1 April 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT FOR P&C MEETING

School FTE:
2013 FTE: 5.0
2014 FTE: 4.33

Currently have a job advertised for 0.6FTE (3 days). It is currently in process and an announcement regarding staffing of the position will be made as soon as possible.

The process undertaken by the Principal will ensure the best candidate for the position and their ability to meet school needs (eg. Literacy and numeracy) take priority within the process.

2014 Classroom Structures:
Kindy/Pre-primary: 10 students
Year 1/2/3: 21 students
Year 4/5/6/7: 24 students

Within classroom structures students are tested for placement into our SRA Spelling and Junior and Elementary Mathematics programs. This may mean some students are moved into another class group for short amounts of time during these sessions.

On Tuesdays, due to staffing level changes after week 4 of Term 1, Pre-primary and Year 1/2/3 work together for the day with a teacher and an EA.

EA mainstream time in the school for 2014 has been reduced to 0.69FTE. We are currently overstaffed. One EA has decided to reduce days which brings us back into line. As of 1 April we have an EA mainstream available for classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Priority Areas:
Literacy: Comprehension and Writing
Numeracy: Number

Shade Sail:
Earlier this year the shade sail ripped. We have received a quote of $6000 to fix it. We currently have an active funding application being reviewed which might address the issue. This will not be reviewed until next term.
**ERG Report:**
Executive Summary is available online via the Departments Schools Online site. The full ERG Report can be viewed by making a 1 hour appointment via the front office.

**Athletics Carnivals:**
Age groupings for events will change in all interschool events. They will be:
- Years 3/4
- Years 5/6
- Year 7/8
- Years 9/10

Primary School winter carnival will be for Years 4/5/6. Secondary winter carnival will be for Years 7-10.

Tammin and Meckering will join in with Cunderdin DHS.

**Parent Meeting and Communication:**
Teachers will be offering all parents an opportunity for a parent/teacher meeting this term. Please check your child’s diary.

At a recent School Council meeting it was discussed that teachers should be using the students’ diary as the major form of communication between home and school. So we are trialing this for a term. Parents should expect communications via the diary from school for all academic and behavioral concerns, both positive and negative. However this does not mean that teachers will be writing in diaries every day – it is only when necessary.

**Kids Matter Plan:**
An EOI has been published calling for interested parents/community members to join our Committee.

**Upcoming Assembly format:**
This assembly will focus on Kids Matter and the learning that has taken place across our school. It will be formatted in a Learning Journey style. That is, it will be a purposeful and driven presentation detailing the lesson objective, student learning activities, outcomes of the lesson and where to next? Show casing literacy, health, cooperative learning tactics and strategies, higher order thinking, presentation skills and leadership skills.

Regards,

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