 classes in 2015. The DEC ASSETS Management Unit will assist the school with the development of this space, however the school will need to fund essentials such as an Interactive Whiteboard and learning resources.

School Review

- Executives and The Principal are meeting on a regular basis to address commendations by The School Review. The processes of school meetings, school strategic planning and role definition are being developed.

Finance Committee

- An Expression of Interest is sought from a parent to join the newly developed Finance Committee. The committee will consist of the principal, the senior administrative officer, a teacher and a parent. EOI for the parent position will close by 12 September 2015.

Technology Update

- The Technology Committee and staff are committed to developing ICT policy for the School Strategic Plan 2015-2017. Phase 1 of this policy will require the provision of 6 iPads per Stage by the beginning of 2015 plus the necessary charging and syncing facilities. A teacher per Stage will coordinate the devices under the guidance of the school computer coordinator. To reach that target the school will need to purchase an extra 8 iPads before the commencement of 2015. A further target for the school is to provide 6 iPads per class by the end of 2015. That is a total of 114 iPads for Preschool to Year 6 and includes Early Intervention.

Resources

- Thanks go to the P&C for the funding of ESR. Teachers and Administrative staff are presently orientating themselves to the new product.

- Half of the Home Readers have been purchased with the remainder awaiting the viewing of a second supplier's products before further purchases are made. The books will be displayed at the next P&C meeting.
- "Mr Sound" will be installing new spotlights and microphones in readiness for The Annual School Concert this term. These products were funded by ticket sales from last year's concert.
- The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project Foundation has donated a "Kitchen Maid" to the school. The school appreciates the support given by the SAKGP foundation.

Maintenance

- The Maths storeroom has been gutted and cleaned by the relieving GA, John, and is now ready for painting.
- The ceiling in Early Intervention has had the mould removed and has been painted. A

Kitchen Garden Project

A proposal for implementing the SAKGP in 2015 has been developed please see attached. The proposal requires the hiring of a kitchen/garden specialist in 2015. An EOI will be sent out to all parents today via the parent class representatives email .

Maintenance to be funded by the P&C

There has been no further development in finding trades people to complete;

- The wooden deck around the tree in the infants playground.
- Building up of the sandpit in the infants playground

Before and After School Care Donation

- Annandale's OOSH will be making a donation to the school for a playground upgrade around the basketball area. Jane Britt has been advising the Principal and Marta and a proposal to level and upgrade the play area next the soft fall area, towards the units, is under consideration. Once plans have been developed the community and staff will be consulted and have an opportunity for input.

Ellie Moore

Principal