

**PRINCIPAL P&F REPORT**  
**18 October 2017**

- Mrs Sarah Seneque is still unwell and will remain on leave for the remainder of the school year. Ms Kirsten Kane will continue teaching science during this time.
- Planning for staffing 2018 is currently underway and today we have interviewed for a new music teacher and advertised for an upper school teacher for 2018.
- Congratulations to Geoff and Karim Clarke on the arrival of gorgeous little Sofia Rose. Although born at 31 weeks, Sophia is coming along really well.
- Buddy Benches: A huge thankyou to the Whitford Bunnings store for their kind donation of two buddy benches for our school. The staff who came along to work with our students were great and their donation of time and paint is also very much appreciated. Quite a bit of traction with the buddy benches in terms of positive publicity.
- Tournament of the Mind students are preparing well for their competition in Adelaide at the end of this month. Mrs Jen Fenlon and Mr Andrew De Maio have prepared the students well and we look forward to a great competition!
- Scietech Brainstorm Challenge Day: Yesterday, nine students from Years 5 took part in the Catholic Brainstorm Challenge Day at Scitech. The students worked in teams of three to complete challenges, including the CSIRO Lab Challenge, the Planetarium Challenge and a Mathematics Decoding Challenge. One of our teams came third overall, which was a top effort!
- It is fabulous to see the Year 4 students are taking responsibility for the planning, preparing, planting and organising of the new kitchen gardens that were constructed at the last busy bee.
- School Car Parking Update: Tenders for the access road and carpark to the side of our oval closed last Friday, with Chaney Architecture currently reviewing tenders. Hopefully a recommendation will be made early next week so that we can plan our operations and events around the program.
- Christmas Concert 4 December 2017: No Christmas Carols on the oval due to the oval being a construction site and as we currently have no music teacher, our concentration will be on dance and drama in the gymnasium. There will be a lower primary and an upper primary show with a family picnic on the oval/courtyard between 3-4.30pm in between shows.

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