

The Landing Post



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*A Newsletter designed to inform our growing school community of
Anne Hamersley Primary School.*

Dear Parents and Friends,

This is my first official communication to you as Principal of Anne Hamersley Primary School. To this point in time, I have managed to get various pieces of information to you using social media. I thank all those who read our Facebook and made important enquiries. I hope my responses have kept you up to date with how our school is tracking.

NEW ACCOMODATION

Thanks to the Principal of Ellen Stirling Primary School, we are in temporary accommodation in a transportable accessible off Westgrove Drive. We are now fully operational and able to answer your queries and take enrolments. Do come in and introduce yourself and complete this vital step in ensuring that your child is a foundation member of Anne Hamersley Primary School. Please contact me on 0467 80-7033. Unfortunately the school does not have a landline and is not likely to until we move into the permanent school building later this year.

DOWN TO BUSINESS – OUR SECOND PUBLIC MEETING - MONDAY 26 OCTOBER - 7.00 PM

All parents and guardians are invited to attend this meeting which will be in the undercover area of Ellen Stirling Primary School.

At this meeting, I will:

- ✓ Give you a brief history of the naming of the school and its newly acquired IPS status.
- ✓ Formally introduce my Deputies and Registrar.
- ✓ Ask you to vote on our school uniforms designed in response to your written feedback and discussions at our first public meeting
- ✓ Choose a school logo from a small selection put together by our commercial artist.
- ✓ Officially sign up volunteers to join one of our committees I will be setting up to do a wide range of jobs to ensure a smooth start. Setting up a school requires a substantial commitment in time by our parents as the job is just too daunting and unachievable unless we have “all shoulders to the wheel”.
- ✓ Give you the latest on building completion and staffing.

I am aware that some parents are not contactable either through social media or this newsletter that will be sent to you via e mail. I ask all of you to pass this **Landing Post** along to as many people as you can contact.

SCHOOL BUILDING

I have had many of you remark that the building is nearer completion each week. This is correct reporting as I have paid a few site visits and each visit reveals another phase completed. Recently I have had approval to install Interactive White Boards in all classrooms. This will ensure that we establish cutting edge delivery of curriculum from the outset. I will continue to pass along news as it comes to hand.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The applications for employment of teachers closed last week. I have received 406 applications. On an average, each application consists of six to eight pages. This is a lengthy process and I am hopeful to have appointments made, after interviews, by the end of the year.

As I have mentioned before, and will continue to mention, the strength of a school depends on the support of its community. I welcome hands on involvement at all times. Having made this plea, I need to mention that I know that many of you work and are, like me, time poor. There are, however, several jobs that can be done of an evening after the children are in bed – the best example of this is book covering. We will soon have a flood of reading books and library books to cover. Please see me on Monday 26 October if you can do this at home yourself or can farm this task out to friends and extended family.

Please look for the **Landing Post Issue 2** after a fortnight.

With best wishes and in anticipation of building with your help, a school of excellence.

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