

Principal's Report, P&F Meeting July 25, 2017.

Welcome to term three! I trust the break treated you and your family well, and that you and yours are ready for a great term ahead.

What with P&F Events, First Communion, St Dominic's Day, Mrs Hornby attending a breakfast hosted by Catholic Education WA to celebrate those who have completed 30 years in Catholic Education, Interschool Cross Country (and many thanks to P.E. Teacher Rob Flexman and teacher assistant Julie Catherall for running the before school training session which commenced last Wednesday), The Parish School dinner this Friday (which involves the Board, P&F Executive and school Leadership Team), our school masses, assemblies and incursions and excursions, we have plenty on. In the midst of this it is important not to lose sight of our core commitment to the education and well-being of our children. The events – for lack of a better expression – are there to enhance the experience. By way of change I'd like to make the following points before they are included in this week's newsletter. There will be some change to assemblies once all children have received an Award for the year.

We are going to take advantage of the 'space' to invite our drumming groups run by Brother Stephen, our choir run by Michelle Kirwan and now supported by Mel Slattery, and the band and musicians run by Lachie Darby, to perform. We have not finalised who and when, because the groups are in various stages of readiness, but we will advertise the details once they are finalised. This is a manifestation of building the music programme throughout our school. We still intend to finish as close to 9.30 as possible.

You will notice from the calendar that concerts are arranged for the last day of term for the students. These concerts mark the conclusion of the new 'Musica Viva' programme run by Michelle Kirwan. Michelle teaches the programme for the term and then a music ensemble comes to the school to lead concerts connected to what the children have learned over the term. Parents and guardians (and extended family) are very welcome to come along. This change to the term three programme promises to be both exciting and enjoyable, and – like Edudance in term one - provides you with the opportunity to see what children have been up to. We welcome your attendance.

We do want to do things better, and we want you to see what, how and why.

Thanks to the support of the P&F, much has been undertaken already this year. In good faith the school has initiated the payment for the new 'grass' in Preprimary, as well as for the robots, including those purchased with the Science budget, and reading resources. Contemporary furniture for the Year Two classes is on the Nullarbor so we should have it soon. Music resources have been ordered. The purchase of maths resources will be the outcome following the Mathematics workshop led by renowned numeracy specialist Dr Paul Swan which is on this term, the day after the children finish.

All our endeavours are enacted in order to increase the engagement of our children in their learning. Our weekly Professional Learning Community meetings after school on Tuesdays have this as its focus for all learning areas. We are deeply committed to this journey of school improvement. And we are looking forward to a great term! Thank you.