Principal’s Report
Positive Beginning to the School Year
Students, parents and staff are very positive about the activities which have been taking place in our “Setting Up for Success Program”. Students have been working with their class and across all year levels to develop strong relationships and understandings about what their responsibilities are in this school, with other people and in the community. It has been exciting to hear students talking about “filling” their buckets and being able to talk about how they can choose their actions, words and expressions to improve things or to make others sad and upset.

School Leaders
In week 2 students had the opportunity to stand for election for a variety of roles in the school: Student Representative Council Executive, School Captains and Vice Captains, Term 1 and 2 SRC class representative.
I was very proud with the number of students who choose to stand for those positions. Fourteen of our year seven students chose to nominate, prepare and present a speech to their peers for the SRC Executive, knowing that there would only be four students who would be successful!
Congratulations to: Adele Clarke, Max Crouch, Ashley Hodgson, Hugh Rackham who were elected.
Sixteen of our year seven students confidently went through the election process for House Captain and Vice-Captain – well done. Congratulations to those who were elected:
**Bowman**: Captains: Miranda Baker and Nick Wilsdon, Vice Captains: Darcy Gutte and Emily Samuel
**Eyre**: Captains: Kelly Edwards and Hannah Longmire, Vice Captains: Tanisha Wakefield and Delira Neil
**Flinders**: Captains: Eva Ferme and Baiden Wilsdon, Vice Captains: Jamiee Venning and Xavier Simpson-Dunn
Bill & Alison's Corner

The start of the year is a great time for new habits. My favourite back-to-school habit is reading. I love to hear my children read and to read to them whenever I can. It is great for the child, but also great for our bonding. It is time for individual attention. Even at the end of a bad day when I have lost my cool and have placed myself in time out or am just plain tired, I love to hear even just a page or two of a reader, while putting my feet up. With my apology and the quality time, everything is alright again.

Another great habit for us parents is labelling things that travel back and forth to school, such as lunch boxes and jumpers. After considering buying labels for a long time, we have finally bought some. Any regrets? Yes, not buying them sooner! In a large stack of lost property, mostly expensive jumpers, gone through this week at school, only 3 items had names. Those items will find their way home.

The Crystal Brook Scout group have a label fundraiser through Bright Star Kids (www.brightstarkids.com.au). That may be something to consider, as hundreds of dollars-worth of jumpers ended up at the op-shop last year because the owners could not be identified.

Principal’s Report (Cont.)

Classes have also elected their SRC representatives for Term 1 and 2, there will be new ones elected for terms 3 and 4 so that more students have the opportunity to be a leader in the school. Those elected are: Room 1 – Jay Coffey and Tahlia Millard, Room 2 – Lily Merkel and Cooper Nicolson, Room 4 – Ebonee Nitschke and Riley Evans, Room 5 Morrie Coates and Ella Clements, Room 10 – Jude Nicholson and Elsie Arbon, Room 7 Leah MacFarlane and Hudson Tilbrook and Room 8 – Chelsea Hombsch and Tom Fox.

The school has protocols in place so that we ensure the same children are not always elected: a student is able to have one turn in Reception to Year 2, one turn in Year 3 to 5 and one in Years 6 to 7. Year 7s are able to stand for SRC and or School Captains and Vice Captains, if they are elected to both, a choice is then made by the student.

Volunteering has been made easier for parent and guardians

Minister Susan Close has announced changes which will make volunteering for parents and guardians with changes to school screening policy. Parents and guardians who volunteering in schools to support their own child’s education will no longer need to undertake relevant history screening.

Parents and guardians who go on overnight camps will still be required to have a DCSI child related screen.

I have attached the News Release from Minister Susan Close to this newsletter for your information.

Governing Council – Annual General Meeting Wednesday 24th February 7.00pm

We are still looking for more nominations for the vacant five positions on Governing Council, I have only had three nominations from parents in the school who are prepared to stand at this stage. If you are interested talk to Mel Baak or myself about what the role entails.

Student Free Day – Friday 19th February (this week)

Educators from across the Upper Mid North Partnership will meet at Crystal Brook to: explore and the misunderstandings that create fixed mindset; thinking like a growth mindset educator; pedagogy of the growth mindset educator on Friday 19th February.

Our Parent club will be catering for the day, we thank them and families who have donated time and food for the event.

Swimming Carnival

On Monday we had a great day at the local pool, with house captains and vice-captains working with their teams to ensure a smooth event. Thank you to the leaders, volunteers, pool staff, Parent Club and our school staff who work together to make sure this event is organised and runs smoothly. Congratulations to Flinders.

Anne Franks
Principal
PERFORMANCES 2016

Our next performance is on Monday 22nd February - World of Maths. The cost is $3.50. If you have not already paid your $10.00 performance fee for all performances this year, please make sure you pay this amount at least before Monday to ensure your child can attend. If we haven't received payment for your child, they will be unable to attend the Performance. Thank you.

PARENT CLUB

The first fundraising event of this year will be catering for the “Upper Mid North Partnership” meeting to be held in the School Gym, THIS Friday, February 19. This is the first Student Free day for the year. Parent Club is looking for volunteers to help out on the day preparing and serving morning tea and lunch for the participants. Requests for food and monetary donations to assist in purchasing items are also being made. If you can help out in any way, please contact Co-ordinator Jacqui Merkel on 0409283892. Any assistance you can offer is very much appreciated.

PARENT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

Parent Club have an ‘Events Calendar’ to help spread the work load and give all parents/ caregivers/ families the opportunity to become involved. If you are interested in being a co-ordinator for any of the dates below or would like to help out at events, please give me a call or email. If you would like to know more about what is involved (no obligation!!) please just ask! You may even have an idea of your own for fundraising.

Meagan Venning, 0428 859 199, venningm@bigpond.com

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Rosters for events (such as Op Shop, catering & Market Day) will be in newsletters closer to actual dates).
Swimming Carnival 2016

No Photographs Included

Some of our parent helpers!

And the winner is...FLINDERS!
UNIFORM NEWS

The next Uniform Day will be Term One, Week 8, Thursday 24th March 2016 between 8:30 - 9:30am in the Gym. For those families who are new to the School, we have two Uniform Day’s per term.

If you would like to order uniforms for your child please collect a uniform order form from the Office, download from the school’s website or Tiqbiz. Uniforms need to be paid for between 8:30am and 9.30am Monday to Thursday at the School Office or EFT. If you would like to make payment through EFT, please call the school for details. Uniforms will be delivered to your child on Uniform Days providing they are in stock. Payment is required prior to collection of items.

******SPECIAL******

Broad Brim Hats - $4.00

Hats can be purchased from the School Office outside of Uniform Days or with your order on Uniform Day. If you have any queries regarding Uniforms, please contact Liv Alpe on 0438 780 814.

Liv Alpe
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“I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end”

Abraham Lincoln

HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER

As we did last year, we will be delivering the newsletter via tiqbiz this year. If you would like to specifically receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please either reply to the tiqbiz message sent out in Week 1 or fill out below form and return. If you do not return either, we will not be giving out hard copies. This is the final week for opting in. Thank you.

I would like to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter please.

My eldest child, ______________________________ (name) is in Room _____,