

Principal's Message



Welcome back to Term 2. It was wonderful to see some many excited students return on Wednesday, full of tales about the holidays and ready for another engaging term ahead.

Professional Learning

Staff returned on Monday and spent the day focused on professional learning and organisation for the Term 2.

We had a guest speaker providing further support for Mangahigh, one of the technology subscriptions we have engaged in this year. Training was provided around how to cater for each child individually using this resource and what exciting activities are available supporting the growth and understanding of the Australian curriculum for students.

Mr Keevers also delivered a session on growth mindset. This is something that you will hear more of during the year as it has a great impact on the way we encourage student growth and self directed learning. Our mindset influences the way we approach challenges, mistakes and times of success for everyone; students, staff and community members alike, and I look forward to further sessions with staff and shared with both community and students throughout the year.

The third focus area for the day was the School Excellence Framework. This framework guides practices and processes within and outside of the school environment in the endeavour to excel as an educational facility. Teachers gained familiarity of the three domains being excellence in learning, excellence in teaching and excellence in leading and discussed the many elements each of these domains cover. During the 2017 year we will be gathering evidence of our strengths and areas for further growth as well as developing the next three year school plan. This document will provide us with the framework to evaluate and develop clear goals and expectations directing Harcourt into the future.

Projects

Over the holidays we have had some changes made to the front foyer. The wood for the doors and windows had deteriorated significantly so the decision was made to replace them with aluminium frames. The interior has had a freshen up and we are working on putting everything back together, providing a welcoming area to greet people as they enter our school. I look forward to sharing pictures when the area is complete.

The shelter for the primary play equipment has been ordered and will be erected this term. I thank the P&C for their support in assisting to meet the cost of this initiative and encourage everyone to support future fundraising efforts.



Mr Muller has also been working hard over the holidays and has measured, marked out and painted 6 handball courts. This was a time consuming job and I would like to thank him for his efforts. The resources used in establishing these courts was funded by the SRC Jersey day in 2016.



The rest of the term is set to be a busy one. We have the cross country next week, NAPLAN in Week 3 and Sport in Schools program all term. All upcoming events are placed on the calendar on the website and also advertised when possible on Skoolbag. We encourage you to watch for notes linked to events for further information.

Mrs Holt
Principal