

WELCOME TO HEANY PARK PS 2016 -From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to all our students and families, also a big special welcome to our Foundation students of 2016.

We have been hearing about your wonderful holidays filled with family time, fun and adventure. We hope our students are rejuvenated and ready for learning.



We thank parents for being positive about grade placements and supporting your child/children to embrace the opportunities a new school year brings with confidence and enthusiasm.

Welcome to our new staff for 2016

Welcome to Mr Sam Menzies who is our new Performing Arts Teacher.

Welcome also to staff who are returning from leave:-

Ms Kylie Smith – Year 2

Ms Debbie Beimers – Year 1

Ms Deniz D'Atri – Year 5

Ms Prue Cunningham – PE Year 1 to 5

A big thank you to all the staff who have been at school on many days of the holidays preparing for the exciting school year ahead.



Communication - Newsletters:

This year we have four areas in the school : –

- Foundation (Prep)
- Juniors (Year 1 and 2)
- Middles (Year 3 and 4)
- Seniors (Year 5 and 6)

There will be an Information booklet published from each team and also the specialist team sent out next Thursday with an overview to the term. This will also have a yearly calendar of the 'Programme of Inquiry' for your child. It will also include an overview of the expected events for the year that we are aware of at this time to help you plan as a family your commitments and enable you to support your child in their education.

From 11 Feb you will receive a whole school newsletter fortnightly alternated with a newsletter about student learning from your child's level.

Getting to Know You Interviews

You are invited to book a time with your new classroom teacher to share anything you feel is important that they should know and also to just get to know each other a little. The dates for this are 9 & 11 Feb.

You may also meet with specialist teachers on 9 Feb (4-5:30pm if you wish). A letter will be sent home and an electronic copy will be sent via tiqbiz tomorrow advising you of the online booking system process.

Please know that if you ever have any questions or concern you can make an appointment with the relevant staff member at any time.

School Council

The process for electing new members for School Council will commence on 8 Feb. Look out for further communication on this.

Homework:

Please see the Heany Park PS Homework Policy that is attached with this Principal's Newsletter for guidelines and expectations.

Assembly:

We will be having whole school assemblies on Mondays at 2:30pm beginning on 1 Feb.

Contact Parents:

Two A4 pages relating to our Contact Parent system has been sent home today. One page is to complete if you wish to be a Contact Parent. The other page is to complete if you give permission for your contact details to be given to the Contact Rep for your child's class. More details are on the forms.

International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Program

Heany Park Primary School is very proud to have been successful in being granted candidate status for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme from March 2016 and will now be pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org

We would like to share with you the philosophy and aims of the programme.

The Mission Statement of the IB:

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Learner Profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet help to create a better and more peaceful world. You may then ask what qualities does an internationally minded person have? The IB believes they are the attributes described in the Learner profile:

LEARNER PROFILE					
Balanced	Caring	Risk takers	Reflective	Thinkers	Inquirers
Principled		Open-minded	Knowledgeable	Communicators	
ATTITUDES displayed when demonstrating the learner profile					
Appreciation		Commitment	Confidence	Cooperation	
Creativity		Curiosity	Empathy	Enthusiasm	
Independence		Integrity	Respect	Tolerance	

At Heany Park PS we employ our school values of respect, integrity, acceptance and lifelong learning. We build resilience – by getting along, organisation, persistence and confidence

Students and staff will be looking at the similarities and differences between our core school values and those of the IB. We will be striving to develop these qualities in our students and school community.

We will be introducing more elements of the IB PYP to you over time. Kym Ryan who is our PYP coordinator will be communicating with you further on this.

BUILDING, FACILITIES & GROUNDS



We would like to thank the Woodward family for cleaning up the school grounds last week. We have had a significant amount of work done over the holidays. If you passed by you would have seen the busy car park!

All eaves have been replaced and painted. The music room has been underpinned and the external walls repointed and internal walls painted. New carpet has been laid in the main building, this was a mammoth task and I thank all our wonderful staff for support in this, especially our

cleaners, our library technician -Michelle Mitchell and our office staff. The main office area, foyer and staff room have been painted and look refreshed. Come in and take a look.

We still have a lot of painting to do with little money left so if anybody in our parent community is interested in taking on any painting work please let us know. Any offer will be greatly appreciated.

Chinese Mandarin Language Learning – extracurricular:

We are hoping to offer Chinese Mandarin Language and cultural lessons after school. If you are interested or would like more information contact:

Ms Anny Wang (Program Coordinator)

9888 1688 (10am – 2pm, Mon-Fri)

Please see flyer and Information Booklet attached for more details. These lessons will be about \$10 each week.

Camp Dates for 2016

Year 6 Camp – 15 – 18 March 2016

Year 5 Camp - 8-10 June 2016

Year 4 Camp – 12 – 14 July 2016

Year 3 Camp - 7-9 December 2016



If you have any questions or concerns please always know that I am available to speak with you. Do not hesitate to contact me by phone or make an appointment via the office.

Kind regards
Janet Evison
Principal