## Wandong Primary School



School is back in and we certainly had a super smooth start to the year. This year we welcome 447 students, an increase of 40 over 2018.

Additionally we welcome eight new staff- Jacqueline Nelson (Foundation), Lisa Dalcam, Stephen Tsonas, Kelsey Batchelder and Natasha Welsby (Grade 1/2), Ashlee Koeleman (Grade 3/4), Kat Potts (Grade 5/6) and Melene Lowe (Indonesian). Our detailed transition program at the end of last year ensured all staff and students were certainly well prepared for their first day this week. We have twenty one grades operating this year, with an additional double portable now placed on the new block.

Over the holiday, we worked further on our masterplan design. Whilst some tweaks needed to be made to fit it into the 1.296 million allocated, we will certainly end up with two great additions (Staff centre and Library). More detailed drawing are now being completed so that the work can be put out to tender within a few months.

Prior to students returning at the end of January, staff spent time together looking at our focus areas for 2018 and how we could work best as a team. This was a great opportunity to set up key roles and protocols for ensuring effective use of team time.

Since their return, students have been involved in setting up themselves and their classrooms for success - deciding upon expectations and processes to ensure everyone is well aware of what needs to happen and that they have support with their learning.

We know it will be a great year ahead because its 2000 and great-teen (2018)

Have a fabulous month Rhonda Cole Principal Wandong Primary School (03) 57871232