

Principals Report, P&F meeting October 25, 2016.

Welcome to the final term!

In short, I love term four, with plenty to do, and to do it well. Children commenced today with a real sense of fun and a sense of purpose.

We welcome back Gilly Goubert and Deb Tanham who have been on long service leave, and Kathy Tanham who as you will recall been on leave with a fractured arm. We are pleased you are back on deck! We also welcome Kate O'Neil who is taking over from Michelle Kirwan who is on long service leave for all of the term.

Our activities for the term include two assemblies, a wonderful Dominican celebration mass this Thursday, the Food and Wine Fair – and the Sisters are as excited about that as they are about anything else! – the parish dinner, interschool athletics, AGM, Graduation – what a term! Through all of this it is important not to lose sight of our core business – that we provide the best education that we can to our children. This goes on right up to the end of the term and is of central importance.

The presentations to parents continue this term, with one last week for parents whose children will be entering Year One next year, and one this afternoon reporting to parents, showing them how the technology continues to be used in our classes. Both are important and staff spent quite some time preparing for them. The changes to Year One signal a change, not in Year One curriculum, but in how it is taught. The classroom setting will look very different, with the focus being on student engagement. Furniture has been ordered and the response from parents was really positive, with the question asked – what about Year Two! Kathy Tanham will present in term one of next year.

Finally thanks to Simon who arranged the floor repairman to repair and reseal the gym floor following the damage to it from a non school event in August. It looks great and we will need to remain vigilant, for it won't be done again for a long time.

Budget 2016

- 7500 to be reimbursed to the school for PP playground, as well as the other agreed commitments

2017 Wish List

- \$7500 (final payment) to be reimbursed to the school for PP playground
- Reading Resources \$4200
- Music resources \$5000
- Maths Manipulatives Resources \$2500
- 21C Classrooms \$10000 per room – partner with school? Four classes per year, \$20000 P&F, \$20000 School. This would truncate the project from six years to three.