



# Principal's Report

## February 2020 P&C Meeting

### Recent Activities

- Welcome to all new families, 78 students commenced Kindergarten last week. We are expecting further students will commence this week once their *Authority To Enrol* is issued.
- Well done to the teachers and Admin staff who have settled students into their classes and learning environments so quickly. Staff (Executive and teaching) were asked to focus the first two weeks of the year building relationships and setting up structures, routines and expectations. It is vital teachers get to know the cohort of students in their learning space and students get to know their teachers. This ties into every student being known, valued and cared for. Homework activities and any group structures will therefore commence in Week 3.
- Staffing
  - We welcome the following new staff: Miss Lauren Godkin (permanent classroom teacher), Miss Lisa Schindler and Mrs Karen Leo (temporary classroom teachers).
  - We are currently in the process of merit selection for the vacant classroom teacher special education position.
- A Parent Information Evening/Meet The Teachers will be held next week. The sessions provide an opportunity to meet the teachers who will be teaching your child in the learning hub and general information about teaching and learning programs, structures and routines, and events.
- Best Start – Kindergarten will undertake this assessment this week. Data collected provides teachers with information as to where each student is at in literacy and numeracy and informs 'where to next' so that appropriate teaching and learning experiences can be planned. Reports are issued to parents in Week 8.
- Sport:
  - The school swimming carnival will be held at Des Renford Aquatic Centre next Monday, 10 February 2020. Parents are most welcome.
  - Summer PSSA team trials commence this Thursday (AFL). NOTE: The season is split and runs over Terms 1 and 4.
  - ESPSSA representative team trials commence in Week 3. These representative team trials are advertised in the school newsletter and announced at assemblies. Students interested in trialing should see Mr Richmond.
  - As part of Sporting Schools, the Sydney Swans will present their Auskick program for students in Years 3 to 6.



- Staff Professional Learning Focus:
  - School Development Day - School information and organisation update (all staff), PDHPE syllabus and team planning (all teaching staff and classroom SLSOs)
  - Child Protection Mandatory Training 2020 (all staff)
  - New Best Start and PLAN 2/ALAN (Kindergarten teaching staff)

### **Upcoming Events**

- Thursday 6 February – RSPS AFL team trials
- Monday 10 February – Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 11 February – Parent Information Evening
- Thursday 13 February – RSPS Softball/T-ball team trials
- Thursday 20 February – Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics commence
- Friday 21 February – Round 1 PSSA

### **Other Information**

#### *Major Capital Works/Redevelopment*

Holiday works included flooring in Administration, additional fencing and defect rectification. We are still awaiting some fencing, signage, graphics and a new substation.

#### *Norvel Coronavirus*

A further update was distributed this morning. DoE will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the situation. Updates will continue to be provided to the school community as they are released.

#### *School Stream Application*

If you haven't already done so, please download the app so that you get any alerts that are sent out. You can also access the Rambler through the app and notify of a student's absence

#### *Calendar*

We are in the process of finalising major events for the 2020 Calendar. Dates will be entered on the school website once we have them finalised. Please check the Rambler each week for the latest information.

#### *Northern School Access and Newmarket Development*

A meeting was held late last week. Due to changes in land levels, a retaining wall needs to be installed. Student safety is the priority.

#### *High School 2021*

Expression of interest forms for high school placement in 2021 will be distributed in March. Keep an eye out in the Rambler for high school open nights so that you can attend and get an overview of schools and their programs.

#### *Thank You*

Thank you to Mrs Nalovski for the fabulous job she did as Relieving Principal during the last few weeks of Term 4.

*Joann Sayers  
Principal*