

## **Principal's Report Week 8 Term 1 2017**

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### **Before and After School Care Grant**

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### **TTFM Survey**

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have a shared understanding of what the student is achieving in writing, what the student will need to do to improve their writing and how they will know they have achieved their learning goals.

2. Quality Teaching – We recognise the need to support teachers to improve their practice. To do this teachers will participate in personalised professional learning, coaching sessions, sharing of successful professional practice and observation/feedback sessions. Teachers will collaboratively evaluate the effectiveness of their practice and analyse student data to appraise the effectiveness of their own teaching.

3. Quality Learning – It is the job of the school to equip our students with the skills to become life-long learners. The focus of this strategic direction is very much linked to the principles of 'How2Learn' and the habits of learning. The aim is to have a positive life-long impact on our students, providing them with the tools to develop a growth mind set and strengthen their ability to learn.

The reasons for altering the school plan are varied. They include:

1. Lack of consultation with the school community.
2. Strategic directions not being explicit.
3. School staff were not on board with the previous school plan.
4. Creating a school plan in 2017 which can be used as a lead in to the creation of the next three year planning cycle.

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