From the Principals Desk

Welcome back to school for term 2 of 2016. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their Easter break and students return to us safely and ready for their next phase of learning before achievement reporting at the end of term 2. To ensure families are kept informed of student progress towards reporting we are scheduling Parent/Teacher interviews for next Wednesday, April 20. Notes will be coming home this week providing information on times. Parent teacher interviews are part of our standard reporting process across the year though parents can request a meeting with their class teachers at any time outside of this set schedule. I encourage all families to meet with your class teachers next week to make sure you are aware of where your student is succeeding and next steps to ensure growth over the term before report card time.

To support students in their improvement this term the focus of our behavior/learning strategy for the next few weeks will be students developing and owning their personal learning goals. The poster on the back of this page is the discussion that will be used in classrooms. Teachers can teach but students are responsible for learning. These goals should be specific and understood by the student so that they know what learning has to occur for them to achieve. ‘Becoming a better reader’ is not an effective learning goal as it is too broad – ‘Remember what 25 sight words look like and recognize in home reading books’ is an effective learning goal as it is clear what the student has to know and show to achieve success. As a team we are looking forward to the successes another term of learning will bring for our students.

As often happens we start the term with some staff changes. Mr. Luke Bushell replaces Mrs. Marnie Lyon as music teacher for Tieri and Capella State School and we welcome him to our community. Thank you to Mrs. Wendy Dowling who stepped in for me as Acting Principal at the end of term 1. It was a busy time with year 4 on camp, Year 3 on sleep over and Student Council holding their inaugural lunch time disco which from all reports was really enjoyed by all students and a great success. Student council will meet this week to consider activities for term 2. Future camps are in term 3 for the year 6 class and term 4 for the year 5 class. Our extra curricula activities this term are centered around the athletics carnival and community events of ANZAC Day and the local Show. Thank you for being on the team to ensure another successful term of learning at Capella State School.

Cheers
Amanda Mobbs
Acting Principal
Behaviour Focus:

I know my learning goals.

- I want to be the best I can be.
- I know my strengths.
- I can explain what my learning goal is and how to improve.
- I try teacher suggestions to improve in my learning.
- I feel proud when I have been successful.
- I look for the next goal to improve.