

# Parents and Citizens Association

Principal's Report, Dr Greg Nelson

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<p><b>Enrolments &amp; staffing</b></p>	<p>On Day 8 for this year our enrolments were 586 students. This entitled our school to 24 classroom teachers. We welcome Toni Brown as part of the Year 2 teaching team. Also, this week Ms Samios accepted a position at the Dream Factory drawing on her expertise in IT. Replacing Ms Samios is Ms Leah Blundell in Year 1.</p> <p>We have extended the Master Teacher role to 4 days each week with a focus on improving student writing initially in Years 3, 4 &amp; 5. The Department funds this position 2 days each week and we have used I4S funding to purchase the additional 2 days. We also successfully filled the Head of Curriculum role with the appointment of Ms Sophia Ramsay who previously worked part time at Regional Office and part time as a STLaN at Chatswood Hills. I am very pleased to have been able to bring together such a strong Executive Leadership Team for the year ahead.</p> <p>Ms Trishelle Tesky-McCarthy is now employed full time (from 4 days/week in 2015) to support students with disabilities. The HPE role will be shared by David Bartlett and John Svanosio. Both will bring significant strengths to this role.</p> <p>New office staff include Sue Johnston and Maxine Legge.</p>
<p><b>P&amp;C Funding for school priorities</b></p>	<p><b>Priorities are important support both for student learning and well-being</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Laptops for Year 5</li> <li>• Handwashing facilities near all eating areas</li> <li>• Relationships education for Year 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>• 30 iPads for Year 3</li> <li>• Resources for classrooms (focus on literacy)</li> <li>• Supporting bookweek celebrations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Excursion approvals</b></p>	<p><b>Excursion and camp proposals for 2016</b> Each year at this time we ask for P&amp;C to endorse the list of proposed excursions and camps for 2016 (please see attached).</p>
<p><b>2016 Whole School Review</b></p>	<p><b>In 2016 our school will undergo a Whole School Review.</b> Sherwood State School has been identified by DET as a high performing school and for this reason was selected to undertake a self-determined review. This is different to the great majority of schools. In consultation with the Strategic leadership Team, I have made the decision to work with the School Improvement Unit to use the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) to review our school performance. Areas included in this review using the NSIT will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An explicit improvement agenda</li> <li>• Analysis and discussion of data</li> <li>• A culture that promotes learning</li> <li>• Targeted use of school resources</li> <li>• An expert teaching team</li> <li>• Systematic curriculum delivery</li> <li>• Differentiated teaching and learning</li> <li>• Effective pedagogical processes</li> <li>• School-community partnerships</li> </ul> <p>The review will be undertaken by a team of 3 including one external reviewer and a Principal of a school as well as a Lead Reviewer trained by the Department. The process includes interviews with teachers, support staff, students, parents, members of the local community and principals for other neighbouring schools. The review will inform the development of our next 4 year Strategic Plan.</p>
<p><b>Investing for Success</b></p>	<p><b>Investing for Success (I4S), formerly Greater Results Guarantee</b> I4S is federal funding. This funding has made a huge difference to our ability to lift student performance in the younger years with early interventions, and also tighten our Teaching and curriculum in ways that enable the quality of consistent teaching to improve across the school. I have attached the current proposal for your interest.</p>
<p><b>Financial Report</b></p>	<p><b>See attached</b></p>