Welcome back to 2016

Welcome to Living Waters Lutheran College, 2016. I hope that you had a restful and happy holiday. It is great to see the students again and already school programs are underway with exciting projects planned. It is very much business as usual!

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. During the holidays, my family (husband Rob and two children; Jack aged 20 and Abbie aged 17) and I celebrated ten years of living in Australia. Prior to coming to Australia, I was an Assistant Head Teacher in an Anglican Primary school for four years and part of the Leadership team for fifteen years. During that time I ‘wore many hats’, including being the Science Co-ordinator (for which I have an additional teaching diploma), whole school curriculum manager, Special Needs Co-ordinator and I was in charge of whole school assessment and reporting. I am very excited about my role as Acting Head of Campus this year and I am determined to serve the school community to the best of my ability.

I am passionate about our school. From the first time I set foot here, over eight years ago to do Relief teaching, I have felt that this school is incredibly special. I feel privileged to be leading the school until a new Principal is found. I am a good listener and very much a ‘doer’. If you have any concerns or ideas for making our school even better, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I want parents and caregivers to know that you are listened to and that your opinions are valued.

I am looking forward to and am privileged to be part of you and your child’s journey at Living Waters.

Blessings, Mrs Caroline Hayes – Head of School

Parent Information Night

Tuesday 9 February is our Information Night for parents and caregivers. There will be two sessions with the first beginning at 6.00pm and the second at 6.45pm. This is focused on the Home Class teacher(s) rather than Specialist teachers. Teachers will be able to tell you about the organisation of the classroom, time tabling, events and curriculum. A booklet will be given out and there will be opportunities to ask any questions you may have.

Welcome Barbecue

The Parents and Friends, (P&F), will be hosting a Welcome Barbecue for all families on the evening of Friday 26 February. There will be a bouncy castle for the children and maybe the chance of a return netball match for the adults, as well as a sausage sizzle for all. There will be no cost to families for this event. A flyer with more details will be sent home with students next week.

Diary Dates and upcoming events

Mon 1 Feb – First day back of Term 1 2016.

Tues 2 Feb – 3 and 4 Year Old Kindy resume.

Tues 9 Feb – Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day.

Parent Information Night PP – Yr6 6pm & 6.45pm.

Wed 10 Feb – Ash Wednesday

Fri 12 Feb – Constable Care visits and Lunch shack

Prayer Points

- We pray for Mrs Hayes and Mrs Sue Sullivan as they lead our school College throughout the year.

- We pray for all the students returning back to school this week. May they stay safe and well for an exciting year.

- We also hold Pastor Steve in our prayers as he settles into his new role at both Halls Head and Warnbro Campus.

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**New Staff:** We welcome into school Mr Colin Spadoni, our new Information Technology teacher. Mr Spadoni will be with us each Thursday and will initially be focusing on our iPad program and setting up our Computer room. He will then work across all primary classes to help implement the curriculum.

**Constable Care:** We will be hosting an incursion called ‘Constable Care’ for all students from Pre-Primary to Year Six. This will take place on the morning of Friday 12 February in the MPB and will focus on the need for safety when using the internet and aspects of social media. We have run this incursion for the past few years and have found it a great introduction to cyber safety.

**First Aid and Asthma Training:** A number of staff participated in a St. John’s First Aid course for teachers at the start of the year and all staff have completed Asthma Awareness training. This follows the Anaphylaxis training at the end of Term Four. These courses help to make the school a safe place for our students.

**Yearbook:** Hopefully you have had time to read and share the Yearbook for 2015. If you have not received your copy, please collect it from the front office.

**Lunch Shack:** Lunch Shack will resume next Friday 12 February. We are looking for volunteers to help support this. If you are interested, please see Mrs Meredith Love. Lunch Shack will initially be on Fridays only. Please contact Meredith on 0422 294 969. A new menu for Friday will be sent out next week.

**Science and Art Academy:** After nearly five years, our Science and Art Academy has finally been completed. Thanks to the P and F, we now have a wonderfully functional and attractive facility. Please feel welcome to visit and see it for yourself! Science and Art lessons resume this week.

**Our new Church Pastor:** After what has felt like a long wait, we now have a new church pastor. Mr Steve Liersch was installed into the position on Sunday and is keen to spend time with parents and caregivers at our campus. Pastor Steve will be available on Wednesday after our Chapel and Assembly. Pastor Richard will continue to be our school pastor and lead us in worship every Wednesday.

**Crunch ‘n’ Sip:** We are a Crunch ‘n’ Sip school so all students are allowed to bring in some fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water to eat and drink throughout the day. New water bottles are being sent home to support this policy. If your child is going to use theirs for school, please label it with their name and class.

**Newsletters:** School newsletters will be sent out or emailed each Monday. Important information will be contained in them so please try to find the time to read them. Individual classes will send out their own newsletters every two weeks.

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**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Instrumental Tuition:** The application form is available from the front office.

**Piano Based Keyboard Lessons:** These lessons will continue.

**Violin Lessons:** Currently only two students. Lessons will continue, depending on if we can get more students interested in this lovely instrument.

**Guitar Lessons:** Currently no lessons available. If however we can get enough students interested, we might be able to get a teacher.

Wishing you all the best for 2016! Blessings, Mrs Gretchen Botha- (Music Teacher LWLC)