

## TERM 3 2016 CABRAMATTERS

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After thirteen years and for some people even more, it is at the end of term three that we say goodbye to year 12. There have been some great highlights for this group of students and their leaders. Their sense of fun and being a united team has been evident from activities such as the athletics carnival dress up races. The countless fundraising activities and planning for formals and ceremonies have been done with diligence and a sense of purpose. The year group have been a very organised and cohesive group of seniors.

The school wishes them well for the HSC exams and for the life that follows. I hope that one day someone from this cohort of graduates is able to lead in government, have their name in lights above a theatre, be a trail blazer in medicine or take the business community by storm.

The School Captains and Vice Captains, Petra, Carlos, Joanna and Jordan have been outstanding leaders. They have exemplified diversity and the ability to be able to unite for a common cause. Each one has appreciated the strengths in the others and willingly contributed to the team with their own capabilities. They have been an absolute credit to the school at every event and with every person with whom they have interacted.

The new Captains and Vice Captains for 2016/17 are Luke Trainer, Tracey Chau, Daniel Segi and Linda Ly. Congratulations on being elected the next school leaders.

School Council is an important feature of our school encouraging parents and community to meet with the school each month to look at school directions, successes and community information. Some of our most popular topics this year have involved personal safety and the law. Parents coming to the meetings have received free microdot kits for their homes to tag all of their possessions helping to stop theft. Parents received valuable advice about having a will from a local lawyer. Our meetings are conducted in different languages and child minding is provided. We meet in the library from 6.30 to 8.30 on the calendar dates show in this issue of Cabramatters. Our great parents have created a knitting club and parent English classes this year and are always welcoming to new members.

The NAPLAN results have been sent to the school and once again show that our school is performing above schools at National and State levels for growth numeracy and some areas of literacy. Year 7 and year 9 students have received individual feedback which was follow with creating a personalised learning plan to continue their growth in literacy and numeracy. The school will continue to develop strategies to improve student learning in these areas. We recognise that we have great NAPLAN performance, we will strive for even greater.

School communication strategies are a focus area for our school and Cabramatters is one such strategy. We do ensure that a printed version is available for all parents and also offer it on the school Website for those who have internet access. The school website is a great place where you can also see moving and still images of our school and events. Our recent visit of Dick Smith flying his helicopter onto the school oval and visiting an assembly is available for everyone to see on our Facebook page and website. Make some time each week to check these two platforms to see our

school in action. It is a great way for everyone to share with family and friends the wonderful things that happen at the best school, your school.

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