Principal News

As the term draws to a close it is an interesting exercise to reflect on the journey of the last 11 weeks. As I walk through the school there is a renewed sense of engagement in learning as staff and students utilise the learning spaces available for the students. Certainly the curriculum kitchen and the computer room are in use every day. The library will be a great place for quiet reading and activity once the new furniture arrives. The furniture consists of 10 large brightly coloured vinyl cubes that can be moved about to create the learning environment. The interactive whiteboards are used daily for schedules as well as literacy, numeracy and many other focus areas.

It was wonderful to have the end of term assembly in our own space and attended by so many families. The students from Room 5 hosted the assembly and did a wonderful job.

I will be on Long Service Leave throughout Term 2. Phil Oliver will step up into my position and the process is underway to backfill the deputy position. It is envisaged that staff changes for term 2 will be advised by the end of the week.

Anne

These students were recognised with awards at the assembly. Congratulations to
- Cody: carrying out daily routines
- Declan: helping others
- Geffrey: great behaviour and learning
- Darius: trying his best to complete his work
- Lucy: assisting & mentoring another student
- Bradley: concentrating on his work and finding new words
- Alintah: always polite and using manners
- Laurence: eager to learn and positive attitude
- Tilly: sharing the swings

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri April 10th: End of term - 2pm Dismissal
Mon April 27th: Term 2 begins

Materials & Services charges for 2015 are $226.00. Invoices were sent home in week 2. Families needing a “school card application” form can collect one from the front office. It would be appreciated if payments can be made ASAP.

Do you know that you can direct deposit into the school account? If interested in this easy option please contact the school.

ADVANCE NOTICE

School Photos on Thursday 11th June 2015 (Term 2)

School Uniforms

A winter order will be placed early in Term 2. Correct money plus order form MUST be received by Thursday 30th April, week 1 of term 2. Late orders will not be accepted. The next uniform order will be done in Week 3 of term 3.
Term 1 has seen our group of 6 students slowly getting used to the routines of school and to interacting with their friends in the class - as well as with staff. They have settled in well now and become a cohesive group. With spa activities, Public Library visits and trips to Woolworths to do grocery shopping for the ingredients for their cooking lessons, the students have been open to a variety of differing situations. They have demonstrated remarkable adaptability and have also built up self-confidence in interacting with the various people in these areas.

In ‘morning routines’ the students sign themselves in on the Interactive Whiteboard by matching their names to their photographs. After doing the day and weather, they move on to matching the letters of their names - and eventually to spelling them. In literacy, we have reached the letters ‘p’ and ‘n’ from Jolly Phonics. To aid numeracy skills I have located an interactive programme “Curious George” which interests them and they are learning to count the flowers that Curious George plants.

We are using lining up at the door (prior to going out time) in order of height to teach them about measurement and the growth and development of their bodies in sync with the theme of ‘My Body’ which I am teaching. At recess and lunch time, we teach social eating and the importance of table manners. I am happy with the progress that has been made thus far.
Governed Council News

Governed Council held their meeting and AGM on Wednesday April 1st.

The following people were nominated and accepted position as governed council members:

Emily Holden, Lorelie Pycroft, Sharon Saunders, Christine Morgan, Leanne Redden, Bernie Marich, Mandy Dwyer, Tarlee Haines, Sharlynn McCarthy and Roxann Klingberg.

The following people were elected to positions:

Chair of Governing Council: Emily Holden

Secretary: Lorelie Pycroft

Treasurer: Sharon Saunders

Governed Council has an important role in the life of the school. Thank you to all who have continued on Governing Council and a welcome to those new members.