STUDENT ENROLLMENTS AND STAFFING

I am delighted to announce that as at last Friday (School Census Day), the school had an enrolment of 314 students from K to Yr 6, which is an increase over the same time last year despite losing the Year 7 cohort to high school. This goes to show that we are gaining a very good reputation in the community.

In the Primary school, we have 10 classes, with 2 Kindy classes and 1 Pre-primary class. We also still have plenty of spaces in most year levels. For the first time that I can remember, we have managed to have 9 straight primary classes which I know pleases both parents and teachers.

This also allows a more collaborative teaching approach across the year levels, which supports the continuation of the Developmental Literacy Program which starts again next week. The signs are that this level of collaboration and a greater emphasis on a whole school approach are definitely resulting in improved outcomes in both Literacy and Numeracy across the school.

We have had quite a large turnover of staff this year due to several teachers taking leave. We welcome to the school:

- Mr Barry Johnston (Room 9),
- Mrs Pravenna Mittal (Room 4),
- Mrs Anne Rhine-Davis (Room 2),
- Miss Jonelle Lorantas (Room 10),
- Ms Vanessa Ardron (Room 1 & PE)
- Mrs Tanya King (Science).

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Over the last two weeks, class teachers have been holding information meetings after school to inform parents of the planned programs and expectations in their class this year. If you missed out on attending your child’s meeting, please feel free to contact the class teacher to arrange an individual parent/teacher meeting.

SIMPLY AWESOME!

Congratulations must once again go to the wonderful parents of the P&C for their hard work and dedication in providing such an awesome event on Friday 13th Feb. The annual P&C Awesome Arvo continues to improve and this year included three bouncy castles and an amazing farm animals experience courtesy of “Perth Party Animals” which I think stole the attention of children and parents alike!

Once again students and parents showed their appreciation by staying after school to be part of this event which is held each year to welcome new families to the school. Well done to the auxiliary committee of the P&C for a great afternoon.

PRE-PRIMARY ON-ENTRY TESTING

Students in Room 17 will be taking part in the compulsory On-Entry Testing program over the next two weeks. Mrs Pruyn and Mrs Bowlay will be working very closely with individual pre-primary students to ascertain entry level data in Literacy & Numeracy.

During the testing, Mrs Maslin will be relieving in the Pre-primary classroom to allow the class teachers the opportunity to complete the individual assessments. Letters have been sent home to pre-primary parents and more information is available from the classroom teachers.

STUDENT USE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that the school’s play equipment is out of bounds before and after school. The school cannot supervise these areas at these times and so children must not play on them.

Parents are advised that this applies to pre-school children also, regardless if parents are present at the time.

Mr Paul Larkin
PRINCIPAL
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS

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- the staff for the huge effort put into preparing Room 17 for cleaning. All very much appreciated!

Parent rosters will begin Week 5. Please feel free to put your name down - we would love to see you.

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Early Childhood Centre Team

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TIDY CLASS AWARD ☺ Room 14

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