

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

J Cope presented information relating to the following:

- Thank you to outgoing president, Clare Dunstan, - for 7 yrs commitment in various roles. Also to Sarah - great secretary to work with!
- 2017 committee's contributions ( eg: sports, band) and all volunteers (MultiLit, class parents, etc) thanked and the difference they make acknowledged.
- Welcome back to school -
  - students back to studies with Safe Living (school, traffic, sun, cyber etc) for first 2 days
  - all students expected did arrive and moved into classes on day 3 – all went like clockwork.
- Staff for 2018 all in place
  - can be a challenge and there are DoE requirements to follow in the process
  - teachers are in demand at the moment – both permanent and temporary
  - one school role is mentoring staffing from temps to perm
  - last minute changes before school term started here but positions filled now
- 465 students (similar to last year)
  - Class considerations : 20 kindies = 1 teacher vs. 30 in Years 3-6 = 1 teacher
- Superb swimming carnival. Well done to Natasha Reynolds and the P&C sports team, Jane Godfrey, Tanya Boys and Eugenie Bestic. Natasha was well supported by them and all helpers on the day. Thanks esp to Amanda Vance.
- Welfare & Well- being programs have taken place at the start of year with Stage 2 & 3 attending anti- bullying and cyber safety talks.
- Shell update - Good work in progress with Grahame Clare, project manager, finalising all tender docs with the DoE over the holiday period
  - once released, there is a 4 week tender process , then up to 4 weeks evaluation before selecting builder
  - We wanted the playground digging to coincide with holidays - no students on site , however, we will not now make that.
- There have been a number of issues over the summer break with people in the school grounds
  - schoolyards are not for public access in out of school hours
  - individuals/groups must have principal's permission to be on the grounds
  - if the principal/staff acknowledge children, they then have "duty of care" – this becomes tricky
  - when using grounds after school hours there must be respect for property and compliance if requested to leave
  - suggest children only with adult supervision
  - on-going problems will force school to follow legal guidelines around trespassing