

Principal's Report, P&F meeting April 26, 2016.

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has returned well and fresh, ready to embrace everything that the term has to offer including our ANZAC ceremony, Assemblies, Masses, NAPLAN, Swimming and Winter Sports Carnivals, Dance programme, Buddy Afternoon, the Sacrament of Confirmation. The calendar is up and accurate – at the moment! Changes can and do happen. They will be published as soon as we know of them.

First term was a really good one. From a smooth start, with Board and P&F keenly stepping in to support the way forward for the school. Working with effective and supportive people makes the energy in a school be the right kind of energy

Term two, like first term, is an important teaching and learning term. There is a real emphasis on the teaching and learning across all subject areas. Uninterrupted, calm, class time is a prerequisite to make this work, and to that end I ask for children well, rested, well fed and watered and well loved, punctual to school. As preconditions for learning, these are of central importance to children getting the best out of their day.

Monday of next week is a student free professional development day for staff. This seems like an odd choice of day, but there is a good reason for doing so. Peter Mitchell, creator of the 'Making Jesus Real' programme is in Perth that week from Tasmania. He has made Monday available to us, and we are joining with two other schools to spend a day in his company, learning about the programme. At its core it is about being a Christ like presence to one another – adult to adult, adult to child, child to child. When embraced as a community, the impact can be quite profound. As a Catholic parish community school, we are well-placed indeed to reap the benefits. We look forward to this day very much indeed.

Thank you.