

P&F Update
February 18th
Bev Road

1. Staffing

- We have added an extra teacher due to the increase in size of our Year 3 cohort. The budgeted amount was much lower in December, down to late 50's, about 56 or 57. Over the break more enrolments came in and we decided to go to a 3rd class. We had planned to put in a full time TA and see how many came back but the numbers kept coming. We brought Jodee Armstrong on a contract to take the 3rd Year 3 class.
- Kathryn Feeney has been put on a contract to teach a 3rd Prep class due to an increase in numbers there above 50.
- Monica Altmann has picked up a contract in the Library
- Jodi Blackwell has started as our new Head of Junior School. Welcome Jodi.
- Alisha Thompson has resigned and will be finishing up in 3 weeks, we have advertised for her replacement.

2. Community

Staff enjoyed a day of connecting with our local community by visiting various businesses and work places around the Redlands. We gifted a (cheap) bottle of wine with our label on it and took selfies for our Facebook page as well. This connection was well-met and the feedback has been very positive. Staff were a bit daunted at first but quickly got into the spirit of the day and had fun with it.

Staff also enjoyed an afternoon of Barefoot Bowls at Cleveland Bowls Club. It was a good time to re-connect after the break and welcome in new staff including our HOJS.

Drinks and Nibbles by the Bay were held during our staff week as well on the Raby Bay Foreshore with our team. All in all we have been very deliberate about making connections with our community and staff over the past few weeks.

Information Nights have been held on each campus for families already this term as well.

3. Facilities

New Fences at the entrance to the Secondary Campus

Updates to the Lighthouse

JS Equipment installed.

Secondary Equipment Marked Out, awaiting bobcat to dig holes.

Looking to assess desire of P&F to liaise on construction

Bev Roads Courts repainting

New backboards on Link Road and Bev Road ordered

Storage an issue in JS, exploring P&F shed on Link Road plus tidy up of container area.

4. Learning

Junior School

- This year has seen a change in our Junior School teacher release lessons.
- Japanese is now going all the way down to Year 2
- Specialist Music is going down to Year 4.
- A Music Immersion Program is being implemented in Year 4 with all students learning an instrument for a semester as part of the class program.
- Students from Prep to 3 have a library lesson.
- Sport is still Prep to 6
- Prep to Year 2 will do a Tech/Maker Space Lesson each week.
- Science is now being taught by class teachers with the JS Lab still in use.
- P-3 teachers will now teach music as part of the curriculum. We have procured extra resources and support to assist.
- Learning Support has changed in the JS. The shift is to 'in class' implementation on most occasions with the LS team working with class teachers to identify and program for support as needed. TA and teaching time will be much more in the classrooms. Withdrawal will be limited.

Secondary School

- Janene Rosser from ISQ lead Professional Development for our team on Making Judgements against the standards in the curriculum in our PD week. JS staff were there too.
- Mick Walsh from Learning Curve led PD with our team as well. He worked our team through the importance of making connections with students. Part of our 'Connected' theme for this year.
- PCG Planning. Following our PD sessions our Secondary Team have been re-working their PCG time. We have changed when this occurs on the Timetable until after recess and staff have been more deliberate about PCG planning, particularly using the Learning Curve Program. We are also implementing a program named UBUNTU which is a sort of Rite Of Passage program for use with our Year 9 kids leading into the Binga Experience.
- Lighthouse changes. This facility has continued to be developed. The new teacher is already unearthing some better ways to operate the joint which includes liaising with teaching staff more fully around resourcing learning. A Quiet work area has been implemented in there now as well.
- Changes to Elective Offerings. New structures around secondary electives are kicking in this semester with many new subject offerings.
- Start of new ATAR system. Our first kids roll into this new system starting this term. All seems to be ticking along. Senior staff are delivering both ATAR and old OP courses this year so they are a bit stressed.