



## Principal's Annual Report for 2016 to the Parents and Citizens Association for Annual General Meeting

Kalbar State School February 16, 2016

We began the 2015 year with 197 enrolments and finished with 207. There was little change to staffing, which allowed for a reasonably smooth start to the year. The Great Results grant allowed us to employ Mrs Gretta Spillman for a couple of days a week extra to provide for greater learning in the early years.

### Facilities

Only small projects were done in 2015. Buildings were painted early in the year and repair work was done to verandas and stairs.

We continue to be a direct to market school, which means that we choose contractors and organise quotes for the work rather than Q-Build. We are given a lump sum of money each year to manage facilities ourselves. I have found this to be successful.

### IPS

We commenced the year as an Independent Public School. We tended to put our focus on broadening out to supporting the cluster in sport; developing music projects and working with the community in the area of Early Learning.

The Highlights of being more independent included:

1. The Early Learning Conference
2. Broad success in the area of sport and athletics
3. The release of a school CD
4. Having independence from the region while still calling upon them for the support we required.
5. Establishment of the School council

### School Council

It took almost 6 months for the council to be established. Once running, I found the group to be proactive, motivated and able to achieve results fairly quickly.

The main outcome of this group was to establish a vision for the school. After rigorous discussion the statement below was developed.

*To provide the best possible educational outcomes to ensure a well-rounded student, and support and engage our local community.*

### Technology

We continued to maintain a strong focus in technology. Computers were replaced under the replacement schedule. Teachers use computers daily. For such things as:

- Reading Eggs and Mathletics
- Internet conferencing
- On-line learning
- Publishing
- Using applications for learning
- Research

It is important, therefore that our network be regularly upgraded.



## Academic results

Academic results in 2015 were as expected and even exceeded expectations in some areas of year 3. Spelling continues to be the area that requires the most focus.

Area	Year 5 % in U2B in 2015	Year 5 % in NMS in 2015
Writing	18	95
Reading	38	97
G & P	33	92
Spelling	25	92
Numeracy	25	100

Area	Year 3 % in U2B in 2015	Year 3 % in NMS in 2015
Writing	56	100
Reading	33	97.2
G & P	52	97
Spelling	11	97
Numeracy	51.4	100

Our goals in 2014 focused strongly on reading and spelling. These goals aligned well with the region's. We continued to implement our Pedagogical Framework of Explicit Teaching. We continued to speak regularly about "High Expectations."

The partnership with the Kalbar State School P and C was strong. The P and C were very supportive of the school in terms of financial contribution and supporting its programs. The value of support from parents and community cannot be overstated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President and the committee for its supportive nature.

Highlights of the year included:

- Sports Day
- Christmas concert
- School Leaders' Induction
- Years 5, and 6 camps

In sport we stood out in Cross Country where we sent more than one-third of the field from our district to regionals. We had one student represent in the State Athletics team while being represented strongly again at Regional Athletics.

I believe that 2015 enjoyed many positives and many highlights which lead to the strengthening of the reputation of the school in our local community. The entire staff and many hard working parents who volunteer their time continue to make Kalbar the school of choice in the district.



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