

Enrolments

1. Current enrolment is 344.
2. Current 2018 prep enrolments are 47, indicating we will have two Foundation classes.
3. Projected enrolment number for 2018 is approximately 350, as we have several families leaving to move to other areas and more new families moving into our local area.

Strategic Goals and Priorities

1. Our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan has been endorsed by region, required to do so also at School Council tonight.
2. All teaching staff have completed one round of our peer observation program, linked to our strategic focus of embedding our instructional model. The initiative is linked to individual teacher performance plans that are centred on developing teacher practice.
3. The school's reading comprehension learning continuum is almost complete, a major focus of our viable and guaranteed reading curriculum 2017 goal. These were reviewed during our pupil-free day.
4. 2018 Interim budget has been redrafted, ready for viewing at Finance committee.

Staffing

1. We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the performing arts position, left vacated by Matthew Erickson. The position will now be three days per week (0.6) with an added role description of drama (as well as music). This will mean all students will have weekly specialist lesson in performing arts (drama and music) for the entire year, rather than only for a semester.
2. We have provisionally appointed four new staff for 2018, there is currently a mandatory 2 week grievance period.

Professional Learning

1. All staff participated in an afterschool session aimed at reviewing and celebrating our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), and goal-setting for 2018.
2. Cassandra Dykstra and Ashleigh Danes will be our 2018 Foundation teachers.
3. During our cup-eve pupil-free day all staff participated in professional learning sessions aimed at building their skills and understandings of our spelling and reading programs.
4. Our newly appointed staff will be participating in an induction day with one of our instructional coaches in early December, so that they are familiar with our approaches to reading, spelling and our instructional model.
5. All teaching staff attended an afterschool professional learning session on Wednesday 25th October at Anderson' Creek Primary, with a focus on Assessment and Data Literacy. This was linked to our participation in our FISO Schools Network.

Community Life

1. Congratulations to Jeanette Breen, Brittany Chipman and all our Enviro Leaders for creating a video displaying our garden and sustainability efforts for the Victorian School Garden Awards (VSGA). We were awarded the Regional winners! The VSGA Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne to be held on Thursday 23rd November where Deputy Premier, James Merlino MP will be announcing Award winners.
2. Our Year 3/4 students have just arrived back safely from camp at Forest Edge (Neerim East). Thank you to Andrew Veal, Janene Hansford, Julie Gibbs, Ross Toogood, Linda Spencer, Liz James, Jacqui Nicolazzo, Mary Wakefield, Kirri McGrath and Anastasia Seferes for making it such a successful and enjoyable experience for our students.

3. Last Thursday 2nd November all students in Foundation, year 1 and year 2 participated in the Junior School games and dinner night. A big thank you to the staff for organising a fun night.
4. On Friday 27th November we celebrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with a STEM day. All students enjoyed participating in a host of hands on, challenging activities that were supported by many parents on the day. A big thank you to Ross Toogood, the STEM committee and all staff for making the day so enjoyable for the students.
5. The 2018 Foundation Transition sessions have commenced, readying our future 'class of 2024' for their upcoming journey at Templestowe Heights Primary.
6. Four year 5/6 students were eventual winners of the Italian poetry competition held annually for Manningham schools. Congratulations to Steph, Sarah, Stavroula and Amelia, who not only won but represented our school so respectfully.
7. I was the guest speaker at Templestowe Rotary last Wednesday 1st November. Templestowe Rotary are interested in some joint venture projects linked to our sustainability initiatives. Many of the founding members of the Templestowe Chapter were parents of our school in the 1970s and our school has a special place in their history (and hearts).
8. Cassandra Dykstra has just completed mentoring Kim Nguyen, a preschool teacher at Templestowe World of Learning. The process has made possible for Kim to receive full accreditation with the Victorian Institute of Teaching.
9. Classroom helpers have commenced trialling our school online system App.
10. Two groups of year 5/6 students recently participated in the Manningham Round Robin sports events of basketball and volleyball. The most pleasing aspect was how well behaved our students were.
11. On Friday 28th October the Enviro Leaders hosted a gardening working bee. The purpose was to harvest the spring crop and plant seedlings for the summer crop.
12. Vikki Brereton and Mary Wakefield organised and ran another successful Book Fair. All funds raised will be used to purchase more library books.
13. Jason Gilligan spent two back-breaking days with many of our students planting drought-resistant plants at the entrance of our school nearest the light crossing. The space looks sensational and the students had a great time working with him. Jason donated all the plants used for the landscaping.

Resources

To be discussed in Andrew's report.