Shane’s Stuff
Staffing News

Well we certainly live in a world of change!!!
The last 48 hours has brought a few surprises and new opportunities to Woodburn Public School as we approach 2016.

With a degree of excitement for Mrs Rebecca Mander, I can announce that she has today been successful in merit selection to Banora Point Public School and today will be her final day with us here at Woodburn. I have also been advised that Miss Zoe Warren has been offered two terms of employment at Evans River K-12 and she has accepted this position and therefore will not return to our school in 2016.

These changes have meant a few other decisions have needed to be made, with the Department of Education Human Resources Directorate already advising of a replacement for Mrs Mander. Our school looks forward to welcoming Miss Deisha Rose to our school staffing team commencing 2016. Mr Kurt Bock has also agreed to fill the temporary teacher position for term one. If our enrolments are confirmed above 114 students in the new year our school will be able to have an Assistant Principal position in lieu of the classroom teacher vacancy. Obviously more information on this will come after the 2016 school year commences.

At this point in time our classes and teachers for 2016 will be as follows:

Kindergarten - Miss Suzanne Johnston
Years 1-2 - Mrs Susan Johnston
Years 2-3 - Ms Deisha Rose - newly appointed for 2016

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Years 3-4 – Mr Kurt Bock (temporary teacher for Term 1)
Years 4-5-6 – Mrs Kylie Bateman
MC Support Class – Miss Lea Mulrooney
Release Teacher/Library – Mrs Vicki Duncan (Tues/Wed/Thurs)
Learning and Support Teacher – Miss Kristy Wood (Wed/Thurs)

Start Dates for 2016
Staff return to school on Wednesday 27 January, 2016.
Years 1 to 6 students commence Thursday 28 January 2016.
Kindergarten commence Monday 1 February 2016 however will attend individual Best Start appointments on 18 and 29 January.

Farewell Year 6
Last night our school celebrated with the Year 6 students to bring their primary school education to an end. I congratulate this large group of students on their achievement and trust that they will go forward and make the most of the next stages of their learning journey. Their future is theirs to create. I trust they will create it well.

Farewell Mrs Mander
With such late notification that Mrs Rebecca Mander is leaving our school there has not been an effective way to celebrate her achievements or to bid her the farewell she deserves. Rebecca has been a very strong and effective member of our teaching team during her time in our school. She has been highly regarded as a teacher by both students and parents who have interacted with her over these years. Our loss is certainly Banora Point Public School’s gain. On behalf of our entire school community I wish Rebecca, Rob and Liam all the best as they venture on in life and embark on new challenges and opportunities. Thank you for being such a positive part of our school community during your time with us!

Farewell Miss Warren
As mentioned above, Miss Warren has been offered two terms work at Evans River K-12 for 2016. This is more than the 1 term that I could offer her and on this basis I have encouraged Zoe to look after her own future and take this greater amount of work. Zoe has been a very effective member of our team in recent years. She has taught students across both our senior and middle school, as well as being the driving force behind our schools participation in the Lismore District Performing Arts Festival. Zoe has also been a very willing and enthusiastic sports coach, driving the successes achieved by our schools football (soccer) and touch football sides.

Zoe’s contributions to our school will also be sorely missed and I am sure will prove to be Evans Rivers gain. Zoe was not expecting this situation to arise and had intended to be back with us next year. It is through these unexpected changes that she was unable to share a more formal farewell with both the school and most importantly her class of 2015. Best wishes for 2016 and beyond Miss Warren!

End of Year Message
2016 will bring a range of new and exciting opportunities to our school. Including Mrs Bateman who has been with us for 2015, over 50% of our staff will be new. They will bring new ideas, new backgrounds, new goals and new directions. Our school team will work toward implementing our core Literacy and Numeracy programs, whilst revitalising our positive behaviour for learning ethos. Change is exciting and I look forward to all that awaits us in the new school year.

Until school resumes in 2016 I wish all families a very safe and merry Christmas break. To the families who leave us we wish you all the best on your new endeavours.

Until 2016....