**PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS**

**WELCOME BACK**

It's hard to believe the holidays are over and the new school year has begun. It was great to see so many happy faces on Monday morning.

**STAFF AND CLASSROOMS FOR 2016**

We are lucky to have retained all of our permanent staff. Ms Leah Temme has joined the team

K/P- Mrs Sherrill Williams
1/2 – Ms Leah Temme and Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson
3/4- Mrs Lorelle Flett
5/6- Ms Sarah Walker
Music- Mrs Trish Crossley (Thursday)
PE- Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson (Mon)
Science- Mr Daniel Robson (Tue & Thur)
LOTE Italian- Ms Chris Cook (with lots of help from SIDE) Mon & Wed

Ms Tash Viner will continue in the library on Tuesdays, Mr Rob Jones assisting classes K-6 on Wednesday, Ms Margaret Everett will be in the yr 1/2 class Mon, Wed & Fr. and Mrs Kim Burton will be in the yr 1/2 class on Tue & Thur and in the office Friday. Mrs Debra Doust is the Registrar Mon to Thur, Mr Rob Griffiths cares for our garden Tue to Fri and Mrs Debbie Doust is the school cleaner. Mr Steve Fisher will continue as the school chaplain on Wednesdays.

**NEW STUDENTS**

Walpole PS welcomes Jackie (yr 6) and Peyton and Ryan (K). We were expecting three, new, year 5 boys but they will arrive during the school year.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Teachers will contact you shortly regarding parent information nights. Please contact your teacher should be there anything you wish to discuss beforehand.

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**SCHOOL BOARD and P&C**

Please let the office know if you are interested in being a member of the School Board or P&C, or come along to the AGM. Both groups help the school and students in different ways.

The School Board is an advisory group for planning and policy. They meet once a term and are a sounding board for school processes and decisions. A nomination form is available at the front office. Should more than three nominations be received, we will go to a vote.

The P&C help with fundraising for resources such as the new kitchen. Meetings are generally once a term but may be more, depending on fundraising opportunities. The more, the merrier.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Congratulations to Sara Simpson and Jed Cummiskey for being voted as our Semester One School Captains. The following have the other Captain roles: Bindi Robertson and Jack Hunter- Faction Captains, Amber Ninyette-Media, Maggie Hardiman - Fundraising. Sara- Environment and Jed- Library.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS DUE**

Voluntary contributions are now due if you want to pay the reduced fee of $50 per child. You can also pay a $20 P&C contribution.

**COMMUNICATION**

Please let the office know if your child is away from school or if there are any changes for the afternoon pick up/bus routine. We would hate for them to end up somewhere unplanned.

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**Dates to Remember**

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The Dental Van should be located at Walpole PS in term 3, 2016. Should your child need to visit the dentist beforehand, please call 0437 486 143.

THANK YOU
Thank you to Bob and Ros Quinn for the generous donation of Art supplies.

Next week we will have disruptions to our emails and internet, if you wish to advise us of any bus changes or absences can you please phone the office. We will be back online from Monday 15 Feb.

SCHOOL REVIEW
As an Independent Public School, we are reviewed every three years to verify the school’s self-review conclusions; the extent to which it has met the targets in the Business Plan, and how these support achievement of commitments outlined in its Delivery and Performance Agreement (DPA). Standards of student achievement, school improvement and future directions are also discussed.

The report, written by Audrey Jackson and Marion Milton has now been received by the school. The findings are very positive, with some commendations and recommendations. The full review will be uploaded onto the school website once we have access to the internet.

Commendations:

✓ The staff for the whole-school focus on caring for the environment and sustainability through the integration of the extensive school gardens into the wider academic program

✓ Staff for significantly reducing bullying and behaviour problems in the school through a consistent whole-school approach

✓ Staff for their ongoing commitment to the whole-school approach to mathematics and increasing engagement and enjoyment of this subject

✓ The shared commitment demonstrated by the Principal, staff and Board to the provision of a quality education which challenges students to achieve and engages them in their community

Recommendations:

➢ The expectations defined in the DPA be explicitly be reviewed during the term of the agreement.

➢ An explicit link between the Business Plan targets, the achievement of cohorts and of individual students and teaching and learning programs form the basis of school planning

➢ A consistent, coherent whole-school approach to literacy be put in place. In particular, that different programs based on conflicting theories and using different language to describe the same thing, not be used. This is particularly important in the early years so that students develop a thorough grounding in the basic elements of literacy as a foundation for all later learning

➢ Documentation is provided on a more consistent basis, particularly for education assistants who are working with students following IEPs and IBPs

➢ Future self-review and assessment documentation needs more clarity and needs to be more comprehensive, to give a clearer picture of those practices in the school

➢ A succession plan be put in place for Board members and that new members are appointed for set periods.