



# 100 YEARS

1917 - 2017

## COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

### Dear School Community,

Let me begin by wishing you all a happy new year and welcoming you all back to Coburg West Primary School. I hope you all had a wonderful rest, with lots of family time over the break.

It has been a wonderful start to the 2018 school year. All the students have settled into their new grades nicely. As Mr Copping and I wandered through the school and visited the grades over the last three days, it was pleasing to see that from day one, the students settled straight back into their learning and it is business as usual at CWPS.

A special welcome goes to the new students and families who have joined us this year, in particular the Prep students. They bravely took that first step into their life-long learning journey yesterday and did so with so much confidence and excitement. A great start to their time here at CWPS.

### Staffing News

As you all understand, education like any workplace, is a free market and across the State of Victoria recruitment of school staff never stops, not even over the summer holidays. Parents of Grade 1/2 students would have received the notification via COMPASS and are already aware, during the holidays, Ms Delas Alas was successful in obtaining a Leading Teacher position at another school. As a result, she did not return to our school this year. We are fortunate to have Mrs Topouzakis starting the year teaching Grade 1/2D while we complete the process of recruiting a teacher to replace Ms Delas Alas.

Furthermore, just today Mrs Parke was successful in obtaining a position at another school. She will be finishing her time at CWPS next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. She too has been with our school for many years and excited to be experiencing a new environment and sharing her expertise and knowledge with her new colleagues and students.

Career progression and seeking new opportunities and experiences is the right of every worker in any industry. As such, teachers too, come and go throughout the academic year and schools endeavour to cause as little disruption as possible to grades as they recruit and replace these staff members. I appreciate that at this time, some of you may have concerns but I assure you that we as a school have your child's wellbeing in mind and endeavour to cause as little disruption to their learning as possible.

Please join me in thanking both Ms Delas Alas and Mrs Parke for their contributions to CWPS over the years and we wish them both well in their new endeavours.

This term, we will also be going through the process of recruiting an Assistant Principal. We aim to have this process completed and the successful applicant appointed for the start of Term 2. Until then, our three Leading Teachers, Mr Copping, Mrs Currie and Ms Amerena, will be fulfilling the role as Acting Assistant Principal throughout the term. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

Next Friday, we will issue our first full newsletter. I look forward to welcoming you to our first whole school assembly for 2018, on Monday morning.

Until then, have a good weekend.

**Mr Colagrande**

**Principal**

## **2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January to Thursday, March 29	
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday, April 16 to Friday, June 29	
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday, July 16 to Friday, September 21	
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, October 8 to Friday, December 21	