From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to the 2015 School Year. It has been an unusual start to the year with the lightening and thunder storms but at least a little cooler. I trust you all had a terrific holiday and are ready for a great year. I am really glad to be the Principal and to have Mr Guy (Deputy Principal) Janet Gordon (Registrar) and Katie Evangelista (School Officer) as my very capable Admin team.

We are very pleased to welcome back our permanent staff and also welcome two new members to our staff Mr Craig Collie who will be taking the Yr 5/6 class when Mr Guy is in Admin as well as taking classes for Phys Ed. We also welcome Mrs Karyn Hearty, our new Chaplain. Embleton has been very fortunate to have these two people at our school.

As with every school, our staff numbers are based on the number of students enrolled. Schools are given until the Friday of the second week to send in census numbers and staffing is finalised. If we get some new enrolments over the next two weeks, we will have to reorganize the school to accommodate the new students. If you know of anyone in the community who wishes to enroll and hasn’t done so, please let them know to do it as soon as possible. These are the classes as they stand.

Classes and Staff

Kindy/Pre Primary - Mrs Melissa Catellani and Ms Claire Sas
Pre Primary/Year 1 - Mrs Jacqui Atkins and Ms Marlene Dique
Year 1/2 - Ms Wendy Robertson
Year 3 - Mr Malcolm Baldwin
Year 4/5 - Mrs Melinda Mavros and Mrs Tanya Taylor
Year 5/6 - Mr Rob Guy and Mr Craig Collie

Education Assistants, AIEO’s, Support Staff

Ms Charmaine Thomas - AIEO
Ms Lee Letizia - Library Officer
Mrs Dawn Girdlestone - Education Assistant
Mrs Chris Brooks - Education Assistant
Mrs Lyn Campbell - Education Assistant
Ms Renae Wirth - Education Assistant
Ms So-Tien Ngo - Education Assistant EASL/D

In addition to teaching the Pre Primaries, Ms Sas will be taking Art/Craft one day a week, Ms Casalli will be continuing the Italian classes and Mrs Taylor will be taking the Health program. Mrs Sallabank will be here 1 day a week in her role as an English as a Second Language/Dialect teacher.
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Gardener & Cleaning Staff
Mr Roman Jasey - Gardener
Ms Erlinda Shield - Head Cleaner
Mr Roly Shield - Cleaner
Mrs Justine Blanchard - Cleaner

CAR PARK SAFETY
A reminder to parents and students not to go through the staff car park when leaving or entering the school. This is a huge safety issue as it is a busy time and it would be tragic for an accident to happen to one of our students as they are walking behind cars and may not be seen.

EARLY ARRIVALS
Students should not be at school before 8.15am as there is no supervision of students before this time. Mr Guy and I supervise the students from 8.15 until 8.35 in the mornings on the stage outside the office. The classrooms are then open so that students can get ready for the start of the day.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS
Parents play a critical role in helping their children to be successful learners at school and it is essential that the partnership between parents and the school is encouraging and supportive. We are lucky to have excellent staff at Embleton, it is the best staff I have ever worked with and they are all very approachable. If you have a concern about your child, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher in the first instance. If concerns are not resolved or if there is a wider school issue, please make a time to see either Rob or myself.

Sheryl Pilkington
PRINCIPAL

P&C NEWS
Welcome to the 2015 school year at Embleton Primary. Embleton Primary School's Parents and Citizens Association seeks to support the school to be a great place for our kids to learn, play and grow. If you have ever thought of helping out at the school, this could be the year to start. The P&C will shortly be having its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be looking for people to assist whether it be as Treasurer, running the uniform shop, opening the school bank each week, arranging subway orders or assisting with fundraising events (sausage sizzles, Easter hat parades etc) - your involvement will be most welcome. As a small school with a small school community we need your help to be able to ensure this additional events and activities can take place for the enjoyment of the students. The date of the AGM will be announced shortly and we looking forward to meeting more parents.

School banking will commence Thursday 12th February from 8:15am at the school Library. A School Banking account can be opened at any Commonwealth bank branch. Pop in to the Library on Thursday morning if you have any queries.

Uniform shop will be open Friday morning from 8:30am to 9am from the Canteen.

More details of events to be announced shortly.