Principal’s Message

2015 is already in full flight with our classrooms becoming busy hives of activity. Our kindergarten students have settled beautifully into school routines. They are having lots of fun learning interesting things and making new friends in the playground. I couldn’t help but get my hands dirty and join in the fun as our kindy’s were making words with shaving cream!

Extra Curricula Opportunities

This week our students have also been busy preparing for some extra curricula opportunities. On Monday 16th February, we sent a small team of confident swimmers to compete at the Minto Community of Schools combined swimming carnival. Congratulations to these athletes for showing off your talents in the water. Thank you to Mrs Vella and Mr Hawkins for coordinating our swimming squad.

A group of Year 5 and 6 students have been selected to represent our school at the upcoming Endicott Cup. These brave students have been busy practising their public speaking and spelling skills. I can not wait to watch them proudly represent our school during this challenge. Thank you to Mr Hawkins for organising this talented team.

Our parents have also been actively involved with school. It was lovely to join my first P&C meeting at Campbellfield PS last week. I met many caring and passionate parents who work hard to support all of our children. The 2015 P&C was alive with ideas on how to improve the school environment, further support student learning and build a sense of school pride and unity. I am looking forward to the many achievements that we will have throughout the year.

A term calendar has been attached to this newsletter to highlight the upcoming school events.

Classroom Learning Focus

This year our classroom learning will continue to focus on high quality literacy and numeracy lessons. Teachers and students alike, will be reflecting on our learning to improve student learning outcomes and engagement across the curriculum. Teachers will be designing learning experiences that prepare your children for life in the 21st century. We will aim to grow students who can self reflect and think for themselves. Students who can problem solve, work in teams and be creative thinkers. All of our classrooms will be focused on improving students’ abilities to become active participants in their learning and be more aware of what makes a good learner. I know that I am looking forward to this challenge and hope that our students, teachers and families will share my enthusiasm for this journey.

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education.

- Martin Luther King Jnr.

Principal
Ms Nicole Wade
5/6 Blue - SOLE

5/6 Blue has begun a unit of work about Coal Seam Gas. The students are using the learning pedagogy Self Organised Learning Environment (SOLE) to do this. This involves the teacher giving the class a question. Each group is given an iPad to use to research the question and they present their finding to the class. One student is allocated the 'Police Officer' role. Their role is to keep the group working on answering the question and make any final decisions about their groups presentation.

In the below SOLE lesson each group was asked to answer the following question 'What is Coal Seam Gas?' This is some of the classes' findings.

- Coal Seam Gas (CSG) is a natural gas.
- CSG is used in the same way as any other form of natural gas for cooking and heating as well as in industrial processes and electricity generation.

CSG is found in coal seams at depths of 300m-1000m underground.