



Dear parents and students,

A very warm welcome to the new school year. I trust that you have all enjoyed time together as families and are feeling revitalized and refreshed. Personally, I can't wait to meet everyone next week and am looking forward to seeing all of those excited faces coming through the gates.

I am very excited to have joined the team at Lathlain Primary School as Principal starting this year. I can already see that you have a very good school with a dedicated, hardworking staff. Over the past two days, we have been commencing our conversations and actions to take our school from very good to excellent.

This process has commenced in my first two days with the staff, reviewing where we are currently at as a school, and thinking about where we can improve and how we may achieve this improvement. As a team, we are committed to utilising our place as an Independent Public School to grow excellence in student achievement, as well as in all aspects of our school operations.

My priorities going forward are:

- raising the student achievement levels across the school;
- to embed excellence in teaching and learning practices across the school;
- continuing to foster the relationship between the school, families and the wider community;
- ensuring effective communication at all levels; and
- instilling the focus that everybody matter, every day.

We have recommitted to our focus on C.A.R.E. and are excited with a number of new initiatives we have discussed today that we will be looking to roll out over the course of the 2021 school year, to support this focus. The intention will be to have C.A.R.E. underpin what we do at Lathlain Primary School.

The start of the 2021 school year sees us still in Phase 4 of the WA Roadmap related to COVID-19. This means that we will continue with asking parents and visitors to the school to observe the social distancing requirements and any additional hygiene requirements that were in place at the end of the 2020 school year. Parents are asked at this stage to not enter classrooms, unless for a pre-arranged meeting.

Again, I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards,

Rick Walters
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