Welcome back everyone to an exciting Term 1 for 2016. As many people would be aware, Mr Anderson is on leave for six months and has indicated that he is likely to retire after his leave. Many people have expressed their thanks to his years of dedication to Caralee, and schools across Western Australia, over his long and successful career. When Mr Anderson does officially retire, we will ensure he is recognised appropriately for his years of service.

As I am Principal for the next six months, I’d like to share a little bit about myself. I started teaching in 1997 part time after graduating from Edith Cowan University. My first substantive position was as a Physical Education (PE) teacher in Mandurah, and then I worked in London for three years as a class teacher. I was fortunate to marry my wife there, and then returned to WA to work in a variety of schools as a class teacher until arriving at Caralee as a PE teacher in 2007.

I also serve part-time as an Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve which has been very rewarding, culminating in working on the search for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 in 2014. With school, Reserves and Masters study on the go, I still find time to enjoy camping and spending time with my three girls and wife, Renee. I am looking forward to working with everyone at Caralee in my Acting Principal role for Semester One.

Term One has seen some very important initiatives announced by the Department of Education (DOE). The new Strategic Plan for Government Schools and Focus 2016 sets out some clear principles for education around ‘High Care & High Performance’. Caralee has already embraced these principles as part of our new Business Plan 2016-18.

Similarly, DOE has announced a new round of Independent Public School (IPS) process with successful schools starting in 2017. Caralee staff and the School Council have already voted ‘yes’ to entering into this process, and I will be working in partnership with the School Council to achieve this goal.

To be successful as an IPS school, it is vital to have a vibrant and strong P&C. The P&C desperately needs your support to attend their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd of February at 7pm to be able to vote new members to the School Council and form a new committee for 2016. Many wonderful community events, and the school canteen, only exist if the P&C can form a committee. Most office bearers wish to continue in their roles, so you won’t be lumbered with a job!! They simply seek your support for the first meeting to keep our wonderful P&C going for the future.

As we have a new Business Plan and IPS underway, I would like to invite any interested parents to attend an information morning tea after assembly on Wednesday, 2nd of March. This session is to discuss the IPS process and new Business Plan. Please do not hesitate to book an appointment, if you have any other matters to discuss, by ringing the office on 9314 1677 during school hours.

Jason Shapcott
Principal
**SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD**

**SCHOOL HOURS:**
- Start: 08.50am
- Recess: 10.30am to 10.50am
- Lunch: 12.30pm to 01.00pm
- Finish: 02.55pm

**TUESDAY EARLY CLOSE:**
- Finish: 02.30pm

**After Hours:**
YMCA— Caralee Outside School Hours Care  
Tel: 9473 8400  children.ymcawa.org.au

**Uniform shop:**
Open every Wednesday morning in the Undercover Area for Term 1 (8.20am to 9.00am)

**Canteen:**
Open every day in the Undercover Area (please order before 9.30am).  
Summer Menu now available.  Visit [WWW.CARALEEC.S.WA.EDU.AU](http://WWW.CARALEEC.S.WA.EDU.AU) (School Office)

**P&C Committee:**
Become part of a vibrant group of parents and friends of Caralee CS who are dedicated and involved in a variety of school activities from policy to financial planning, fundraising activities, school functions and after school events. Your input is VALUABLE!

**Next P&C Meeting (AGM) will be held in the Staffroom:**
- **Tues, 23rd February 2016, 7pm**

**Volunteers Welcome:**
We welcome members of the Public in joining and assisting the school through the Canteen, Breakfast Club, Library and Uniform Shop. Please see the School Office for further details. We thank you for your support!

*** PARKING ***

Now that students are adjusting to school life, it is the time to remind Parents & Guardians to be respectful and courteous with regards to parking and driving safely around our School perimeter.

Please observe the Parking signs relating to Employees Only, ACROD and Bus and Official Vehicles, and always keep driveways clear.

1. **Please do not park or drive in to the staff compound as it delays and blocks staff members from attending their classes or work stations on time**

2. **Parents/Guardians must display their Vehicle Permits in relation to the ACROD bay, and**

3. **Please do not obstruct bays that are used by our School buses and service vehicles**

Please encourage students to walk safely to and from school and meet with parents/guardians wishing to start up walk-to-school groups.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and respect of others.

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**RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL:** **Subscribe Now**
If you have a child or children under four years of age you are invited to attend the Caralee Early Years Open Morning Playgroup.

The playgroup provides a safe and stimulating environment for parents to interact with their child/children aged between birth and four in an informal play session and access information and support.

The playgroup is run by the Fremantle Language Development Centre (LDC) in partnership with Caralee Community School, and supported by Meerilinga, a not-for-profit organisation that promotes positive childhoods. The program is based on a “Family Partnership” model and recognises the parents as the child’s first teacher and the importance of schools working closely with families and the community.

When: Wednesdays from 9.00 to 10.45am (stay for as short or long as you wish within this time frame).

The first playgroup for 2016 is on Wednesday the 10th of February. Playgroup runs from week two until the end of each school term.

Where: Caralee Community School / Fremantle LDC - Early Years Room (located on the school oval)

Who: The playgroup is open to all families of children from birth until Kindy age who have older siblings in our school community OR live in the local area.
COMMUNITY NEWS

WILLAGEE DROP-IN

TERM 1 – 2016

WHERE: School tennis courts
WHEN: Begins Monday 8th (Yr 4,5,6) and Friday 12th (Yr 1,2,3) February, 7:45-8:45am
COST: $70 per child for 7 weeks
TO ENROL/MORE INFO: Please contact head coach, Tom Moore on 0434 266 018 or tmoore.tennisworld@hotmail.com.
All information also at www.tennisworld.com.au

WINNACOTT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2016
10AM-1PM
WINNACOTT STREET WILLAGEE
PLAYERS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS WANTED
Pre-Primary to Year 12
Auskick $99.00
Supa 8’S $120.00
Juniors, Youth and Seniors $185.00
For more information contact the Registrar registrar@kats.org.au | 0407 230 313
www.kats.org.au

We need fresh water thinkers this summer
Discover waterwise holiday tips at watercorporation.com.au/discover