School Strategic Planning
Staff at MOSS have commenced strategic planning to inform the School Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2020. The main priorities for this plan will be based on the key findings from the recent school review (available on the school website). Prior to developing actions to support these priorities, it is essential the school community consult regarding the school vision, beliefs, values, and motto. At present, the school does not have a motto. The school vision statement, beliefs, and values (found on the school’s website) were established in 2012 as part of the planning cycle. We look forward to and encourage feedback from our families.

Feedback or questions can be directed to any member of the administration team in person, via email or over the phone.

Intensive Interaction
Last week was the first International Intensive Interaction Week. Thank you to Louise, our Intensive Interaction Coordinator who organised various sensory activities and social games for our students. 50 students in the 2 ½ hour session joined in the fun!

Next week Louise, Chris (Parent) and I will be meeting with the Showcase for excellence in Schools judging team to “pitch” why we should be state winners. State winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on October 28th. State Winners receive $30 000 to support the continuation of the project!

Senior Schooling
Our Senior Co-ordinator Rachel Byrne has our students keeping very busy:
Senior Formal – our graduating students, family members and staff recently attended their Senior Formal with other graduating students from nearby Special Schools. It was a wonderful evening.
Gold Coast 60 – this Friday six of our senior students will have morning tea at the Marriot Hotel followed by going trackside to watch the car races.
Schoolies Camp – Special thanks to Avegates who have funded this year’s Schoolies Camp. Students will be staying at Sea World Nara Resort and each student will swim with the dolphins!
Transition Program for Graduating Students – continues each Friday with local service providers for those students who are graduating.

The Senior Schooling Steering Committee continues to plan the development of courses and work programs. In 2017 some students will be participating in a Certificate 1 in Volunteering. To support this the school will be developing a “Thrift Shop” that will open to the public. For students who are unable to complete a Certificate 1 course they will access the program through ASDAN. If you have any questions please speak with Rachel or Mike.

Student Data Wall
Our Student Data Wall has now been installed in the Multi-Media Room. The Data Wall is confidential and is located on a white board that folds up and is locked. In accordance with the work the Data Team has been doing with Dr Lyn Sharratt we wanted to create a data wall so that we could track student achievement more effectively and over a period of time. We also wanted to create visuals of all students’ progress and we want to use this data to inform conversations of how we can better support student learning.
Facilities

Sensory Room update
Thanks once again to Jen and Chrissy for leading this much needed upgrade. Necessary repairs to the sensory room have been completed and $10 000 worth of equipment has been purchased.

Ian Lowe Playground
All of the required modifications to the playground are now finished. I have contacted Ian (founding Principal) and he is delighted to have the playground named after him. Details regarding a date and time for this will follow.

Safety and Traffic Management
The next Safety and Traffic Management meeting will be held in the multi-purpose hall on Wednesday October 26th 1:30 – 2:30pm. During this meeting, we review the risk management plan and seek feedback on the effectiveness of the control measures. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide your feedback or thoughts, please contact Susan on schri136@eq.edu.au or by phone prior to the meeting.

Professional development – Term 4
This week on the Student Free Day Teachers and Teacher Aides were very busy:
- PODD Training
- Intensive Interaction
- Positive Behaviour Support

Staffing
Karen Walton is currently on leave until October 20th. Hannah Tucker is Acting Deputy Principal. Zac Stamenkovic is on leave and is being replaced by Rachel and Kirron Byrne.

Budget
A copy of the budget will be tabled at the P&C meeting.

Warm regards

Susan Christensen