Principal’s Report

My sincere apologies for not getting this newsletter out to you earlier, but let me keep you up to date with our latest news.

We welcome Lettie Allen as a Christian Pastoral Support Worker through the Chaplaincy Programme. Lettie has provided an article for this newsletter, see the following page to introduce herself to you. We are required to inform you that any 1:1 sessions are of a voluntary nature and there is a consent procedure for this. So far Lettie has been doing a great job at getting to know our students, staff and visiting Governing Council.

At the moment I am adding my comments to the Student Reports and I am very excited because I can see easily how many students are achieving their goals and see a lot of photographic evidence. All classes are reporting on a portfolio format and we are changing the goal results from a sliding scale of 1-6 to being ‘Yes’ or ‘No Not Yet’. I hope that you also find this format easier to understand.

Students news. We welcome both Anthony and Lara from Queensland. Our classes are looking to be full next year with a few students transitioning out to other schools. There are no senior students graduating this year.

We are progressing with our understanding of the new Australian Curriculum. New materials to support students with disabilities will be available at the beginning of 2013. Our plan is to use the Australian Curriculum with our individual student goals, and to record achievement against these. Within the Australian Curriculum there are the standards for subjects but also capabilities, which we will also reference to as relevant to our individual student learning needs. This means for you as parents that when we set goals within the N.E.P. in term 1 of each year that we will also refer with you to ‘where’ and ‘how’ we link to the curriculum and make adjustments.

I wish to thank all of the members of the Governing Council for their contribution to our school this year. I know that parents & carers time is precious but when we met last week to look at all that had been achieved this year there was a long list of consultation, discussion and decisions. For next year the group will continue to look at road crossing support but have decided not to go into the Passport Programme in 2013. Governing Council remains disappointed along with us about not being in the new multipurpose room yet. Our target is still for the Christmas Concert on 6th December, so fingers crossed. Staff are working on the equipment we need for the room and still proceeding with this. We hope to see you all at the Christmas concert.

Regards,
Anna
Hello, my name is Lettie Allen and I am the new Christian Pastoral Support Worker at Mid North Education Centre. Christian Pastoral Support Workers help schools to offer a pastoral, resource and referral service to all members of the school community. As the School Christian Pastoral Support Worker, in co-operation with teachers and the Principal, I will work to develop services, programs, and strategies that meet the needs of your students at the Mid North Education Centre. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches. I will be at the school on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, where I will be involved with different classes at different times. and I can be contacted by students through my front office message box. Parents and care-givers can contact me through the school’s front office.

I am really looking forward to assisting the school staff to provide the best outcomes for students and their families.

Lettie Allen

Date: Thursday 8th December
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Mid North Education Centre
David Street
Could you please bring a plate of supper to share. Come along and join in the fun.