



Dryandra Primary School



An Independent Public School



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Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to an exciting Term 3 at Dryandra Primary School. It is wonderful to be back and lovely to reacquaint myself with staff, parents and students.

Along with Science Week, Book Week, Book Fair, Faction and Interschool Carnivals, there will be lots of class enrichment activities happening this term.

It is terrific to see all of the great work that has been done at Dryandra while I have been away.

Firstly, a big thank you to Mrs Kroczek for all of her efforts in Semester 1. There is a new business plan which has been developed by the staff and the School Board. It is an important document in which to support our school's improvement agenda.

You can find the link below.

Mrs Kroczek has gone to North Morley Primary School for Term 3 as the acting principal. This is a great opportunity for her and we wish her all the best. Ms Owers will be taking on the deputy role in her absence.

We would like to welcome a new permanent staff member Mrs Laura Holloway. Mrs Holloway will be providing literacy support to English as an Additional Language/Dialect students. This is a positive way of ensuring success for our students with multicultural backgrounds. Mrs Holloway will be commencing in Week 3.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Robinson who has gone to Marangaroo PS for the semester. Ms Robinson supported the school with Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS) and mathematics. At the moment we have Mr Greg Longman who will be undertaking the role for the next few weeks.

The school has also received some positive news including the Channel 7 New School Champion nomination and being identified by the Department of Education as a school with exemplary practice with our phonics programs. We should all be proud of these achievements.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work undertaken in the Aboriginal Garden and the new play areas in the kindergarten and pre-primary areas. These help to create a lovely learning environment throughout the school.

COVID-19 Measures

While we continue to manage the impact of COVID-19, we must not diminish some of the simple things we can do to protect ourselves as individuals.

- *It is important that if your child is not feeling well, please do not send him/her to school. Even if it isn't COVID -19, we don't want to make other students or staff ill with a cold or flu.
- *Even though masks are no longer mandatory, if you feel that your child will be safer wearing a mask, we are happy to support this in the classroom.
- *Please continue to social distance- especially at the beginning and end of each school day when there are groups of parents waiting outside classrooms.
- *Please continue to wash hands regularly and use hand sanitiser.
- *Please remind your child to sneeze or cough into an elbow.

With these simple acts, we will continue to keep all of our staff, parents and students safe from COVID-19 and other illnesses.

I have decided to take some long service leave for the next 4 weeks commencing in Week 2. I will be returning in Week 6. The acting principal at this time will be Mr Steven Ioannou. Mr Ioannou is the current deputy at Koondoola Primary School and is looking forward to working at Dryandra Primary for the next few weeks. I am sure that our school community will make him very welcome.

Please free to come into the office and say 'hello' over the next few days.

Take care and I will see everyone in the next few weeks.

Kindest regards

Mr Biemmi

Kiss and drop parking