

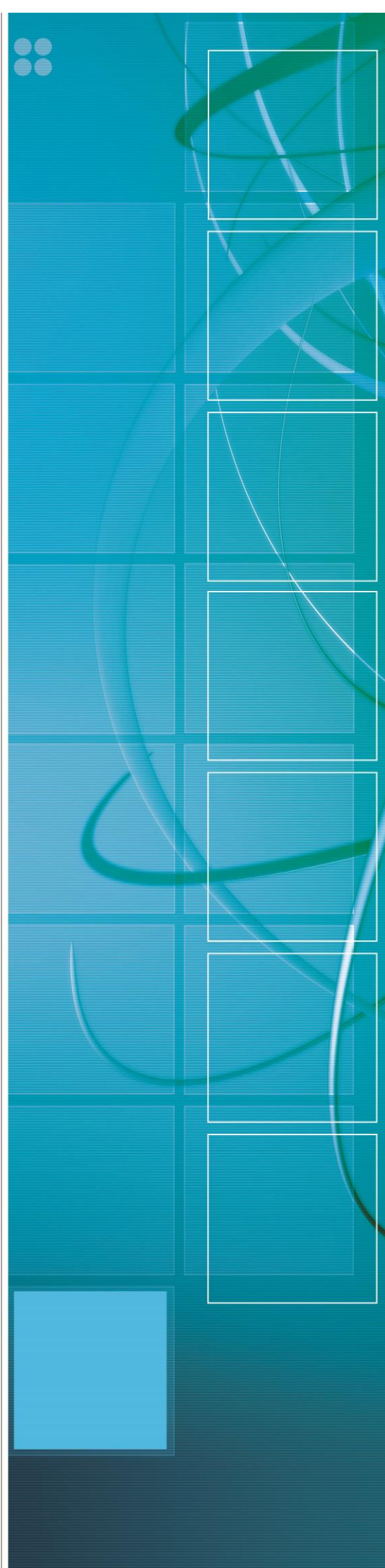


# Principal's Report

## February 2021 P&C Meeting

### Recent Activities

- Welcome to all new families. 78 mainstream students commenced Kindergarten today. 7 new students have commenced in our Support Unit. We are currently holding 17 mainstream and 4 Support Unit classes (one additional mainstream class).
- Well done to the teachers and Administrative staff who have settled students into their classes and learning environments so quickly. Staff (Executive and teaching) have been 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. Critical information has been handed over by the Executive staff and staff are meeting tomorrow to discuss all students with additional needs. This ties into every student being known, valued and cared for.
- Staffing:
  - We welcome the following new staff: Miss Courtney Henry and Miss Nikki Vassiliadis (permanent classroom teachers), Miss Emily Hart, Ms Alex Byron, Miss Kate Murray, Ms Gwyn Powe, Miss Romica Ioan (temporary classroom teachers), and Mrs Lisa Hayres (School Administrative Officer).
  - Mr Will Begaud is returning to his SLSO role.
  - We are currently in the process of merit selection for the vacant School Learning Support Officer special education position.
  - Mrs Zouroudis is on leave this week.
- Staff are still in the process of planning arrangements for Parent Information Evening/Meet The Teachers and we will let you know our plans shortly. We need to ensure that our plan meets COVID guidelines with social distancing requirements for on-site meetings being difficult in our shared learning spaces. The session, once scheduled, will 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Uniform Sale – Special thank you to Greg and Michelle for the many, many hours they have spent sorting and washing uniform items for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sale that commences tomorrow. Thank you also to those who have volunteered to 'man' the stall.



- Sport:
  - The school swimming carnival will be held at Des Renford Aquatic Centre next Monday, 8 February 2021. Parents are most welcome however will not be able to sit in the grandstand with students.
  - Summer PSSA (t-ball/softball and AFL) commences on Friday 19 February 2021. NOTE: The season is split and runs over Terms 1 and 4. Team trial information will be published in the Rambler and announced to students.
  - ESPSSA representative team trials commence in Week 4. These representative team trials are advertised in the Rambler and announced to students. Students interested in trialing should see Mr Richmond.
- Staff Professional Learning Focus:
  - School Development Day - School information and organisation update (all staff), School Performance data, mandated training, literacy and numeracy professional learning and team planning
  - Child Protection Mandatory Training 2021 (all staff)
  - Code Of Conduct (all staff)

### Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 2 February – House Meetings (including House leader elections)
- Week 3 – Directions In Music Senior commences
- Monday 8 February – Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 16 February – ESPSSA AFL trials
- Wednesday 17 February – ESPSSA basketball trials
- Thursday 18 February – Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics commence; ESPSSA tennis trials
- Friday 19 February – Round 1 PSSA

### Other Information

#### *COVID Restrictions*

Please ensure that sign in procedures and physical distancing are adhered to if on the school site.

#### *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. School Stream will be sending out a message in Week 3 in regards to account authentication. It is a legitimate message. The content will be:

*Due to new privacy standards, School Stream requires App Users to authenticate their account via email or mobile phone number. Some of you provided this authentication already when you signed up. If your account is not authenticated you will miss out on receiving school notifications after Monday 15th Feb. To authenticate your account, please click on the three horizontal bars on the top left corner of the app home page, click on Account and add your email or phone number (If you see your phone number or email address, you authenticated your account already). Please note that your email or phone number will only be used for this authentication purpose and is absolutely safe.*

#### *Calendar*

We are in the process of finalising major events for the 2021 Calendar. Fingers crossed that COVID restrictions ease further and we can resume many of our special events. 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*

The driveway has finally been rectified.

#### *High School 2022*

Expression of interest forms for high school placement in 2022 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.

Joann Sayers  
Principal