

# Principal's Report 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Enrolments

1. Current enrolment is 345 students.
2. We currently have 42 students enrolled for prep/Foundation for 2018.
3. Our *forty-two* Year 6 students were notified of their secondary school placements for 2018.

## Strategic Goals and Priorities

1. Mid-year review of our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan, progress of our strategic goals to be shared at August Council meeting.
2. *Attitudes to School* results for our years 4-6 students have been published, state-comparison report yet to be collated.
3. Seventy families (randomly selected) will have received information to logon and complete our annual *Parent Opinion Survey*.
4. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August all teaching staff participated in a local-school network (Milgate Primary, Warrandyte Primary and Anderson's Creek Primary) professional learning session as part of the Department's *Communities of Practice* initiative.

## Staffing

1. Nicky Tillyer is working with our students as part of her role as our Artist in Residence. Students will be supported by Nicky to produce pieces of artwork for our biannual Art Show.
2. Amy Williams is expecting her first child mid-January, she will commence maternity leave at the end of 2017.
3. Clare Harding will commence her maternity leave on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Her position has been advertised, with a new process designed by our School Improvement Team in hiring teaching staff.
4. Current enrolment projections at this stage indicate we will grow by two more classes for 2018 (making a total of 16 classes), meaning we will have four new teaching staff in 2018.

## Community Life

1. Our biannual School Ball took place in the last week of term 2. This was a hugely successful event and forms part of the identity of our school. In two years' time, we have tentatively booked the Ivanhoe Centre for two nights.
2. Our Foundation students celebrated their first 100 days of school last week.
3. The Year 3/4 students and teachers attended an excursion to the Arts Centre and ACMI as part of their inquiry unit that is focusing on *Creativity*.
4. Visiting illustrator Marc McBride visited our school where he presented workshops on how he creates his dragon-like paintings, linked to our *Writer's Festival* theme of **Creatures**.
5. Our whole-school Aths Day will be held this coming Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Kate Stacker has organised this event to within an inch of her life. She would make an excellent wedding planner.
6. Four year 5/6 students will be representing our school in a 3D print car competition on the same day as our Aths Day. They have designed an aerodynamic car and created it on a 3D printer, where they will have to race it around a track in a state-wide competition. Ross Toogood and Clare Harding have driven this initiative.
7. The school chickens have finally arrived! A huge achievement from our Enviro Leaders and Jeanette Breen.
8. The biannual Art Show is approaching fast. This is a huge event with many people (staff and parents) giving up significant amounts of their time to make this a successful event.
9. Student Voice badges (junior school council and environmental) were presented by Mayor Michelle Kleinert at last week's assembly.
10. Italian-language students from Doncaster Secondary College have been visiting our Italian lessons to work with our students and participate in language activities.
11. A parent workshop on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September that focuses on the work of Growth Mindset and how parents can praise their children. This event is free and will be hosted by Matt Egan (Melbourne FC Assistant coach) and Chris Egan (Educational leadership coach).

12. PMP has commenced with preps. It has been great to see so many parents come along and help out.
13. Story Time is continuing to be a huge success. We have had over 30 pre-schoolers participate in this program already.
14. Players from Melbourne Victory have hosted clinics as part of our PE program (Sporting Schools grant).
15. Our students have been busy publishing their creature-themed stories for our upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> annual Writer's Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate themselves as authors.
16. Another hugely successful basketball season came to a halt. Fourteen teams have already commenced for our semester two season.
17. Eliza (3/4G) represented our school at the state cross-country championships. What a tremendous achievement.
18. As I write this Andrew Veal is busily setting up our disco lights in preparedness for our School Disco Night, coordinated by our *Parents & Friends*. I am sure it will be a fun night of organised chaos?
19. To acknowledge and celebrate our first semester student voice ambassadors, Templestowe College's catering students will be hosting an event where our students will learn to make their own pizzas in their pizza oven. Produce from the community garden will be used to make

### Professional Learning

1. I attended the North-East Region Principal Conference on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. The focus was on whole-school system leadership, in particular a focus on London and Ontario's case study of system-wide improvement. Many new publications were unveiled, including the new top 10 High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS).
2. Staff have been participating in Professional Learning workshops focused on strategic focus of embedding our instructional model.
3. Ross Toogood completed (and passed with flying colours) his educational leadership program.
4. Chris Egan and Mary McQuilten continue to work with year level teams in their roles as instructional literacy coaches.
5. Jeanette Breen attended another 2-day intensive session as she continues her Masters in Instructional Leadership at The University of Melbourne.
6. Margaret participated in professional learning course linked to school an assets management.

### Resources

1. Eleven new WAPs have be installed shortly throughout the school to increase functionality of the school's Wi-Fi connection. This is a DET initiative to ensure our school is capable of hosting future NAPLAN-testing online.
2. Playground maintenance to be discussed in Andrew's report.