ENROLMENT INFORMATION

- Total Number as at February 11: 407
- Number funded from Census Day:
- Number of overseas fee paying: 1

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Staffing

We have one new member of the teaching team this year, Tara Butler who is taking the new Junior class which will be known as JCB. Linda Abbott has returned from Family Leave and has begun her training as a Reading Recovery teacher. She will take over this role from Amanda Wigg. The training involves full and half day sessions at different times throughout the year as well as regular meetings with her tutor and the other teachers also training. Linda will begin teaching within a couple of weeks. Sue McNamara will be taking LSL from the 4th of March until the end of Term 1. David Sketcher will replace Sue during this time. Below is a copy of the current staff list.

2010 STAFF LIST

Principal                                      Marg Pickburn
Assistant Principal                            Amanda Wigg
Leading Teachers                               Belinda Treseder, Sue McNamara
Year 5/6 Team Leader & ICT Coordinator         Chad Neilson 5/6N
Year 5/6 Teaching Team                         Kirsty Davies 5/6D
                                                Vanessa Lovell 5/6L
                                                Peter Wright 5/6W
Year 3/4 Team Leader                           Sue McNamara 3/4M
Year 3/4 Teaching Team                         Simon Altamura 3/4S
                                                Lynne Kendall 3/4K
                                                Megan Alexander 3/4A
                                                Raelene Aleandro
Junior School Team Leader                      Maria Pase JCP
Junior Teaching Team                           Cheryl Ryan JCR
                                                Fiona Spellman JCS
                                                Jen Lenteni/Anne Seymour JCL
                                                Michael O’Donovan JCO
                                                Micaela Clinton JCM
                                                Ash Van Hattum JCV
                                                Emma Chalmers JCC

Visual Arts                                    Pauline Wilson, Cora Brownjohn
Performing Arts                                Sharon Foley
Library (Wed, Thurs, Fri)                       Norm Powell, Sharon Foley
Physical Education                             Tim Fearn-Wannan
Reading Recovery                               Linda Abbott
Integration Aides                              Dorothy Simmons
                                                Denise Anderson
                                                Alison McDonald
                                                Jen Walker
                                                Sophie Posselt
Learning and Teaching:
The year has started very smoothly in all areas. The units of work for Term 1 are:

- P-2: Learning to Learn
- 3/4: Learning to Learn & Is Australia really the lucky country?
- 5/6: Learning to Learn & Healthy bodies, do we really have a choice?

Kath Murdoch will be working with the four planning teams and again this year and I intend attending several of these planning meetings during the year.

Our three pupil free days prior to the children starting back at school were used very effectively to ensure a positive start to the year. On the pupil free days, staff:

- Worked with Kath Murdoch on Inquiry Learning. We have had a number of new staff and staff who have returned from leave etc over the past few years and we felt it was time to re-visit and re-new our understandings of the inquiry approach as a whole staff
- undertook professional learning on the e5 Instructional Model which was facilitated by Raelene Aleandro, Vanessa Lovell and Fiona Spellman. Staff participated in a number of activities to delve deeper in to the understandings of each of the domains evaluate and engage. e5 is not a planning model (what is taught) but is a teacher instructional model (how it is taught) It is not linear and teachers apply expertise at the point of need within the teaching program. Staff worked individually, in mixed groups and within team groups over a couple of days
- participated in a session on Multiaging facilitated by myself
- participated in meetings (staff, team)
- spent organisational time in their classrooms

Staff have begun assessing children in literacy and numeracy at all levels. The English Online Interview (a mandated assessment) will be undertaken with the Prep – 2 children over the next couple of weeks. Assessment using the Numeracy Online Interview will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Special Items/Events:

- Parent/Teacher Exchange of Information Meetings will be held on Tuesday, Feb 15 from 3.45pm.
- The intra-school house athletics will be on Wednesday, February 16th. Once again a lot of time and organisation has been required to make such events happen. Thanks must go to Tim Fearn-Wannan and the many parent volunteers who assist on the day.
- The Family Picnic/Sausage Sizzle will be held on Thursday, February 24th.
- A whole school Information and Open Night will be held on Monday, February 28th with the night focussing on the role of Performing Arts at RMPS and also the school’s new Strategic Plan
- Three parent programs will be held in Feb/March, Parent Helpers 1 & 2, and Helping Your Child Learn to Read
BER Building Project
I will be able to report more on this at the SC meeting as I will be attending a site meeting on Friday and will therefore have more up to date information following the holiday break.

I would like to sincerely thank all retiring councillors for the valuable personal time they have given to their role of School Councillor and for the generous contributions they have made to sub committees they may have been a part of.

*Marg Pickburn*  
*Principal*