

## SEAFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

20<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Semester we have a few staffing adjustments that reflect our flexible educational direction and changing work arrangements.

Already this year our staff have been involved in an educational initiative called the School Improvement Partnership. Funding and opportunities from this initiative have afforded us the capabilities to work with consultants, visit high performing schools and have time to plan for best practices, particularly with Mathematics.

Next Semester, a number of staff will be taking on professional development with the Department's program called Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Our work improving Mathematics will continue and be supplemented by structures that further enhance our capabilities to improve student learning.

Three instructional leaders have been appointed for each area of the school to lead the PLC along with myself and Melanie French. Mrs Helen Birch for the Junior School (Prep A and P/1A), Mrs Georgia Younger for the Middle School (1/2A and 2/3A) and Mrs Kylie Witte for the Senior School (3/4A and 5/6A).

Staffing changes will be mostly in the Senior Wing. Mr Geoff Triplow has decided to teach part time and Mrs Jessica Townsend is returning from Parental Leave on a part time basis. Mr Ken Hoppen continues as the full time 5/6A teacher.

Mrs Witte and Mrs Townsend will teach 3/4A. Mrs Witte on Mondays and Fridays and Mrs Townsend on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Witte will continue to teach Performing Arts and will also further support 3/4A on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mr Triplow will be taking Physical Education and Health for the whole school on Thursdays and Fridays. We have another staffing change in the Visual Arts area. Ms Amelia Davey has taken up an offer for a career opportunity and consequently has had to relinquish her Art position here. We wish her the best and will miss her despite her short stint at Seaford Park this term. We have advertised the position and will let you know as soon as possible who will be taking Visual Arts for the remainder of the year.

I have worked closely with staff around these changes and we are all very excited about the opportunities that come with these various roles. Mr Triplow is looking forward to working with all children in Physical Education and Mrs Witte is excited to be working with students in the classroom in partnership with Mrs Townsend. Planning and hand over of the programs have taken place for a smooth transition.

If you have any questions about these arrangements please feel free to talk with any of these teachers, Ms French or myself.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal