



School Board – Principal’s Report November 2016

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Semester Reports

Semester Reports will be sent home to parents on or before the beginning of week 10. Parents have been invited for interviews with teachers where required.

Early Transition arrangements are in place for students as needed to reduce anxiety. All students will meet with their classroom teacher for 2017 where possible (given staff new to our school next year may not be available given current commitments).

Reading and Parents as Coaches

Kathryn Bean and Alyssa Marsh were invited to present at this meeting of the School Board following my previous report table at the last School Board meeting. The presentation was designed to inform and stimulate conversation.

An initial meeting with parents will be held this term.

GOOD SCHOOL

National Quality in Schools (NQS)

Our school Continuous Improvement Team, led by Michelle Nash, Assistant Principal, has worked consistently throughout the year to ensure that we met the NQS standards expected of all schools and Early Years learning centres. After completing our 2016 audit we were invited to have our school self-assessment verified by an external audit process.

On Monday 21 November the Executive Team and staff welcomed the NQS verifiers from Central Office and a Principal from a school judged as exceeding the NQS standards. The verifiers spent the day discussing and examining our strategic plans, documentation, processes and practice. Michelle and I worked closely with the verifiers throughout the day. Staff and children from Kindergarten to Year 2 spent time with the verifiers in their classrooms and play areas where they responded to questions as the verifiers observed our staff and students at work.

We received the formal verification report this afternoon. Golden Bay Primary School has had a resoundingly affirmative report that indicated that all standards had been met to the highest standard as indicated in our Self-Assessment. Staff and parents can be assured that we are strongly aligned with national and state requirements having met the National Quality Standards set for all schools. Our strong alignment in our Business Plan, Strategic Planning documents, school policies and procedures received high praise.

An overview of our conversation against the National Quality Standards has been prepared for distribution to School Board members tonight.

Class Placements

I am currently working on class lists. Student placement requests were called for from parents. Requests for special consideration need to be to me in writing on or before 2 December. Requests will be given serious consideration in the context of the student needs and class structures.

I will post proposed class lists on the last day of term. Please note that class configurations may change after this date dependent on enrolments.

Enrolments

Enrolments continue daily with a further forty enrolments this term so far. Our first transportable building is scheduled for instalment in term 1 of next year. It is likely to be placed in the area between Pre-primary and Block 4.

Staffing 2017

We completed our selection and recruitment process in preparation for 2017 school years. The recruitment team consisted of the Principal, one Assistant Principal, one teaching staff member and a parent representative.

Five additional quality staff members have been employed at this point in time:

- Melvina Benzies
- Talynt Newton-Webb
- Sherrie Smith
- Joshua Newton-Webb
- Tim Lees

Continuation of contract for 12 months:

- Sarah McGarrigle (0.7 FTE)
- Kristie Green (0.6 FTE)

Possible contract:

- Taylor Blake (EA)
- Jacquie Thompson (0.2 FTE)

DSTA Funding Allocation

I am pleased to share that our application for DSTA funding for 2017/18 was successful. An assistant will be appointed to support students of Defence Force families. This funding is 0.1 FTE.

School Support Chaplain

Our application for funding to support a continuation of our school Chaplaincy service was successful. I'm pleased to inform the School Board that Deb Cunningham will continue her superb work at our school next year.

2017 Parent Fees - OSH Club at Golden Bay Primary School

Quality Staff and Services

OSHClub has been independently assessed by the Education and Care Regulatory Authority and has been rated against the National Quality Framework as Exceeding what is required, further extending their position as Australia's Highest Quality Provider.017

OSHClub takes great pride in our ability to respond to external influences on our schools, parents, children and educators. In support of WA families, in 2017 OSHClub will be absorbing all of the year's increased operational costs, meaning that fees to families will not increase.

QUALITY LEADERSHIP, QUALITY STAFF

Advanced Leadership for IPS Principals

On Wednesday 23 November I complete the Advanced Leadership for IPS Principals professional learning. I have been supporting other principals within the professional learning program in the capacity of IPS co-facilitator this month with two future days scheduled in 2017.

NETWORK INITIATIVE - Critical and Creative Thinking Routines

As part of the Professional Learning Community network, I have initiated work that will successfully support students across three tiers of learning intervention that supports critical and creative thinking, enrichment and extension.

Principals and Team Coordinators have been briefed and have received copies of drafts that support collaborative work across all schools in our network.

This body of work will support alignment across schools and provide a consistent approach by our network across K-12 years of schooling.

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