

Anchored in Excellence....

Community Newsletter #6
September 2nd 2015



Buddy and Bella in their unisex uniform.

Reminders:

Information Session P&C

Wednesday September 9th
6.30pm

Parent involvement plays a vital role in shaping strong, cohesive school communities. You are invited to come along and learn more about the opportunities that will be available through participation in the P&C. Please do not be shy! Be part of something truly remarkable.

A special thankyou to the team from Education Queensland and the Plenary Group for their attendance at our Public Meetings.

Community members have had the opportunity to look at the school site plans and ask questions about construction.

From Vicki Baker, the Principal

Introducing the staff team:

At the Public Meeting last week it was with great delight that I introduced the founding staff team. Tyson Newell our PE teacher (pictured) was not able to attend as he is currently appointed to Baralaba State School. As I said on the evening, I am still recruiting with the intention of trying to attract another male staff member.

Even in this embryonic stage of establishment, each staff member has demonstrated a level of commitment that is commendable. We've had our first staff meeting, with another planned for next week. They've attended their first Public Meeting, established a virtual space to facilitate collaboration, and committed a day over the next school vacation to assist with the purchase of resources and have committed a weekend in October to attend a staff retreat to plan for 2016. All of this will be done while working full time in their current locations. My intention is to have the 'ground work' done by the end of October so that staff can give their full attention to the students and communities where they currently serve.



Back Row: Melissa Perry, Tara Shackcloth, Kate Lawler, Vicki Baker, Jessica Lewis, Jennifer Don, Lauren Whitta

Front Row: Jessie Reid, Kelly McGuinness, Alex Hughes, Liz Gundry, Suzanne Lawrence

A special mention to Liz and Tara: Liz has elected to be part of our establishment phase and work with the staff team but in all likelihood will not join the community until 2017. Tara is also aware that should enrolment predictions not be met, that she will be appointed to another school in 2016 and re-join Griffin in 2017. This demonstrates significant dedication.

Applications for the school's Business Service Manager position have now closed. The successful applicant will be appointed from Term 4 and will play a vital role in the school's establishment phase.

Expressions of Interest/Enrolments

This week has seen a steady increase in the number of Expressions of Interest received. I have now have well over 100. Thank you to everyone who is doing their utmost to ensure that people are aware that a new school community is on its way!

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Consultation:

From Term 4 consultation regarding Values and Behaviour will commence. Feedback will also be sought via the school's website. It is expected that the handover of the school's administration building and Resource Centre will occur on November 1. Information sessions will be held at the school after this date.

Construction:

Construction is 'on track'. This week I spent time meeting with personnel from Infrastructure and the Plenary Group to discuss playgrounds. Very exciting! What is amazing me at this time is the development that is happening on Wesley Road. Our community really is evolving!

To apply for School's Officer and cleaning positions through Delta FM, please see the document on the school's website.

Recently asked questions....

1. Will there be a Prep orientation morning where children come into the classroom and meet the teacher?
As the classrooms will not be made available to the school community until January 1st, a Prep visit to the classroom will occur on the 22nd of January. Prep information sessions will be held in Term 4 and children will be given the opportunity to meet their teachers.
2. Do all students need to have the formal uniform? **Yes.**
All students will be expected to have both a formal uniform and a unisex uniform.
3. Can I choose my child's teacher? *Parents will not be able to select teachers. This will be the role of the administration team. Staff in the school have been very carefully selected and each will be able to capably accommodate the needs of students*
4. Some schools only allow their child to wear their sports shirt on carnivals and athletics days - this means they grow out of them before they get enough wear out of them - can the children wear their sports shirts - the coloured ones - every Friday? *At this time, the community has elected not to have shirt that is specifically for Sports. On Sport's Days students will be able to wear any type of shirt that represents their house colour. This decision was made because of the costs involved to parents to purchase a shirt that has such limited wear.*
5. Are there going to be bucket hats or broad brim hats?
The students will wear bucket hats.

Photo Gallery

From our Public meeting, August 26th....



The joy!!!! Our families join us at our Public Meetings.



Tony Taylor from Watpac shares the school plans with newly appointed teacher Kelly.