

Principal's Report

P & F Meeting

3rd August 2022

- Focus for staff professional learning, part of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), is on the draft Kindergarten to Year 2 English and Mathematics Syllabi to be implemented 2023. Important for all teachers to know and understand the research and rationale behind their development and the impact on practice K-10. Years 3-10 draft English and Mathematics to be released later this year or early 2023.
- A learning team is working on spelling K to 6, another element of our SIP, tasked to update the school's spelling scope and sequence and provide professional development for staff.
- Staff Development Day, pupil free day, this Friday. After 3 years of trying to make it happen we will finally be commencing the 2 day Mini Certificate of Gifted Education. We join with staff from St Kieran's at Manly Vale both halving our costs and providing opportunity for teachers on common grades to work together and learn with and from each other. A full day, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, homework tasks to complete leading to the second day on 14 October (Friday of week 1 term 4).
- Preparation for the school musical 'Pirates versus Mermaids' is underway with matinee and early evening performances Monday Week 10.
- I am hopeful, as are other Principals, to have some clarity around staffing allocation from CSBB for 2023 soon. Once we have our allocation we then look at what the class structures including specialist classes can look like. Staffing is only allocated through CSBB, the school can not employ additional staff above the allocation.
- Illness - Covid, flu.. - continues to impact students and staff. Availability of casual teachers will continue to be a challenge with the teacher shortage.
- I thank Mrs Ward for her 10 years of service to our community as Canteen Coordinator. The role has been advertised with Anita's last day being August 11.
- A big thanks to Mrs Stewart who is taking on extra days while Mrs Thomas recovers from an injury that may not see her mobile enough to be back until Term 4.