

Term 3 Staffing

2 x new teachers - Sophie Baldwin (Miss Douglas to Onslow)
Hannah Beltrama (now working full-time in Music-Rishma)
Abbie Kalphos nee Sutherland (Mrs Hiini back to NZ)

Mr Pettit still acting Principal at another school. Mr Yost still acting Deputy. Position has been advertised.

We have been conducting teacher interviews this week for 2022.

Buildings and Grounds:

- New directional signage
- We are having an entrance statement sign designed for the front of the school. A low brick wall will also contain the front garden bed.
- Pirate ship soon to be removed. Still 'up in the air' about new play equipment because of the B Hive.
- Volleyball net purchased and receiving plenty of use. Thoughts around a 'beach volleyball' area but looking at location/space
- We continue to advocate and press for new (5th) teaching block. The School Board has been active in this area too.
- It still seems likely that we will all be on the one site next year and the BHive will be de-commissioned.

Student Census Sem 2/Projected Enrolments 2022

Friday, 6th August is the second semester census. Our numbers will be at 1241. We had about 20 new enrolments this term but we had about 20 leave at the end of term, so reasonably stable. Our projected enrolments for 2022 are around 1150.

School Development Day

Our School Development Day on September 3rd will focus on: NAPLAN analysis, National Quality Standard for Early Years verification, and the School Review.

Public School Review

The school will undergo its second external review in Term 3, week 8. Tuesday, 7th September. We are busy preparing for this. The P&C will be included in this process tonight but also on the day. We will look at how our P&C works with the school to engage the local community and what evidence we have to support this. We will also look at future recommendations. This needs to be written up for the review. Volunteer to work with me on this? A representative group of 4-6 will be asked to speak with the reviewers on the day of the review. Can you please decide who these people will be?

WA Education Awards

This year I have taken the opportunity to nominate the school and some staff members for the WA Education Awards. Obviously in a school with so many wonderful people I could have nominated more. People nominated included:

Harrisdale Primary – WA Primary School of the Year
Nikki Lyons – WA Deputy Principal of the Year
Megan Klompmaker – WA School Services Staff Member of the Year
Vanessa Plewright – WA School Services Staff Member of the Year (nominated by Megan K)
Rebecca Maloney – WA Primary Teacher of the Year
Jessica Retta – WA Beginning Teacher of the Year

Miss Dodds put in a nomination for the Governor's STEM (STEM/Inquiry) Awards for the school also.

Teaching and Learning

Week 1 of term was NAIDOC Week. We had a visiting Aboriginal artist (Debra Bonar) that worked with the students to tell stories and create a whole school art piece. Her work is in the Cockburn Community Library. It will be a bit different to what you usually see of Aboriginal art. Very colourful, and we can't wait to see and display the end result.

Preliminary NAPLAN results came through and whilst it's nothing that can be shared right now, as a school the results seem positive. We have focused for a few years now on Literacy (punctuation & grammar, reading, writing, and spelling) and we will look to focus on Numeracy in 2022 to improve teaching and learning in this area.

Inquiry learning is still being implemented in classes. We're seeing great enthusiasm and interest in student's learning when presented with real and authentic world problems. It's still early in its implementation so no data to prove its effectiveness and impact on student outcomes yet. Quite a few excursions happening in the school as a result as they connect their learning to the real world.

Events

Upcoming events include:

- Book Week Dress up: Thursday, 5th August
- Basketball tournament: Thursday 5th, August
- School Development Day: Friday, 3rd September (prior to review, NAPLAN analysis)
- School Review: Tuesday, 7th September