



# NEWSLETTER

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Halidon Primary School, Kingsley, WA 6026

## Event Calendar

New Appointments:



Ms Helen Demiris - Principal



Ms Maddison Petruzio TAB



Mrs Nicola Calverley - Pre Primary



Mrs Michelle Sharp - Phys Ed



Ms Jill Duncan - Kindy

## From the Principal

Hello Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome back to another exciting school year. A warm welcome to new families to the Halidon school community.

A big thank you to our cleaners Ms Ovenden, Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Hood and Mrs Rolfe; including our school gardener Mr Douglas, for their super efforts during the holidays in maintaining high standards in our buildings and grounds. Mr Douglas has also instigated the long awaited tidy up and removal of some of the brittle and dangerous trees on the grounds.

I am delighted to become part of the Halidon school community and I look forward to the opportunities ahead of us as we embark on our inaugural year as an Independent Public School. This is the beginning of an exciting journey for us all!

### School Board

Halidon Primary School is now officially an Independent Public School (IPS) meaning that the School Council takes on the new guise of a School Board. The School Council of 2016 determined that there should be a full round of elections early in 2017 so that the School Board had an opportunity to come into existence at the same time as the school gained IPS status. This means that all positions are up for nomination and possible election if there are more nominations than positions available. All information relating to the roles and responsibilities of a school board have been uploaded to the school website <http://www.halidonps.wa.edu.au/>. Should you be interested in nominating for positions on the Halidon Primary School Board please go to the website, read the information and complete a nomination form. I urge all parents to consider this opportunity.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Staff commenced back at work on January 30<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare classrooms and programs and take part in professional learning workshops. Staff participated in professional learning to understand key elements of an IPS school and commenced the process of determining the school's vision and beliefs and how these are reflected in the Halidon PS Business Plan. Staff worked very hard on these days after having a restful break over Christmas and the New Year. We have all enjoyed a smooth start to the year and are devoting lots of time getting to know their students through assessments and class activities.

Student forms have been sent home for updating. Please sign and return to the office by next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, even if no changes have been made.

Helen Demiris

*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*  
Henry Ford

# HALIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF 2017

## ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

**PRINCIPAL** Ms Helen Demiris

**ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL** Mr Andrew Schmidt

**TEACHING STAFF** Ms Jill Duncan (Mon, Wed & Thurs) Kindergarten (Kindy 1)

Mrs Lesley Arnold (Tues, Wed & Fri) Kindergarten (Kindy 2)

Mrs Nicola Calverley (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) Pre-Primary (TA1)

Ms Danielle Ansell (Fri)

Mrs Lois Lasscock (Mon, Tues & Wed) PP/Year 1 (TA 2)

Mrs Natasha Phatouros (Thurs & Fri)

Mrs Kerry Forbes Years 1/2 (TA3)

Ms Maddison Petruzio Years 2/ 3 (TA8)

Mrs Lyn Wallace Year 3 (TA9)

Mr Alan Holmes Years 3/4 (TA7)

Mrs Susan Walker Years 4/5 (TA11)

Mrs Kristy Atkinson (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) Years 5/6 (TA12)

Mrs Karen Fanene (Fri)

Miss Danica Schoppe Year 6 (TA13)

Ms Yukari Tsuzuki (Fri) Japanese

Mrs Sharon Cranwell (Mon & Tues) Music

Mrs Michelle Sharp (Thurs & Fri) Phys Ed

Mr Wes Buzza (Mon, Tues Wed & Thurs) Science

**OFFICE** Mrs Fiona Langley Manager Corporate Services

Mrs Chris Cruickshank (Mon, Wed & Tue am) School Officer

Ms Katrina Reid (Thurs)

**LIBRARY** Mrs Ruth Forbes (Tues, Wed & Fri) Library Officer

**EDUCATION ASSISTANTS** Ms Maryanne Williamson  
Mrs Diane Wright (Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs)  
Mrs Ruth Forbes (Wed am)  
Mrs Megan Madden  
Ms Katrina Reid (Mon, Wed & Fri)  
Mr Scott Newling (Mon – Fri am only)

**GARDENER** Mr Ian Douglas (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

**SCHOOL PHYCH** Ms Lauren Gabelich (Fri am) School Psychologist

**CLEANING STAFF** Ms Melissa Ovenden Head Cleaner  
Mrs Celine McCarthy Cleaner  
Mrs Margaret Hood Cleaner

**DENTAL** Ms Sue Kerr Ms Sabina Litynski Ms Jacky Scalaro

**CANTEEN** Mrs Alison Favache (Wed & Fri) Canteen Manager

**UNIFORM** Mrs Jacky Watts (open assembly mornings for second hand uniforms) Uniform Shop Co-ordinator