



27th January, 2017

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## From the Principal

Welcome back to school for 2017. It has been a wonderful (albeit hot!) start to the school year. I would like to particularly welcome our new families. Our school has continued to grow, with 82 new students commencing already this year, 56 of these are Prep students. We predicted 331 students, and currently have 337 students enrolled. This means that we have started with 14 classes:

Prep L – Liz Lawler

Prep F- Kerrie Farrell

Prep O – Judith O’Sullivan

1 AB – Ree Bergin and Narelle Annett

1 M – Taryn Maurel

1/2 A – Deb Altschwager

2 WG – Megan Wildermuth and Jane Gaskell

3 J – Jamie Jones

3/4 P – Judith Power

4 D – Ann Dingle

4/5 M – Andrea McArdle

5 A – John Alsop

6 BC – Karen Bodger and Deborah Cairns

6 G – Daniel Gracey

You would have noticed that Judith O’Sullivan and Narelle Annett are new to our teaching staff, and we have some other new faces amongst our staff as well. We welcome Annette de Vries who was successful in her appointment as our Business Services Manager; Karina Talbott has joined us as a teacher of The Arts (Visual

Arts in Term 1, and then Dance, Drama and Media throughout the year); Carmen Ward as support staff.

While this is the first week back for students, our teachers were back at work last week participating in professional development. While most professional development was focused on our school priorities of Reading, Feedback and consistency of curriculum delivery, which includes the reinvigoration of Philosophy in the school, we also participated in sessions on Inclusion, Positive Behaviour for Learning and Student Protection.

One of the best received sessions, though, was on the Third Space. Many staff could see applications for both their personal and professional lives. Dr Adam Fraser, in his Third Space, says that champions manage 'the gaps' and use these gaps to relax and recover. One of the most important things to ask yourself and reflect on is, 'How will I show up when I walk through the door?'. There are 3 main components to manage in these 'gaps': Reflect (How do I interpret what just happened to me?) , Rest (How can I be still and present?) and Reset (How will I show up?). I would highly recommend looking at his website and his videos on the Third Space: <http://www.thethirdspace.com.au/>

## **Swimming**

As our school has continued to grow over the past years, we have needed to look at more sustainable models of offering Learn to Swim from this year. We have opted to trial outsourcing these lessons to the University of Queensland, using their qualified swimming coaches. Using our previous models, we were no longer able to provide lessons to all classes, and in the case of a sick or absent coach, the school was required to source a replacement ourselves. This has proved to be very difficult in the past, but our new model will ensure consistency in lesson delivery. In consultation with Region and our PE specialist, Mrs Jenny Collins, we have decided to target the lower years. This year, we will offer lessons to Years 1, 2 and 3 in Term 1, and Years 1, 2 and 4 in Term 4. The final details, including cost,

are still being determined, but notes will go home to these families in the next couple of days.

### **Parent Information Night**

Our Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Classroom Teachers will run two identical sessions to allow parents with more than one child to attend multiple sessions. Session 1 will run from 5.30 – 6 pm and Session 2 will run from 6.15 – 6.45 pm. Both sessions will be in classrooms and will provide you with an overview of curriculum, expectations, PBL and general classroom organisation. Class Teachers are also preparing their first Class Newsletter which will provide similar information in a written format. Parent Teacher interviews will be offered slightly earlier this year, in Weeks 5 and 6. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with your child's 2017 teacher and discuss any more personal issues or concerns privately.

### **Parade**

Our weekly Parade will continue on Monday mornings from 9 am, starting in Week 2. All parents are welcome to attend. This year, we are planning to include regular class items fortnightly. A schedule will be published in the near future so that parents can plan around their child's item.

Our newsletters will be prepared fortnightly in Semester 1 and will also include regular information from classes.

Nicole Goodwin

**Principal**

**Uniform Shop News**  
**Uniform Shop Opening Hours -**

**School Information**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday 8.15 - 9am**

**Thursday 2.45 - 3.30pm**

Uniforms can be ordered online via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Please note that online order prices will increase by 3% as of 2017 to cover the cost of the online service provider.

## Community News

### **ACTivate Children's Club (after school club)**

*Come and get healthy and active, meet new friends and develop a new skill each week. Using balls, hoops, parachutes, tunnels, jumping sacks, puppets, storybooks, costumes and music, participants will explore all the different ways their growing bodies can move. These sessions will ACTivate the children and their caregivers and have a focus on creativity and fun in a safe, relaxed*

### Hours

First Bell: 8:45am

Dismissed: 3:00pm

Pick-up zone unsupervised from 3:15pm

### Contact

Student Absences: 3010 8360

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### Web

[duttonparkss.eq.edu.au](http://duttonparkss.eq.edu.au)

### Parents & Citizens Association

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

All parents and caregivers invited to attend. Please email:

[pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au)

### Before & After School Care

Morning: 6:30am - 9:00am

Afternoon: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Telephone: 3844 4474

Email: [adp@ymca.org.au](mailto:adp@ymca.org.au)

Web: [www.ymca.org.au](http://www.ymca.org.au)

## Date Claimers

30th January - Parade - 9am

9th March - Parent Information Night

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*and energetic environment.*

Please note that this workshop is FREE.

There will be two sessions running simultaneously at the workshops – one for children from three to four years of age, and one for children from five to 10 years of age. Children register just once for the full eight week program.

**Every Friday from 10 February 2017**

**3.45pm to 4.45pm**

**Orleigh Park, West End**

**Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting [www.bazilgrumble.com.au](http://www.bazilgrumble.com.au)**

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