



# SPAN NEWS

St. Paul Apostle North Primary School

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'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy'

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## Extraordinary Newsletter



### Staffing for 2019

Every year at this time, staffing becomes a point of discussion. Teachers may be looking for a promotion, positions closer to home, or may simply feel that they need a change to challenge themselves in their professional development. Although it's always sad when staff move on to new challenges, I would always encourage people to follow their dreams.

Having said this, it is my happy/sad privilege to congratulate Miss Eloise Verstoep on her appointment to St Pat's, Mentone for 2019 and Mrs Rani Fernandes on her appointment to a leadership role at St Joseph's, Springvale. They will both be greatly missed at SPAN but I am very happy to support both Eloise and Rani in their new career moves.

We therefore warmly welcome Miss Elyse D'Angelo into the 3/4 learning team and are currently interviewing for the 5/6 position. We will advise the SPAN community as soon as we have made a decision. Many families will know Miss D'Angelo from her work in the Prep area this year.

### Class Reps for 2019

Next year we are intending to introduce parent class reps to SPAN. We are open to suggestions as to how the role will look, as we intend for it to unfold as needs arise. One of the main objectives will be to make sure all families are kept in the loop regarding school events and to organise support for the classroom in whatever way they can. One of the other hopes I would envision is to embody our school community spirit by helping to connect with parents and families who may not feel strongly connected to our school or who may feel unsure of how to connect.

### North School Advisory Board

Our first Board meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the staff room at 5:30pm. We have 5 places available for new members in 2019. Please give this some thought as this Board helps to guide direction of the school in a variety of areas. We require a true representation of all the families at SPAN. If you feel you would like to be on the Board please nominate yourself or, if you know of someone you feel would suit this position, please chat with them and see if they may wish to be nominated.



## School Improvement

We have been working very hard recently to get together a strong submission to apply for a Capital Grant to design and build a brand new, state of the art Visual and Performing Arts Centre. This would ideally join the PLC with the gym and provide a wonderful area for performances as well as a sacred space for Masses and liturgies. As we still owe quite a lot of money for the PLC, this submission will probably not go through in the first round, but we are making a strong case and hope that within two years we may be successful. In the meantime, we are almost ready to replace our side fences. We have narrowed down our quotes and are waiting for our permit to get started. Hopefully they will be up by the beginning of 2019.

## Designer Bricks

For those families who paid for bricks in 2016, please accept my sincerest apologies that they have not yet been laid. Be assured they have been stored in a safe place and will be down as soon as possible now that we have addressed, at least in part, our drainage problem.

