

School Board
Principal's Report February 24, 2016

Enrolments: 1103

Welcome to 2016

The new school year has commenced very smoothly with 1103 students accommodated in 41 classrooms that are all ready and in use on Day 1. Twelve new teaching staff commenced this year.

As the numbers suggest, we are under pressure to accommodate such a large amount of students and so we have had to make some modifications:

- Our second Art class is now the LC 4 Wet Area
- Our second Music Class is now the LC 1 Wet Area.
- Pre-primaries no longer attend Junior assemblies
- The bulk of our small group instruction and Speech Pathology takes place in LC 2 Wet Area.
- Office areas in the Admin Block are now overflowing and occupied by multiple users.

In meetings with Dept of Ed staff I have explained the pressures this brings and I am currently negotiating modifications and additions with their financial support. This will include the installation of rubberized soft fall and shade sails in the Year 1-2 play area outside Rooms 30 and 31.

Lyon Rd Carpark Upgrade

This will take place in April/May and the carpark will be closed for up to 6/7 weeks.

It will become a one-way kiss'n'drop with a one-way exit, southward, onto Lyon Rd.

I have met with the Chief Engineer of the City of Cockburn to go over the plans and to negotiate an alternative arrangement for parents to park during this period. I am hoping this will be the school oval, on the Community Centre side.

In the meantime, his staff carried out a speed and frequency count on the Lyon Rd carpark area and have agreed to the following as a result:

- Installation of parking signs to prevent people parking on the Lyon Rd residents' verge and thus causing a safety risk for children crossing the road from between the parked cars.
- Temporary electronic signs to alert drivers to slow down.
- Centre line markings on the entire length of Lyon Rd

Parent/Teacher Interviews.

These will take place commencing on Tuesday March 8 and will provide parents with the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher for up to 15 minutes to discuss their progress and achievement so far this year.

In line with Department policy, a school can close for half a day for this purpose to enable all the interviews to take place within a reasonable time frame.

Consequently, we will close at 11:45 on Wednesday March 9.

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