

Enrolments

1. Current enrolment is 342.
2. Current 2018 prep enrolments are 47, indicating we will have two Foundation classes.
3. We have 43 year 6 students graduating next week.
4. Projected enrolment number for 2018 is approximately 370.

Strategic Goals and Priorities

1. Our 2018 Annual Implementation Plan draft format has been endorsed by region.
2. All staff participated in a professional learning session linked to our strategic focus of further developing teacher capacity (high impact teaching strategies).
3. All teaching staff met Wednesday 29th November after school to plan transition sessions. Focus was keeping the sessions consistent across and between year levels.
4. Teaching staff are finalising semester two reports, to be handed out in the last week of term.
5. 2018 Interim budget is ready for viewing at Finance committee.

Staffing

1. We have appointed Jayne Setford, as our new 0.6 Music & *Performing Arts* teacher.
2. Dan Bishop has been appointed as a year 3/4 classroom teacher at Balwyn Primary for 2018.
3. We have appointed Sam Wang, Louise Wood, Julia Laidlaw and Mary Tran as new classroom teachers for 2018.
4. Interviewing candidates on Wednesday for the 0.6 yr.3-6 enrichment position.
5. Have advertised another fulltime classroom teacher position for the 16th class in 2018.
6. Amy Williams will be commencing family leave at the end of term 4 while Angela Makris will commence her family leave on 6th February. Both Angela and Amy have made such a positive impact to our school, we will miss them as they enter the next exciting stages of their lives.

Professional Learning

1. All teaching staff continued to participate in professional learning workshops with instructional coaches Chris Egan and Mary McQuilten aimed at developing capacity around our reading comprehension curriculum.
2. Margaret attended EOFY session.

Community Life

1. Semester one and two Enviro Leaders, with Brittany Chipman and Andrew Veal attended the VSGA Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne to be held on Thursday 23rd November where the Deputy Premier, James Merlino's office presented us with our regional award for \$350.
2. We celebrated the end of another exciting year with our annual Christmas Carols event. Big thank you to all the staff for helping the students perform so well on the night. Everyone seemed to have a great time.
3. The 2018 Foundation Transition sessions were a success, thank you to Cassie Dykstra, Ashleigh Danes, Vikki Brereton and Navaara Matherson.
4. I was the guest speaker at St Mark's Church to discuss the Kids Hope mentor program that has been running within our school for the past 13 years. There were many current and past kids hope mentors at the service. The Kids Hope mentor programs has been supporting our most vulnerable students (and families) who have or are, experiencing hardship.
5. The annual Parents and Friends Shopping tour took place on Saturday 18th November. Twenty two attendees were treated to a day of factory outlet shopping and was organised by Tina Grievas.
6. The Parents and Friends Christmas stall was organised by Sarah Mabin, giving students an opportunity to purchase a gift.

7. Woolworths (Macedon Square) store kindly donated four big boxes of bananas, nectarines and apples for all students to support our Brain Snack time.
8. The annual Teacher v Year 6 students netball (grudge) match took place on Thursday (7th). Luckily no injuries occurred in a heated match.
9. Junior School Councillors have coordinated a toy/food drive for Doncare.
10. As part of our Emergency Management Plan we practiced a lockdown on Friday 1st December.

Resources

To be discussed in Andrew's report.