



# Special Bulletin



EPS Soccer Team 2018

17 July 2018

## Messages from the School

### Coming Events

Tuesday, 17 July  
First Day Term 3

Thursday, 26 July  
R6 Assembly

Wednesday, 1 August  
Faction Cross Country

Thursday, 9 August  
R7 Assembly

Thursday, 16 August  
Interschool Cross Country

Thursday, 16 August  
Cupcake Day

Friday 24 August  
Faction Athletics Carnival

Monday 3 September  
P&C Meeting

Thursday 6 September  
L2 Assembly

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Attached to this Bulletin is a Term 3 Planner. It does highlight some key events that we know about but others will develop during the term. I hope that the planner is helpful.

#### Attendance

Some information has been published very recently in the media about families taking vacations during school time. Just to clarify Eddystone's position — as principal, I understand that parents will need to take vacations when their employment allows. If that is during term, then all that needs to happen is that the principal is notified of the child's absence. It is preferable that the notification comes in writing and to the principal. Sometimes it comes through the class teacher and may not be passed onto the principal. Families do not need to seek permission to have vacations they only need to notify the principal.

That said, extended vacations during term can slow student progress in some cases. In others, it will enhance progress.

#### Staff Changes

Emme Vinney becomes the School Psychologist while Cheryl Chapman recovers from her broken arm and leg. Kerry Thompson is a new School Officer in Deirdre McCleay's position and Melissa Kanzaki replaces Kendall

Hammond who has taken up a position of Acting Deputy Principal at Nollamara PS.

The other staff change is that of the principal's position. I have been asked by the Regional Executive Director to take up the position of principal at North Beach PS until the end of the school year — commencing in Week 3 this term. North Beach requires a little leadership support from the system as their principal on short notice has been seconded to Central Office.

While I am away, Alec Kanganas will be Acting Principal and Robert Croft will again assume the role of Acting Deputy Principal. Alec will retain leadership of the IEC along with the other duties of the principal. We are hoping to increase Eva-Marie Perissonotto's time to cover music. As of the time of publishing, the Department has not authorised that Music appointment.

While not ideal, my absence will be fairly brief — I will be returning at the commencement of 2019. Eddystone PS is a good school because it is clear about its work and because the staff put students first. None of this will change in the next couple of months — growth will continue. I am confident that when I return, Eddystone PS will be in great shape.

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