



## Principal's Report

## P and C Meeting

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February

- Welcome back to a new school year. A special welcome to our new families. We hope your partnership with the school is a happy and productive one.
- **Staffing Update-** Due to extenuating family circumstances Mrs Fowler who was appointed to the school last Monday has been unable to take up the position on year 2 Blue. I am pleased to announce though that I have been able to work with staffing to have Mrs Robinson who taught at Currans Hill last year appointed as a permanent teacher to the school. She will commence her position this Thursday.
- **Current enrolment-** numbers have been submitted to staffing for 2019. At present we have 586 students enrolled with 22 mainstream and 3 support classes which is similar to past years.
- **Aboriginal Education Officer** -In other staffing news I am pleased to announce the employment of Lynette Hartley as our new Aboriginal Education Officer 4 days per week for 2019. Mrs Hartley in consultation with Mrs Harrington who will be overseeing Aboriginal Education at the school, will support our 49 Indigenous students in the classroom with literacy and numeracy acquisition. A Yarning Circle and dinner has been organised for our Aboriginal families on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3pm. Our regional Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Lesley Marks and Student Learning and Wellbeing Officer Jayson Neill will also attend.
- **Student Well-Being Officer** – Emerald Hyachi will return to Currans Hill this year. She will work Wednesdays and has already touched base with several families offering support, counselling students and has set up some small social activities including a year 6 girl's scrapbooking group. Emerald is working closely with our Community Liaison Officer Heather Brauer to establish a breakfast club and also form strong partnerships with families. We have also secured the services of Eat Up; a free Lunch Support Program. Eat Up Australia, is a not for profit organisation providing **free** lunches to schools to help support students who would otherwise go without. They deliver cheese/ Vegemite sandwiches fresh every 3 weeks, to be stored in the staffroom freezer so they can be toasted or defrosted as required. As per our discussions last year are the P & C still have to contribute \$7000 towards the cost of our Wellbeing Officer each year??
- **Instructional Leaders-** This year Mrs Hogg and Mr Weir will undertake an RFF role and also support teachers with Literacy and Numeracy development respectively. At the end of last year the Department launched the New Literacy and Numeracy Learning progressions which staff have begun training in. The progressions will be used by staff to plan learning sequences and adjustments for students in the classroom in line with the English and Mathematics Syllabi.
- **Capital Works-** Stage 1 of our capital works was completed in the holidays including a new sun shade for the sandpit, repainting of the games in the quad and the upgrade of the photocopying room. Stage 2 will commence shortly and include the painting of the remainder of the playground games, new printed playground markings in the COLA, extended seating on the grass area, a stage and concrete animals for imaginative play and other play areas including digging areas, cars and covered seating.

- **PBL Update-** Students are responding well to explicit teaching of expected behaviours. New signage will be erected soon and teachers continue to work with regional staff to ensure consistent delivery of the program across the school.
- **Kindergarten** -we currently have 93 students enrolled. A welcome BBQ and information session has been scheduled for next Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> February. The BBQ will be available for all kinder and new families to the school from 4-5pm followed by the kindergarten information session from 5-6pm. Meet the teacher interviews will also be conducted on the same night for students in years 1-6. Parents are asked to book a time on the online booking system. **Can the P & C help out with the BBQ??**
- **Welcome pack** – all new students to the school have received a welcome pack which includes a school information booklet, ways to help at home book and a flier promoting local services/ sporting/ activity groups that they want to access. Thank you Heather.
- **Stage 3 Camp** – This year our stage 3 students are being offered the opportunity to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May. As the cost can differ considerably depending on the number of students attending an expression of intent has been sent home today to all Stage 3 students so that cost can be confirmed ( \$310- \$350). As per the school scope and sequence Stage 3 students attend an excursion to Canberra in the alternate year.
- **School Photos-** The School Photographer has been booked for 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- **The Music Bus-** Has started again and will be one site each Friday.
- **Newsletter-** as discussed last year we would like to publish the school newsletter fortnightly. Next week we will include the assembly roster and a number of calendar events.
- **Sport** – The sport committee have asked whether the P & C would like to run a canteen at PSSA Gala days at Jack Nash and also at the Athletics carnival at Onslow???
- **CAPA** – This year CHPS will participate once again in Wakakirri; a story / dance production in August. This is a huge undertaking and will involve substantial staff and student commitment to rehearsals, making props
- **School Community Charter** – The Department of Education has put out a School Community Charter which outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive. **See attached**
- **Innovation at CHPS** – We have just purchased 13 new IWB and spheros; thanks in part to the generosity of the P & C. We are planning to convert the computer lab into an innovation hub that will house the green screen technology, sphero mazes, we2 lego and beebots etc. We aim to have new IWB in every class by 2020. Thank you to the tech team for setting up the workshop tonight.

**Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another great year.**  
**Sandra Wilson**