



# Thursday Thoughts

Issue 1

Date: 28th January 2016

## Important Dates:

### JANUARY

28th - Start Term 1

### FEBRUARY

9th - School Council  
(current) 7.00pm

11th February - Parent  
Planners Home

26th - New Families/  
Foundation/ Buddy BBQ

### MARCH

4th - Swimming Carnival

14th - Labour Day Holiday -  
no school

15th - Foundation/ prep  
students start full time

15th - School Council (new)  
7.00pm

24th - Last Day Term 1

### APRIL

Start Term 2

Welcome to the 2016 school year. We hope that everyone managed to find some time to relax with friends and family during the summer break and that the start of this year has been a positive one for you all.

This year, we again welcome new families to LPPS across all year levels including our new Foundation/ Prep families. We are sure that the whole community joins us in welcoming you all to our school and we trust that your time with us is positive and enjoyable.

Each year when we return, it is a pleasure to see such happy and enthusiastic faces, eager to renew old friendships, make some new ones and get back into some interesting and enjoyable learning. When we chat to students they share lovely holiday stories but are also looking forward to their new school year. We would like to thank you, the parents, for your efforts in preparing your children so well for the start of the school year. Throughout the year, we will share through the newsletter, the many opportunities that our students have to shine.

Foundation children officially commenced today, but we know many of our Foundation/ Preps have felt like this was their school for some time. Mums, dads and extended family members did a superb job of encouraging the 'new kids on the block' making their first big day an enjoyable one. The Preps have settled in beautifully and are in the excellent hands of Mrs Noy and Ms Rae. We are looking forward to getting to know our new families and students at a welcome barbecue to be held late February.

Thank you to all of the staff who were back at school in the week before the students returned, spending time planning programs, organising requisites and arranging classrooms.

Next week's newsletter will contain lots of important reminders so please keep an eye out for it on Thursday. This will include information relating to the 2016 School Council election process. Please give some thought over the coming weeks as to whether this might be a role you would be interested in performing. It's a great way to find out more about our school and become involved in decision making processes.

A reminder that there will be a whole school assembly in the GP room next Monday at 9.00am.

... and finally, **Education is a Partnership**. Let's all work together to ensure the best future for the children that we have in our care.

Narelle Messerle and Debbie Hobbis



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# Parent Information

## 2016 Staffing

We have a wonderful team of teachers and support staff who are looking forward to working with your children, and you, to build a strong partnership between home and school. We warmly welcome five new staff members to our team - Leah Ashton and Tania Chirnside have joined our Grade 1/2 team and Kerrie Nink will be teaching Year 3/4. Nicole Merx has joined our specialist team of teachers.

We are also very pleased to announce that our application late last year to continue the chaplaincy program was successful. Edwina Whiteside has been appointed to the role of Chaplain as Chezelle accesses family leave. Further information about the chaplaincy role will be sent home to families shortly. All staff arrived back at school excited to start the 2016 school year. For your reference the following is a list of the 2016 staff and their roles:

Principal	Narelle Messerle
Assistant Principal	Debra Hobbis-Hartley
Business Manager	Jacqui Eycken
Office Administration	Audrey Plunkett
Foundation N	Lynne Noy
Foundation R	Emily Rae
1/2B	Kathy Boyd
1/2T	Marissa Tomlinson
1/2C	Heather Taylor and Tania Chirnside
1/2A	Leah Ashton
3/4M	Lara Mackie
3/4K	Zoe Kendall
3/4B	Kasey Bishop
3/4N	Kerrie Nink
5/6L	Ala Lorenc
5/6F	Jessica Freeman
5/6S	Brent Smith
The Arts	Candice Nyman
Physical Education	Andrew Devisser
Japanese	Toko Osadzuk and Nicole Merx
Curriculum Coordinator	Julie Kluger
Literacy Support	Brydie Tatterson
Chaplain	Edwina Whiteside
Education Support Staff	Sonia Dunn, Fiona Boek, Jacqui Ware, Naomi Read, Glenn Waterhouse and Paul Traynor
ICT	Shane Webster and Joe McLachlan



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Keep up to date about what's happening in the classrooms and around the school.

LOGIN details available from the office.