

**Principal Report -
Principal update. 25 October 2021
Term 4 Week 3**

Dane has won the substantive Principals position at Port Kennedy PS. He sends his well wishes and wishes everyone the best for the rest of the year. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you. The upcoming school review is a great opportunity of us to share the factors and attributes which make Rockingham Lakes such an inspiring and inclusive community. Thanks for welcoming me into the school.

Public School Review – Our Public School Review has been moved to Week 7 on Wednesday the 24th November 2021. It will be a great opportunity for the Board to celebrate the successes and provide feedback regarding ongoing future directions of the school. Staff, students and community groups will be approached to have a conversation with the review team to support our school narrative a timetable will be emailed out to you at least a Week prior to the Review.

COVID-19 – Mandatory vaccinations have just been brought in for all school-based staff within the Education Department, requiring all staff to be fully vaccinated before we return to school next in 2022. As more information is released we will communicate any changes to you.

Planning for 2022 – Currently our student numbers for 2022 are sitting at 461. We have sent out messages through Connect and Facebook encouraging all those who haven't already enrolled to do so ASAP. This allows us to get a better picture of what our final numbers will be for 2022. Currently in our planning we have 19 classes and due to our lower numbers in the K and PP space at the moment one of those classes will need to be a Kindy/Pre-Primary split.

PBR Lunch – to celebrate the children good behaviour they already receive the bronze, silver and gold badges depending on how many points they have received and are up to. There was no celebration after they received the gold badge at 120 points. With a large amount of students receiving their gold badges we have added a PBR luncheon which will occur on the 8 December this year, this will be for all students who get to 175 points and above.

iPad Program – The iPads for the 1:1 iPad program in Year 3 have been ordered and we are waiting for them to arrive. We are still on track to start this in 2022 and then expand from to Year 4, 5 and 6 over the following years. Sarah Hill from Lumos Learning has started doing professional learning and individualised coaching with the teachers to get them ready to embed learning through iPads into the classroom. The skills will prepare students with the ICT skills that they will need for the future.

School Development Day – All staff participated in a review of our Business Plan to see how we were tracking against our key strategies and milestones. They also discussed the evidence we are submitting for our Public School Review. Teachers and Education Assistants undertook professional learning in Back2Front Maths on the School Development Day. Back2Front Maths is an evidenced based maths program that we are embedding across the school to enhance the children's maths skills.

Communication - Connect is still the preferred method of communication from school/class and parents. We will also share our celebrations about the student's achievements through the schools Facebook page.

Grounds update - Basketball Court – resurfacing most likely happening this term. We are just waiting for confirmation from Programmed about an actual starting date.

Upcoming events

An extremely busy bit exciting Term!!

Interschool Athletics Carnival	3 November
P&C Meeting	26 October
World Teachers Day	29 October
Kindy Café's	27 October & 3 November
Swimming	Weeks 5 & 6
Student Leaders speeches	22 November
Public School Review	24 November
PBR Lunch	8 December
Gala Day	10 December
Junior Book Awards	13 December
Kindy A Concert	13 December
Senior Book Awards	14 December
Kindy B Concert	14 December
Graduation	16 December

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