**Principal’s Report 17th February 2016**

**Enrolments**
1. Current enrolment is 306. Three families (6 students in total) have moved to other areas, while three new families have enrolled since school started back (6 students in total).
2. Of that, 46 Foundation children have commenced and it is as if they have already completed a year!
3. 26 children (18 new families) in Years 1-6 have also commenced and have been welcomed so openly.

**Strategic Goals and Priorities**
1. All staff participated in a professional learning day (Jan 27th) directly linked to our strategic plan, including goal setting and 2016 targets.
2. Drafted 2016 School Annual Implementation Plan has been submitted, presented at first meeting of new Council in March. Mark Flack has been appointed as our school’s Senior Education Improvement Leader, as he will have 26 schools in the inner-east region to support. He previously was Principal of Boronia Heights Primary.
3. All staff will be participating in a full day of professional learning with instructional literacy coaches Mary McQuilten and Chris Egan on Monday 29th February (pupil free day).
4. Student voice is been so visible already with School and House Captains making changes to assemblies and roles of their positions.

**Staffing**
1. Our newest staff members Ross Toogood (3/4), Brittany Chipman (1/2), Kirsty Creek (ES), Yvonne Tan (ES), Matthew Erickson (music) and Jacqui Nicolazzo (5/6) have all settled so seamlessly into Templestowe Heights Primary.
2. Celene Black has been appointed to a temporary position of literacy/EAL support and literacy enrichment. She has a wealth of experience in literacy and intervention, and is currently undertaking her Masters in student wellbeing at The University of Melbourne.

**Community Life**
1. We are three-quarters the way through our parent information sessions, which so far have been with big turnouts and very successful.
2. *Tears and Tissues* for our 2016 Foundation families was also another hugely successful event held after the first day for our newest students. It was a great opportunity for parents to mingle and meet one another. This was hosted by the P&F.
3. School Banking has got off to another great start, Tracey will be coordinator this year.
4. Welcome picnic is in full swing, I am looking forward to my first time.
5. Classroom Representatives have now been locked in, Andrew and I will be meeting with them next week to welcome them into their roles and discuss how best they can support our school in a classroom rep capacity.
6. Currently in plans to hold Primary School student for a morning sessions with our local feeder kinders/pre-school in early term 2.
7. Catherine and Clare have been very supportive and positive since becoming Parents & Friends leaders.

**Professional Learning**
1. On Friday 12th February Principal’s from the inner-east had a skype-like session with educational research leaders from around the globe (Michael Fullan, John Hattie, Steve Munby and Vivianne Robinson) to discuss the potential of how our inner-east network could work together to improve student outcomes. This is in part of the Victorian Education Department’s blueprint of *The Education State*.

**Resources**
1. Joint Use Agreement update, proposed Manningham City Council works.
2. Cleaning contract review.
3. Works over the summer break (Andrew to discuss in building and grounds report).