



School Board – Principal’s Report November 2017

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

MiniLit and MacqLit success

All students who were enrolled for additional support via the MiniLit or MacqLit programs, and who attended regularly, increased their reading by a minimum of five levels. A couple of children accelerated between ten to thirteen levels across the year. All parents were highly satisfied by the progress made by their child.

Reading and Parents as Coaches

Parents and Coaches supporting the reading intervention programs has continued to yield success in support of the foundation work conducted by staff with the Mini and MacqLit programs.

Positive Behaviour Support

At the School Development Day in term 4 staff analysed the implementation of Positive Behaviour Support and identified further opportunities to strengthen our school processes. Ongoing PBS meetings will position us for actionable steps in 2018.

Rock and Water

Students from year four to six have attended Rock and Water sessions in 2017. These sessions focus on self-discipline; self-awareness; and resilience. Through engagement with these work-shops and reminders using key words, students are better able to make positive choices to self-regulate.

Attendance

Attendance records are monitored carefully. Despite routine letters sent to parents, and follow up meetings called regularly to keep students on track, a number of students are still recording high levels of absenteeism. A number of home visits have been made to encourage attendance and secure information.

Danger Kids – School Musical

Term 3 ended with the musical performed at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre to the delight of staff, parents and students. My thanks to Russell Newbound for his superb coordination and all staff and parents for the magic work that they put in with the kids to enable such a polished performance amongst the superb props and sets.

Faction Carnival

The carnival in week one of this term was highly successful with all students actively engaged throughout each day of the carnival thanks to the careful planning of Stephen Green.

Arts By The Bay – Contrast and Emphasis

Last night saw the opening of our school art exhibition. Parents were delighted by the quality of the work and numerous instrumental music recitals. Equally, parents were pleased that the event was able to be held at the school.

This has occurred following two years of careful planning and budgeting to purchase a hanging system, pin boards, display plinths and music system. We were overwhelmed by the highly positive response of parents and their comments regarding the quality of the work on display coupled with the 'great feel' on the evening.

My special thanks to our P&C, led by Ash Best, who again raised a substantial amount of money for their school by running the family friendly sausage sizzle.

Lego League

Numerous staff assisted throughout the day with the Regional Lego League event that took place at Comet Bay College on 11 November 2017. This work better positions us to engage a primary school team in the competition in 2018.

The competition is inclusive of Lego Robotics, coding and a short term problem solving presentation to address real world problems. The competition aligns strongly with the integrated learning focus that is inclusive of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Staff have been working on this body of work since 2016 when we partnered with Scitech, MAWA, STAWA and Professor Mark Hackling to prepare modules for use in schools across the State. This is a major focus for our school in 2018.

Graduation and Book Awards

Our ceremony is scheduled at 9am on 12 December in the undercover area to celebrate the many student successes and farewell our year 6 students.

EFFECTIVE STAFF AND GOOD SCHOOL

One teacher has recently gained Senior Teacher status with a second well underway with the process. Senior Teacher Status recognises exemplary teachers within our system.

I congratulate all staff for their superb work in classrooms and with the implementation of curriculum and social/emotional programs across year levels. My thanks also for the generous time and work put in to develop school specific resources to match the learning needs of students.

There will be numerous incoming staff in 2018. They include:

Shakira Thomas	Lauren Alborough
Sarah Bradley	Nicole Mitchel
Kelly Reid	Teacher 1.0 FTE - TBC
Corrina Ritchie (level 3 EA)	Narree Haggie (level 3 EA)
Ronda Hannen (0.2 FTE School Officer)	Level1/2 EA - TBC

Laura Hammond and Melina Hale have had their fixed term contracts extended by a further year.

All incoming staff commencing in 2018 will attend a full induction to align them with our school curriculum focus, culture and processes prior to our first School Development Day.

Kindy Café

Our Kindy Café on 5 December is an ideal opportunity for families enrolling students in 2018 to meet and greet key staff and external agency staff that play an important role in our school.

Business Plan

The content of the draft Business Plan for 2018 – 2020 was sent electronically to the members of School Board for discussion at this meeting. Full staff consultation has occurred over time in bringing the plan to this stage of development.

The Business Plan still needs to be reframed and set with new pictures before publication.

Celebrating Volunteers

A morning tea is to be held on Tuesday 28 November to celebrate the many volunteers that make our school a great place to be through their support of our kids, programs and resources.

I look forward to welcoming everyone and thanking them on behalf of our staff and community.

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