From the Principal

In the last newsletter I wrote about our site priorities for 2016 being Literacy and Numeracy as well as Positive Education. I have been really impressed with the number of students using the language of character strengths and mindsets, as well as their participation in Mindfulness exercises. Staff have also had to embrace the new language in the classroom and yard. When I have children visiting me in the office or I am in classrooms, I have been able to use the language without students being confused. This whole school approach will eventually improve student wellbeing and provide consistency as students move through the year levels. Another priority of mine this year is to spend more time discussing school priorities with students and getting their feedback, rather than relying only on the SAT. This means that every three weeks I will invite a student from each of the Yr 1-7 classes to join me for morning tea as a way of chatting casually about what is happening in our school, making sure that the information I receive from students is genuinely heard and responded to as part of our improvement cycle. The first morning tea was held in the Parent Room this morning.

I have had to speak to a number of upper primary girls in respect to wearing appropriate length shorts to school. The uniform policy clearly states that shorts need to be mid-thigh in length. Some parents have spoken of their frustration in trying to find mid-thigh shorts in the shops which, as a parent, I can appreciate, but the uniform shop does sell plain black mid-thigh shorts for a reasonable price ($10). Blue denim shorts are not allowed and nor are shorts with leggings underneath. The Governing Council will review the policy after the AGM, seeking parent feedback in the process. If students continue to disregard the uniform policy and do not have a note from parents, consequences will be applied.

The Corellas are still here and continue to cause lots of damage at the school. The amount of leaf litter and poo across the school is very hard to control. Our groundsman is regularly cleaning play equipment; however the mess is back within hours. The Corellas will disappear once the food source runs out.

I met with Allan Green, our groundsman this morning as well as three parents (thank you Amanda, Sheree and Chantel) who are keen to help clean up/revitalise our school grounds. It is a big job given the size of our school site so we are going to start with a Working Bee on Sunday 3rd April 10-2pm, with a sausage sizzle from 1pm. If you are able to support this event please come along. Bring the kids, water, a hat and sunscreen. BYO rakes, shovels, gardening gloves etc. We have a number of areas around the school to work on so we are hoping to get good attendance and assign areas to different families. It will be a nice way to catch up with families beyond the formalities of school hours. If you are able to attend, please fill out the slip below. Hope to see you there.

Acquaintance Night was well attended. I hope families found this a useful way to meet teachers and learn about classroom organisation, routines etc. The School Passport was again completed by many students and their parents. The winner of the $50 voucher is Liam Denby.

A reminder, the Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.15 pm in the staffroom. We really encourage interested parents/caregivers to nominate. Please fill out the return slip below to the Front Office.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.  Henry Ford

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
Two Wells Uniform Shop

Unfortunately, due to a delay with our supplier, the zip neck jumpers will now arrive in early March. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
The uniform shop is open to families on Monday and Friday mornings from 8:45 – 9:15 am and Wednesday afternoon from 2:45 – 3:15 pm only during term time.

Working Bee

I/We will be attending the Working Bee at the school on Sunday 3rd April.

Family Name: ________________________________________________________
Number of family members attending: ________________________________

AGM Nomination Slip

If you are interested in being a part of the Governing Council please use this tear off slip and hand it back to the front office as soon as possible.

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Contact Details: _________________________________________________________
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Urgent – Emergency Contact Information

Student\s:

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Please indicate with a tick in the boxes provided:

□ I have downloaded the Skoolbag app
□ My phone is not a smartphone so I need a text message.
I understand that the message may be delayed due to phone congestion or circumstances beyond the school’s control. The designated mobile number is:

Thank you
School Grant from KESAB

Recently the school was given a grant from KESAB to go towards our recycling bins. These new bins are bright blue, so they are easy for the children to see in the yard. It will be great to see our school community use these to recycle drink containers. The money from the bottles will go towards the school’s vegetable garden.