Thursday 18th December, 2014

Support Classes

Dear Parents

Welcome to Thomas Acres PS.

I know that all of you will have been living in hope and anticipation about placement for your children, wondering firstly, if they were going to be offered a spot and if so where.

Thomas Acres only found out a few weeks ago that we were to have three support classes established. It is something that our community has long been hoping for, but now the pressure is on to get them up and running.

Space is a definite issue at Thomas Acres and the establishment of three support classes has meant that we have to await the arrival of three new classrooms.

Our support classes will not be being placed in these.

We have decided to move a number of our classes for next year and are now in the process of making ready the classrooms for our support classes. They need to have a few things done in order for them to be ready (eg safety fence installed) but we are endeavouring to do this as rapidly as we can.

At this stage a number of things are outside my control and it will be necessary to see our first support class, hosted at Rosemeadow PS, for the beginning of the school year.

The Principal of Rosemeadow Public School, has kindly agreed to this.

This will cause a number of issues for us all, but with goodwill and open communication, there will be nothing that we can’t surmount.

You will probably have a host of questions for me but at this stage I don’t have the answers, I will though by the end of the school holidays.

Therefore I would like to invite you to attend an information session on Thursday 22nd January at 1.00 pm in the school library.
At this meeting I will be able to answer many of the questions that you now have and outline enrolment procedures for the 2015 school year.

I would also ask you to bring any copies of reports regarding your child eg paediatric, speech, OT, preschool etc.

In addition any information that you have in regards to your child’s likes/ dislikes, behaviours that are a concern, or triggers that result in an escalation of your child’s behaviours would be of great assistance.

Please take the time to collect your thoughts and record any information that you believe will assist in your child’s transition to school. This will be essential in streamlining the enrolment process.

School admin staff will be on hand to take you through the enrolment process and provide you with all necessary documentation.

School uniform will also be able to be purchased.

Be assured that we will make every endeavour to make your child’s first year at school as trouble free as we can.

In the event that you are unable to attend this meeting please contact the school office on Tuesday the 27th January, where we will be able to take your details and contact you.

Merry Christmas

Greg Cartwright
Principal