Staff News

- Toni Waight has injured her foot and is now on leave until at least 19 November. Thanks to Kylie Armstrong for her work in the office. As of Monday, Larraine Mitchell will be in the office as SAM.
- Penny Mounser will be returning from leave next week. Thank you to Emma Keith who has covered Penny and to Bridget Bruce who has filled in for Emma.
- Matt Baker on paternity leave for 3-4 weeks. TBC
- Kristin Hadley-Helluer on maternity leave as of Monday
- Roger Knox will be retiring at the end of the year. He is being replaced through the Department’s transfer procedures. Our new teacher will be Kellie Bevan. She is coming in to meet the staff on Tuesday.
- Nadine Tagaroulias has been successful at interview and will be moving to Kahibah PS next year as an AP. Very exciting for her! She is being replaced through school choice. This means we are going to advertise. We need a parent representative to be on the panel. The process will be completed before the end of the year.
- Teachers who completed their training post 2004 need to complete an accreditation process. Since the last P&C meeting Kristin Hadley-Helleur and Emma Keith have completed the process. A wonderful accomplishment!
- Kindergarten teachers for 2016 are Rozi Marsh, Frosi Zervos, Amanda McNulty, Jacqui Critchley and Emily Allars (job share)
- After meeting with the Communication Group we have decided to create a position for a community person to work one day a week until the end of 2016. This person will do things such as promote the school, seek sponsors, organise the community garden project, organise morning teas for special events, update the website etc. We are working on the ad for the job and are seeking a parent to be involved on the panel. The job will be advertised within the community first.

Student News

- Staff have analysed the NAPLAN results for 2015. To assist those students who performed in the bottom two bands in numeracy, Zena Sutcliffe is withdrawing students for additional support.
- We have invited the Assistant Principal Learning and Support, Michael Frost, to make observations of identified students in order to develop strategies to support their behavioural needs. His support is assisting the classroom teacher in meeting the
needs of students and also assisting the students in developing self-monitoring behaviours.

- Kinder 2016 students have almost completed their transition to school sessions. They have been very settled and excited about getting ready for school. Students have met their buddies this week. Does the P&C have a member who can address the parents on the 10th November?
- Our band performed in the top category of Band Fest last week and were commended for their effort. Thank you Alison Loredo and our band master, Grahame Lamond.
- The senior choir will be performing at the Sydney Opera House next week. Thank you to Nadine Purdy and Lynda Dolbel.

School News

- Our new path is open, and is being well utilised! Thank you to the GAs for constructing it: Rob, Kim and Bob.
- We have purchased four Commboxes at $8000 each. They have been delivered and we are awaiting installation. The jogathon raised $10000, can we please access the $4000 raised by the Spring Ball, and the school is paying the remainder.
- We have started to organise for the Presentation Days at the end of the year. Last year the P&C paid for the State and Hunter reps to receive a prize from Rebel Sport. Are the P&C able to do the same this year? We will be advertising in the newsletter, and sending letters to businesses, asking for donations to fund the purchase of gift vouchers.
- Staff have started to plan the construction of an Aboriginal bush tucker garden to be planted at the entrance to the office. Nadine Purdy and Tess McCallister will be attending the AECG meeting tomorrow to discuss this.
- Staff will be undertaking the process of evaluating this year’s school plan and developing next year’s milestones over the course of the term. Do the P&C have any members who would be interested in participating in this process?

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