Principal's Report 18th May 2016

Enrolments
1. Current enrolment is 314, with nine new students commencing throughout this term. Due to this unforeseen reason, some class sizes have increased slightly above the Victorian average. It is a nice problem to have!
2. We have already received 14 enrolments for 2017.
3. Throughout this term there has been much interest from prospective families with big numbers of school tours. There are scheduled weekly tours, however MANY more have been booked outside these times. There appears to be a positive buzz out in the wider community.

Strategic Goals and Priorities
1. Mark Flack (DET’s Manningham region Senior Educational Improvement Leader) conducted a learning walk on the 4th May; focus was aligned to school’s strategic goals.
2. Year 1/2 learning achievement data to share based on zone of proximal development approach.
3. Mary Mcquilten and Chris Egan (Literacy instructional coaches) have commenced modelling/planning with level teams for the instructional model.
4. Jonathan Wood commences HTML coding with the 5/6s through the CSIRO’s Scientist in Schools program during our open day. Ross Toogood has been piloting the Dash & Dot robotics that will develop our programming curriculum.
5. Celene Black has completed her first assessment cycle with students she has been working with in her literacy intervention program. The achievement results have been significant.
6. Templestowe College Tutors have now completed training and are working with students throughout the school on a targeted and rigorous reading program.
7. All Year 3/5 students participated in the National Assessment Program – Numeracy and Literacy last week. Results are expected early September.
8. North-Eastern Region data (to be presented in General Business).

Staffing
1. Yvonne Tan has been appointed to her Educational Support role that she has held since the beginning of the school year in a casual capacity. The contract is for 2016 only, due to projected funding in 2017 and beyond.
2. Anna Hughes was absent of 9 days due to bereavement leave.

Community Life
1. Education Week for Templestowe Heights Primary is next week due to the year 5/6s being on camp this week. The planned week, in particular the open day/night is very similar to 2015. All lessons will be open for viewing during the middle session (11.30-1.30pm) and the night time we will have opened by our 5/6 Rock band, choir and instrumental students. I will be hosting an information session for prospective 2017 families on the night.
2. Celene Black will be presenting a parent/guardian information session on supporting children with reading on Monday 30th May. Ensuring consistency is so important, so support/cue cards will now be rolled out so all adults helping out with our reading sessions know what/how to question children when reading in order to support their learning. Part of this session is the feedback we received from April Council meeting, with concepts of the new independent reading program also to be communicated so parents have an understanding of what their children are talking about at home!
3. Many of our School Councillors attended training sessions in their own time. I hope they were worthwhile and that roles, responsibilities and any questions were clarified?
4. Cath and Clare hosted a movie night on Friday 13th. From all accounts it was a huge success. Many more events were successfully organised and led, Cath to share.
5. Story Time has commenced for any 3 and 4 year old children on Fridays.
6. Prep for a Morning sessions have also run for our local kindergartens. The Specialist Team have been brilliant, as well as our international pre-service teacher Rebecca Schmitz, for leading these sessions.
7. Special Religious Instruction (Christianity and Orthodox) has commenced with (almost) 100% attendance for those students who opted to participate in the program.
8. Five of our students made it to the district-level of cross country, to be held next week. Kate Stacker’s goal of developing children with a “killer competitive” streak is slowly coming to fruition.
9. Andrew Veal, Angela Makris, Clare Harding, Jacqui Nicolazzo, Rebecca Schmitz, Mary Wakefield, Kerryn Clark, Andrew Mishura, Brooke Everett, myself and 72 students are no doubt having the time of their lives on the Phillip Island camp.

**Professional Learning**

1. A curriculum day (pupil-free) is scheduled for Friday 27th May. Level teams will be visiting other schools (Carnegie PS, Broadmeadows PS, Strathmore North PS and North Melbourne PS) to observe how the new programs we are implementing look in schools as a “finished product”.

**Resources**

1. Cleaning contract review, with a recommendation, to be facilitated at tonight’s meeting.
2. Acoustic panels are scheduled to be installed later on this month or early June.
3. The re-flooring of the gymnasium is scheduled for the second week of the term 2 (gym will be out of action first week of term 3) and the disabled toilet will be constructed during the last two weeks of term 2. The election presents an issue with a potential clash; however I have informed the Manningham City Council that the Election Day is of greater priority than re-flooring, much to their dismay.