Who can be a member of the School Board?

School Board office bearers include the Chair, Principal, and staff, parent and community members. The number of members that will be on the Board is a school decision made in accordance with the School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Regulations 2000. The Principal puts in place an expression of Interest process.

If there are more nominations than places available in the three categories (staff, parents and community members), the Principal conducts an election for parents/guardians and staff (any member on the school staffing list).

- Staff members are elected from, and by, staff at the school (the Principal is automatically included on the Board, in the staff member category).

- Parents are elected from, and by, parents.

- Community members are appointed by the Board. The Board appoints suitably qualified persons, by vote, in a meeting. Strong community and business/industry representation is encouraged, to ensure that the School Board makes a significant contribution to the development of the school.

- Additional community and industry members who have skills, experience or qualifications that will enable them to make contribution to the Board’s functions can be co-opted onto the Board for a specific time period. Co-opted members are not full members of the Board, and they do not have a vote.

Do members represent stakeholder groups once they are on the Board?

- School Board members represent the school community. They share the same focus to ensure that all students achieve to the best of their ability.

- Board members do not represent the views or interests of individual stakeholder groups at Board meetings. They may, however, be asked to provide input about aspects specific to their area of knowledge or expertise, where relevant.

- Board decisions are recorded in formally endorsed minutes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS P-6

The school photos will be taken on Monday 15 June. Pre-Paid envelopes will be sent home with each child please return to your class teacher on day of photos not before. If you wish to have family portraits taken of your children, these envelopes can be obtained from the office.

EDU DANCE CONCERT

The Edu Dance Concerts are scheduled for week 9, they will be held on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June starting at 2.15pm in the undercover area and lasting approximately 35 minutes. Please check with your child or child’s teacher as to which day they will be performing and what costumes they will need.
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY- Friday 29 May

Last Friday we held a very productive and purposeful day, where all staff engaged in positive and reflective discussions on the following topics:

Business Plan-The Business Plan has been developed with significant input from the teaching staff and School Board. The Business Plan sets the strategic direction of our school. On our Staff Development Day, the operational strategies of the four priority areas of Successful Students, Excellence in Teaching, Effective Leadership and Positive relationships were reviewed and analysed. The feedback and comments that were given by the staff, form the assessment part of our Monitoring Schedule.

Annual Operational Plans 2015- Our Literacy and Numeracy curriculum leaders presented the Focus areas, actions, evidences and the resources stated in the latest Operational Plans, which reflects the targets and milestones of our Business Plan. These Operational Plans can be found on our website.

Priority 2 of the Business Plan outlines the professional learning and pedagogy requirements. Instructional Strategies and Explicit Teaching were the two focus areas. Every participant was asked to share how they have implemented the strategies and ideas related to these two areas, into their current classroom practice.

Priority 1 of the Business Plan outlines the strategies of the successful students. Sabin Winton, who is a member of the PEAC team, facilitated a session on how to further engage our students in higher order thinking skills, Habits of Mind, 6 Thinking Hats, Bloom’s Taxonomy and Johnson’s Five Elements.

Performance Management- Performance Management is the continuous process of reflecting, goal setting, improving professional practice and learning, feedback and review about an individual’s performance in achieving organizational goals. Our staff used the AITSL Teacher Performance and Development Framework, the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers as well as our Business Plan, the primary references for performance discussions and assessment and in developing their goals.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

What is Integrity?
Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right, living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. You have integrity when your words and actions match. You don’t fool yourself into doing what you know is wrong. You fill your life and your mind with things that help you to live a good, clean life.

Why Practise it?
Without integrity, no one would be able to trust each other to do what they say they are going to do. Integrity helps us to listen to our conscience, to do the right thing, to tell the truth. When people act with integrity, they stand for something. Others believe them and rely on them. Integrity gives us self—respect and a peaceful heart.

Signs of success
Congratulations! You are practising Integrity when you...
Think about what virtues you care about
Stand strong for what you believe in
Willingly clean up your mistakes
Do the right thing even when it is hard
Think for yourself and avoid temptation
Are your own leader

Affirmation
I have integrity. I mean what I say and say what I mean. I stand up for what I feel is right. I am my own leader.

“We can change our whole life and the attitude of people around us simply by changing ourselves.”
Rudolf Dreikurs

COMMUNITY NEWS
Looking for something for your kids these July School Holidays?

The Claremont Football District and Claremont Football Clubs are running a specialized coaching clinic on Monday 6th July at Claremont Showgrounds from 9.00 – 3.00pm. Children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 of all abilities and experience are welcome to participate and give footy a go in a fun and safe environment.

Morning tea and lunch is provided and costs are only $100 which includes a one-off 2015 Tigers Training Singlet and a special player appearance from the West Coast Eagles. Registrations are now open for parents to sign up their kids, visit www.claremontfc.com.au to register.