

Principal's Report to P&C



14 February 2017

Start of Year: The school year has started very smoothly with students settling well into their new classes.

New Staff: Ms Shannon Kekula has replaced Mr Moon as our PE teacher for 2017. Shannon is on teacher exchange and comes from Saskatoon in Canada. Mrs Jenny Wheeler has also joined our team and is working as a support teacher in the early years (K-2).

Communicating Concerns or Problems: I often have parents contacting me as the first option when they have a problem or concern with what is happening in a classroom. The correct process is for parents to go to the classroom teacher first as this is the person who can best address the issue. If they are still concerned than contact with a member of Admin is appropriate.

Focus on Bullying: In response to feedback from parent and student surveys conducted in 2016 the school is focussing on Bullying in 2017. Students will be provided with opportunities to learn about what bullying is and what it isn't. They will learn to recognise the kinds of bullying that takes place and practical ways to address bullying when it occurs. On 17 March we will be participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying. On this day students in PP to Year 6 will participate in the Making Friends incursion http://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/2017/shows/primary/making_friends.php

Hats: As part of the school's accreditation as a SunSmart School we have phased out school caps and replaced them with broad-brimmed hats. All new students (including Kindy) have been provided with a free hat. An additional 22 hats were provided to students who were still using a cap or did not have a hat. Staff will also be provided with a hat.

Parent Open Nights:

	Attendance
2016	60%
2017	58%

Staff opted to hold sessions across more days this year so as to reduce the chance of overlap.

CONNECT Community: The Department of Education has provided us with this exciting new tool which we can use to communicate with parents. With this tool we will be able to share information, create discussions and make important documents available to you. You can access the information from a computer or through the Connect Now app available on your mobile device. We can also provide you with the most up to date calendar of school events.

School Board Nominations: Parents are invited to nominate for a vacant position on the School Board. A nomination form was sent with the last newsletter. Nominations close on Feb 24.

Fundraising Plan: Attached to this report is a Draft Fundraising Plan for input by the P&C.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Stephen Bevan
Principal
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Our Vision
"Madeley Primary School will nurture and promote life-long learners within a positive school community where respect is valued and independence and excellence are expected."

Upcoming Events

Please note that these events may change or be added to.

Week 3	13	14	15 P&C meetings	16	17
Week 4	20 Mini-assembly	21	22	23	24 Assembly – DLA4 Newsletter
Week 5	27	28	1 March	2	3 PITW Games – TBC?
Week 6	6 Labour Day	7 School Development Day	8	9	10 Student Leaders Conference Newsletter
Week 7	13 Ashdale Cluster Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Making Friends Incursion T20 Blast – Interschool cricket
Week 8	20 Mini-assembly	21 Harmony Day	22	23 Harmony Day	24 Assembly – DLA2,3 and GLA 1 Newsletter
Week 9	27	28	29 School Board & P&C meetings	30	31 Easter on the Green