Dear Families,

Welcome to our new 2017 school year! We have had a very calm, settled start to the year and children are happy and enthusiastic.

We welcome 43 new Foundation students to the school in Miss Marty and Miss Nat’s rooms and their wonderful families. We look forward to friendly and warm relationships with the children and their families. We also welcome our many other new students who have joined our school this year from local, country and interstate schools. We are sure you will enjoy your new school and we are grateful for what you bring to our school community.

We welcome two new teachers, Sam Whitton, who is teaching Science to most of our Primary classes on Thursday and Friday, and to Jessica Ireland, who is teaching Year 3/4 class in Room 3. The children and staff have already made them feel very welcome and I am sure the parents will too.

Yard, Buildings and work this year

2017 will be a year when we will have some major maintenance, repair and renovations occurring at FPPS. We thank you for your flexibility and patience with the new storm water pipes being laid from the beginning of the year. There will also be some repairs done to the Open Space building, we are just waiting for this to begin.

We are also waiting to hear about the STEM works that should be undertaken during the year. During these renovations, we will have no access to our current library or computer room or Room 1; and so some temporary arrangements will be made for storage of books, equipment, and changes will occur in a couple of classrooms. More information to follow as plans are made.

All of this is exciting and will certainly improve our school, its surrounds and the possibilities of learning.

However, as a result of the STEM works in particular, we are restricted by space and the extra programs that we can offer during 2017. Because students always need to be in line of sight by teachers or staff, we do not have those small rooms that we can use for Private Providers for student support, such as OTs or Speech pathologists. Nor do we have the space for the music teachers or guitar teacher that we have had in the past. We are hoping that we can restore these in the future, but not during 2017. We are sorry about this.

Hence, there will not be guitar lessons during 2017.

School Day and Bell Times

The school day starts at 8.30. Parents who send their children earlier than 8.30, do so at their own risk. Children can attend OSHC before school for their own safety. Otherwise, they sit outside the Library ONLY, not go into classes, and wait for the teacher on duty at 8.30am. If they are at school before 8.15, they will go to OSHC and parents will need to pay. We want to keep all students safe. At the last siren at 3.25, children who have not yet been collected, come to the office. Please be on time to pick up your children so that they do not worry.

Hot Weather

When the temperature is 36° or higher, children remain inside for Recess and/or Lunch. The same applies during rain spells. We are at a school that is lucky enough to have a lot of shade for days with temperature less than 36°.

Dates to Remember

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| Monday 20th February 2017 | Sushi Lunch |
| Tuesday 21st February 2017 | Annual General Meeting 7pm |
STAFF Car Park
The Staff Car Park is for staff only, also taxis for the Special Class, and visitors and deliveries during the day. PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA. We also ask that parents do not walk through the Staff Car Park for the safety of your children. This is a very frustrating issue for the whole school community.

Powerful Learners
At the beginning of this year, teachers engaged with a Learning Consultant, Kym Brown, about developing our students as Powerful Learners. This is about developing their curiosity and ability to question the world around them, developing their collaborative skills to solve problems in pairs and teams, and to engage in following their own passions and interests. This was highly interesting, and so we are sure that you will hear your children talking about being Powerful Learners, and how they are learning to take more responsibility for their own learning.

Child Protection and Safety
We appreciate your response to the incident last week that we informed you with a message. We are required to inform the school community of any concern such as a stranger approaching a student, and the most efficient way to do this, is via text. The teachers discuss keeping safe with the children without alarming them, but we value your support by talking with your children as well.

Student Support Services
Children who need extra support are often referred to the Student Support Services by their teacher. Student Support Services include social workers, behavioural support coaches, psychologists, special educators, speech pathologists and they provide support to children and teachers in state schools and preschools.

If your child’s teacher feels that your child or their class as a whole is having difficulties they may engage with the Student Support Services team regarding these difficulties. Your teacher will discuss this with you and obtain your consent before making a formal request for support for your child. For more information speak with Louise Faulkner, your teacher or me.

Annual General Meeting
A note has gone home regarding the Annual General Meeting of FPPS Governing Council on Tuesday 21st February at 7pm in the Library. I urge you to attend this meeting to show your interest in the school and perhaps even consider becoming a Governing Council member. All of the parents who participate find it very rewarding.

We look forward to all that 2017 brings,

Judy Anderson
Principal

FINANCE UPDATE

School Fees 2017
School Fees and School Card Forms were sent home with your child/ren last week.

School Fees are required to be paid in full by the 13th April 2017. Part payments can be accepted at the Front Office. You can also pay over the Internet by paying into the Schools Bank Account – BSB 105-088 Account 338221040. Please put the students name and or invoice number in the reference field.

School Card needs to be applied for each and every year. Please complete the form and return it to Kath at the Front Office ASAP. If you have misplaced or not received a school card form and wish to apply for it, please obtain one from the front office.

Centrelink deductions can also be arranged if required.

Thank You
Hi everyone. I have started a PE blog this year to allow for the school community to easily access information about school sport. The information on the website is intended for parents, caregivers, students and teachers. Please have a look and check for updates on events and notices.

Link: [http://johnkatavatis.wixsite.com/hpefpps](http://johnkatavatis.wixsite.com/hpefpps)
Password: FlindersHPE

**SCHOOL CRICKET FOR TERM 1**
School cricket forms have gone out to students (boys and girls) who are interested in playing. **If your child wishes to be involved in school cricket this term, then please collect a form from the office.** We are hoping to nominate an A, B, C grade teams and 3 kanga cricket teams.

**SCHOOL CRICKET COACHES WANTED**
I am seeking volunteers to fill coaches/manager roles for school cricket this term. We have enough players to fill teams in A, B, C Grade and 3 Kanga Cricket teams.

You do not need special skills or expertise – children need to be taught the rudiments of cricket, fielding placements, batting and bowling techniques. Children rotate through all positions so they get a feel for the different roles and can develop their skill and identify strengths and weaknesses.

Parental support for team organisation, scoring and transport to matches is also absolutely essential!!!!!!

**SCHOOL NETBALL 2017**
The school is entering an under 11 netball team this term. **Please make sure you bring back your forms ASAP.** I was seeking interest from students last year in the hope of entering an under 9 and 13 team. Unfortunately the teams did not have enough players to go ahead. If your daughter is interested in playing in the under 11 team or she expresses interest in playing in the other teams then please let the front office know.

John Katavatis

**Do you love to Dance?**
The Festival of Music is calling for all kinds of dancers to perform on stage during the Festival in Term 3. Students must attend an audition which will be held late in Term 1, but must submit an application asap (see Mr Birch). You don’t have to be part of the choir to dance at the festival, I urge you to give it a try (boys particularly!), you’ll love it!

**Do you play an Instrument?**
The Primary Schools Music Festival Orchestra is in dire need of musicians in all sections of the orchestra. If you are in years 5/6/7 and play electric guitar, drums, piano, any woodwind, brass, strings or percussion instrument, you are needed! Challenge yourself and your skills and audition to be a part of the orchestra today! Auditions are ASAP please see Mr Birch if this is YOU!

**Do you love to talk?**
The Festival also requires comperes (announcers) to run each evening of the Festival by introducing all the acts, songs, soloists and opening and closing the evening. If you are in year 6/7 and a confident and clear speaker, not afraid to speak in front of a large audience then we need YOU! You don’t need to be a member of the choir, and applications are due by the end of the term (see Mr Birch).

**« CHALLENGE YOURSELF**
**« IMPROVE YOUR CONFIDENCE**
**« MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
**« HAVE A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE**
**« HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE FUN!!**
**« JOIN THE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC TODAY!!!**

Please see Mr Birch or email me at Stephen.Birch173@schools.sa.edu.au or visit [www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au) for more information.
Hook in 2 Hockey Program is a fun, safe national program for boys and girls of all ages. It is a combination of skills and games for an hour. At our club the sessions are run by experienced club hockey players.

The first session is a free Come ‘n’ Try.

Following that we are running an 8-week program, Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00pm in Term One 2017.

Your local centre for participating is located at Grange Royals Hockey Club, Fort Street, Grange.

Important dates:
- **Come ‘n’ try** – February 22nd 2017
- Registrations for the 8-week program are due by February 27th 2017
- 8-week Program commences March 8th and concludes April 26th 2017

To find out more details and to register online for the 8-week program log on to [http://hookin2hockey.com.au](http://hookin2hockey.com.au). The program includes either a participant pack (stick, ball, shin guards, back pack and reversible singlet) or a returning participant pack (2 options available – ball, stick and shin guards, OR hat, water bottle and cooler bag).

All other queries, please direct to [juniors@grangeroyals.org.au](mailto:juniors@grangeroyals.org.au)