Welcome back to school for the 2014 Academic Year. I hope all of our families had a relaxing and safe holiday.

I have been appointed to Coolbellup as the new substantive Principal. Prior to coming to Coolbellup I was the Principal of Wilson Primary School.

So far I am very impressed with the school, particularly the buildings and facilities. 0My previous school was fifty years old and unfortunately it showed. The staff and the children at Coolbellup have made me feel very welcome.

It is great to see the majority of the children in school uniform. I am currently having discussions with other members of staff regarding suggestions for the school hat. I will have a proposal ready for the first school council meeting.

Our enrolment numbers for 2014 are similar to 2013, stable at about 230 children. There are still a few children on our rolls who have not turned up for school as yet. We are currently contacting these families to find out if the children have actually left or are a bit slow getting started this year.

A slow but steady increase in the enrolment of Kindergarten aged children meant we were able to offer a second Kindergarten class for 2014. Both groups have Mrs Kelly as their teacher. There are still a few places available.

We were lucky enough to have some new playground equipment installed at the school over the holidays. This bounty was the efforts of Ms Winrow who successfully applied for a grant. The children have been enjoying the basket ball goals and ‘ring bouncer’.

During the holidays the school was ‘visited’ by vandals, who amongst other things, smashed windows, grappled the walls and broke into the chook pen and smashed the eggs. Fortunately, members of the local community were keeping an eye on the school and called Police when they saw these events. The intervention of Police reduced the amount of destruction and mayhem. I would like to thank these concerned citizens and urge them to continue their good work. If you observe people outside of school hours causing damage and destruction please contact Police or Education Security.

I welcome parental feedback in regards to the operations of the school – both positive and negative. If issues do arise I welcome the opportunity to work with you to resolve them in a positive and timely manner.

Ray Knight
Principal CCS

Hello everyone welcome back to all our students and their families – a special welcome goes to the families of our new students, Jayden, Kate and Mitchell. Though it has been a very busy start to the new school year students have settled into classroom routines and structures very well – congratulations goes to each of them.

Thank You:
I would like to offer a big thank you to the fabulous cleaners and gardeners in our school. During the holidays there were a number of break-ins with many windows smashed, and some tagging on the building. This left a lot of clean up work for the staff on top of all the jobs they already have to perform. So thank you all for going beyond what is reasonable to have to deal with. I urge anyone with any information about these events to contact the school or the local police and also be vigilant over the week ends and holidays and report anyone you see hanging around our schools.

Staffing:
This year we have been lucky enough to have Mrs Sawyer and Miss Fiddick return. Mrs Carlson has taken leave as has Mr Johnston. Mrs Knox has agreed to do some relief work in the Centre for a few weeks until she has her baby. Mrs Gardner continues to run our Autism program and to teach in L7 on Thursdays.

New Playground Equipment:
Over the holidays a few new pieces of playground equipment have been installed on the oval and on the green – they seem to be a great hit with all students:

Priority Areas 2014
Communication, numeracy and Independence skills remain a focus of the Centre. We will also continue our Social Skills and Protective Behaviours programs. Explicit teaching of these areas will occur during specific lessons with in our Cross Set groups as well as be embedded across all class programs. Functional skills programs such as Cooking and Health programs will also continue.

IEP Meetings
Term 1 is always busy for teaching staff as they review and renew goals, get to know new students and prepare individual plans. Some parents/carers met with teachers last term so may not need to meet again this term. Meetings will be offered soon to those parents who did not meet at the end of last year and with new parents/carers to prepare and discuss their child’s needs and plans.

School Fees:
Thank you to those parents who have already paid the school fees etc. Please remember you may pay these throughout the year term by term or semester by semester. Speak with Sandra on 9337 7343 to make payment arrangements.

School Bus Service:
Please remember to contact your bus driver if you have any changes to pick up or drop off requirements. Should you have any problems or difficulties with the service please speak firstly with your driver and if you are not satisfied please phone me (Pauline Winrow) on 9337 7343.

Bus 1:  Driver: Bill Mathie  0417 359 365
Bus 2:  Driver: Bill Mathie  0417 359 365

I wish you all a very happy and productive term
Regards
Pauline Winrow
Principal CLC

Parking- Drop off and Pick up- safety.
We are very concerned about the safety of your children, particularly in the car park.
We ask for your assistance in keeping all children safe
Please follow these few simple rules.

1. Slow down when driving in and out of the school
2. Drop off and pick up only in the area after the first crosswalk into the school.
3. Do not drop off, pick up or park in the bus bays at any time.
4. Students are only to cross to and from the car park using the crosswalk paths.
5. No running on paths or across the car park.
6. No parking on the lawn areas
7. ACROD stickers must be displayed to use the disabled car bays.

Visitors on site:
To ensure the safety of your child at school it is important that all visitors to the school sign in at the front office and collect a visitors sticker. During the school day this includes parents/carers dropping off lunches etc. (not before and after school)

Because of the location of the school within the community the grounds sometimes become a thoroughfare. We want to keep all students safe and one way is by being vigilant about who comes onto the site. Please take the extra few minutes to sign in at the office and help us to keep all students safe.

Breakfast Club!!
Breakfast Club is open each morning from 8.20am till 8.45am.
Donations of Milo and/or Margarine would be appreciated to enable the continued successful operation of our Breakfast Club.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17 February
Lacross Clinic (LA 10 & 11)

Monday 24 February
Lacross Clinic (LA 10 & 11)

Friday 28 February
Major Assembly—School Councillors

Monday 3 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 2 March
School Council Meeting (9.30am)

Tuesday 11 March
P & C AGM (9.00am)

Friday 14 March
Assembly

FROM THE P & C....

UNIFORM SHOP
Due to work commitments the Uniform Shop will now only open -
- Tuesday afternoons — 2.30—3.00pm
- Friday mornings — 8.30-9.00am
Uniform Order Forms are available at the front office. Please feel free to leave an Order with correct money at the front counter at any time and these will be filled and made available for you.

Olivia Mottram, Lecia Horton,
Uniform Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Please note our AGM will take place at 9.00am on Tuesday 11 March in the Boardroom. All students have today been given details of the meeting together with nomination forms for available positions. Please make the effort to be involved, complete nominations and attend our meeting. All welcome.

PRE-PRIMARY ENJOYING AN INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD ACTIVITY WITH MS ROLLINGS

YEAR 1 ART WITH MRS PALMIERO

YEAR 6/7 WORKING IN THE LIBRARY WITH MRS AIM

YEAR 2/3 WITH MRS ROSENBERG

YEAR 3S ON THE MAT WITH MRS WALSH

YEAR 1 ART WITH MRS PALMIERO

PRE-PRIMARY ENJOYING AN INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD ACTIVITY WITH MS ROLLINGS

YEAR 5/6 WORKING WITH MRS LUFF

SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day: 8.45am
Recess: 10.45 to 11.05am
Lunch: 1.05 to 1.45pm
End of day: 3.05pm

METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICES

COOLBELLUP DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE
Telephone: 9337 7256
Opening Hours:
Monday—Friday 8.00am—4.00pm (Lunch break 12.30pm—1.00pm)

The Dental Team wish to advise parents of new policy. Children will no longer have dental treatment without a parent/guardian present. All appointments will be posted home. This does not apply to the annual screening checks for pre-primary, year 3 and year 6 students.

REMEMBER EARLY CLOSE WEDNESDAYS 2.30PM

DEPT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL SECURITY 9264 4771

SCHOOL WATCH Freecall 1800 177 777