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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P&C Meeting

Welcome back to another exciting year at CPS!

We had a great start to the school year with students settling in very well!

A **very big thank you** to P & C members and volunteers who organised the P & C Welcome Picnic on Friday afternoon. It was great to see so many families enjoying the event and getting together as a community. Quoting the students 'It was sooooo awesome!'

I look forward to working with the P & C to develop a plan that supports our direction in ensuring that we provide the best possible learning environment for our children and continue to build on our positive parent and community relationships.

All of the staff at CPS would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn for her tireless efforts and dedication as P & C President for 2019. Without the huge commitment made to be an active school member, CPS would not have the opportunity to further grow and develop into the excellent community culture it is today.

Our first two non-teaching days were spent on providing professional learning to staff and developing our curriculum and pedagogical directions for 2019. We are all exciting in the direction we are taking and taking on new innovative curriculum challenges.

The Director General's **Focus 2019** provides us with a number of priorities that we support through our school planning and directions.

Maree Brady our MCS (Finance) had to have a quadruple heart bypass just before school started. She is doing extremely well. Can't keep Maree down that's for sure! Mirella Barilla has become part of our team this term as the acting MCS until Maree's return.

On Entry Assessment Program

All our PP students will be assessed from weeks 3 - 6 Term 1.

Term dates to note:

- 4 March – Labour Day
- School term ends Friday 12 April.

School Board

We had our first meeting on Monday. Some points raised and discussed

- Welcome to our Community member, Mr Steve Breen. Steve comes to the Board with a wealth of knowledge in education, as a highly regarded Principal and President of the WA Principals Associated.
- SB member portfolios. The Board have been working on using the skill set of its members to support particular directions and focus areas of CPS. i.e.: DT, policy development, marketing, data analysis etc.

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- Call for nominations for 1 parent rep and 2 staff has been sent to the parents and staff. This will close on the 15th March. The Board are keen on gaining a member with knowledge in PR.
- Letter of thanks to Peter De Leo for his active support on the school board throughout his term.
- Sustainability – we have won a grant through Stirling City Council. Further info to come on what this will look like for CPS. Discussion on solar panels. Kim will follow up with the department to see what are the guidelines to get these.

Overview for School Board nominations.

We are calling for nominations for the School Board for 2019 and beyond. The board provides strategic guidance and monitoring of the school's performance. We are looking for 1 parent position to be filled and welcome nominees for either two or three-year tenure. Some areas that would further support the Board would be skills in marketing and development further the building of an engaged and positive school culture. Nominations close 15th March.

Are you interested in participating in:

- The development, endorsement and review of the school budget and business plan.
- Processes to review school performance.
- The development and endorsement of the annual report.
- Promoting the school in the community; and
- Taking part in the review of school policies?

Parent Information: The composition of the school board needs to be varied and diverse with parents from a cultural background, or with skills and experience from different walks of life. eg: previous board experience, finance or legal background, groundsman or tradesman, information and technology, marketing, interest in science /sustainability or public health.

Although parents with particular skills may also be called upon at different times to assist the board in a project or in an advisory position.

If you would be available collect a Nomination Form from the front office or download it via the link in the last newsletter, and return to Front office.

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