

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

## Enrolments

1. Current enrolment is 331, including 45 Foundation students.
2. We had 27 new students commence with us from years 1-6.
3. [School Tours have already commenced, new brochures have been published \(Rhys to show\).](#)

## Strategic Goals and Priorities

1. On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January all staff had their first day back, staff realigned vision and goal-setting, with the purpose of setting ourselves up for a successful 2017. [Snapshot history below to be discussed.](#)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Enrolment</b>	225	261	258	259	306	331
<b>SFO</b>	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.33	0.33
<b>EAL</b>	-	58	54	51	54	55
<b>SFOE</b>	-	-	-	-	0.26	0.25

2. Our 2017 Annual Strategic Plan has been drafted and will be accepted in March.
3. [2017 budget has been finalised. To be discussed at Finance report.](#)
4. New parent payment policy and strategy has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly voluntary payments.
5. Classroom teachers have commenced delivering our new whole-school units of inquiry (first one being about the concept of *Community*), which forms part of our 2017 AIP strategic focus.
6. New student attendance platform has been introduced, including tablet at the counter to sign in/out students who arrive late or leave early. This will save significant demand on human resources.

## Staffing

1. Our new staff members Ashleigh Danes (1/2D), Jeanette Breen (1/2J) and Joy Birrell (Art) have all settled in so well, it feels like they are already part of the furniture. Similarly for Cassandra Dykstra, who has seamlessly settled back into teaching our Foundation students.
2. We have advertised for the ongoing position of Business Manager (currently held temporarily by Margaret), now that Leanne's long service leave has finished.

## Community Life

1. Our Foundation students officially started on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Amy Williams and Cassandra Dykstra have done an amazing job in ensuring our students are ready and settled. Parents & Friends hosted a *Tissues and Tears* morning tea on the Monday morning that was well attended.
2. The new 6 x 50minute sessions (replacing 5 x 60min) have been implemented, with the only disappointment coming from students wanting their favourite subjects to go for longer.
3. Our chicken coop has arrived! The *Animal Care* students at Templestowe College have built a very impressive structure to house our chickens, following our student's design. The next step now is to fox-proof the enclosure and submit an ethics document.
4. The year 3-6 swimming carnival took place in perfect weather conditions on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Aquarena. So many staff helped out on the day, although there were some very competitive teachers in the staff vs students swimming relay race.
5. Parent information evenings are taking a slightly changed format, with a Foundation evening (16<sup>th</sup> Feb) and a year 1-6 evening (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb).
6. Welcome Picnic is scheduled for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, a great opportunity for community to mingle and welcome all our new families.

## Professional Learning

1. Chris Egan and Mary McQuilten commence week 3 working with year level teams in their roles as instructional literacy coaches. Their professional expertise in developing teacher capacity supports the school's goal of redeveloping a reading curriculum and embedding the school's instructional model.

## Resources

To be discussed in Andrew's *Buildings & Grounds* report.