

## Principal's Report 28 October 2014

### Staff Update

- Three teacher vacancies have been submitted to staffing. We are waiting on a central appointment finalisation before we can commence with a local choice procedure.

### School Enrolments

- We have 73 Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 confirmed. There will be 4 Kindergarten Classes.
- Our current enrolments are 8 less than are required to form a seventeenth classroom.

### School Review

#### Recommendation 1

- New structures of staff meetings, professional learning meetings and Stage meetings have been established.
- A Principal's calendar is now published on ESR for all staff to access
- Term letters are distributed to all families at the beginning of each term informing them of the term's events.
- Greater focus on teaching and learning is being given in the E-newsletter

#### Recommendation 2

- Principal and staff have worked on developing school vision for the 2015-2017 plan. Parents and carers are now asked to join the conversation. A survey monkey has been included in this week's E-newsletter to gather data from parent comments.
- The newly formed finance committee of Principal, Senior Administrative Manager, three teacher representatives and a parent representative met on 10 October. This was its inaugural meeting and DEC funding was explained to the members by Helen Bowling.
- The executives and Principal are working towards clarifying role statements for all staff.

#### Recommendation 3

- Future targets for professional learning is to be clearly related to the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan.

### Technology Update

- The computer room will be converted to classroom. Mr Guy has sorted the better desktop computers to be moved into the library; the remainder will be disposed of. Mr Guy and Mrs Ferrer will be supported to create a shared ICT/Library space. Plans are being finalised for the new arrangement. A meeting to finalise details will be held next week and parents are invited to contribute their ideas.

## **Maintenance**

- The Maths storeroom has been painted and is ready to have shelves installed.
- Deck Building around Tree  
The building of a deck around our big Camphor Laurel tree in the infants' playground will commence shortly. This will become a quiet sitting area for children to take a breather from the running and ball games in the playground. Many thanks go to Andy and Ingerith Collins for organising a working party to complete this work. The SRC is keen to see the deck completed as it has raised most of the funds for this project. Please contact myself, your P&C rep or Andy and Ingerith if you would like to assist with this project.
- The Primary Playground Upgrade  
Jane Britt presented information to staff on possible projects that were achievable with a budget of \$30,000 which was donated to the school by After School Care. Suggestions included a flattened area next to the basketball court with either an astro turf or a soft fall surface depending on its planned usage. There was no strong request for more fixed play equipment. Students from one Year 3 class were also asked what they would like. Some of their ideas were quite imaginative. They included another kitchen, a tree house and a giant slide.

## **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project**

Lucia Cavendini-Bell has been appointed as the kitchen/garden specialist for 2015. Imogen Kershaw will be returning from maternity leave on a two-day part-time basis. She has requested to take on the responsibility of being the teacher coordinator

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**Principal**