

## **P and C Principal Report August 2018**

### **Return to CHSS – Catching Up**

I had an interesting semester at Rochedale State School; it is a special chance to step into someone else's school. I shared some of our Chapel Hill State School initiatives and I considered how some of their programs might fit into a CHSS context. An example of this would include their Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) that is run by the P and C body. The president of the P and C noted that they were generating revenue well over \$1million per annum and the profit provided the school many opportunities to provide extra-curricular support for their students.

It has been great to 'plug' back into our school and see the progress of our strategic focus. The Walker Learning approach (WLA) is moving successfully into Year 1 and we are preparing for the Year 2 cohort for next year. We also have just had our Prep teacher, Jane Speed-Smith, formally accredited as a WLA teacher.

Our teachers from Yr 3 to Yr 6 are heavily involved in our Professional Learning Teams (PLT). These teams are focussing on the art of writing and the Metropolitan Region were so impressed by the model that they have asked us to host a group of principals interested in our work.

With all of this good work in place, it is not too surprising to see our 2019 Prep enrolments are heading well above any previous year. We have our enrolment catchment plan and therefore expect to maintain our current enrolment.

### **Junior sports Day A Success**



A great day for a junior sports day at Chapel Hill on Friday. The event went very smoothly and it was great to see the parents also having a go.

Plenty of enthusiasm generally and I did have one student tell me that he was going to be particularly fast. I asked why he thought he would do so well and he was proud to note that he had been training all morning.

We expect to announce the House winners on assembly on Monday.

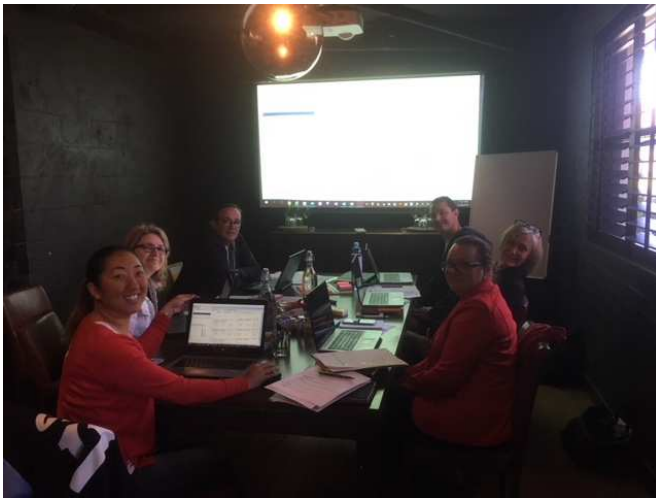
### **School Opinion Survey closing soon:**

Each parent should have received a survey code (sent home from via the oldest child). This survey is due to be completed on or before August 24. Teachers and non-teaching staff will also have their own survey to complete and we look forward to sharing the school wide feedback with the community.

### **Setting the School Direction - Leadership Team start some big picture thinking**

The leadership team are such a committed group that they all gave up their public holiday on Wednesday to do some blue-sky thinking about our priorities and programs for 2019 and beyond. This is the start of setting the school's future direction and included a critical look at our current

work. We look forward to working with the school community and departmental priorities in order to set a broad but purposeful direction for the next few years.



### **Nature Play on the Way**



Our parent reps and school staff have impressed me as we worked collaboratively to see our Nature Play plans taking shape. The team met last week and we can see that the plans are really taking shape and September holidays will see much of the first stage of work completed.

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