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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS - 20th December 2017

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DIARY DATES 2017

TERM 4 Dates

Grade 6 Big Day Out

Thursday 21st December

Last Day of School 2017

Friday 22nd December 1.30pm

TERM 1 Dates

Students Start Term 1

Tuesday 30th January 8.45am

Prep Students Start term 1

Wednesday 31st January

PRINCIPAL'S VALUE OF THE MONTH—Kindness

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

We have reached the last week of the school term and are still enjoying the company of our children. This has been another splendid year for our school and the children. The staff and I wish you a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year with your family and friends.

Grade 6 Graduation

This was held last night and was a splendid and extremely enjoyable occasion, and at least the equal of any Graduation Ceremonies we have seen at Mitcam PS. Congratulations to the 71 graduating children who spoke so well and sincere thanks to their teachers for all their preparation and work. Thanks to the parents who prepared the food last night. Special thanks are offered to Alina Hanel, Leona Than, Sharon Fogarty and Trish De Girolamo for everything that you did last night under the most trying circumstances imaginable without any power to the canteen. Thanks also to the Grade 6 children's parents who assisted with decorations in the MP facility.

Thanks to community members

There are many people who have helped us at school this year. Thank you to members of the School Council, and the School Council Executive, in particular, Michelle Treeby, President, Lucille Matthews, Vice President, Trish De Gerolamo, Treasurer and Sharon Fogarty, Secretary, for all your work. Thank you, also, to Adam Matthews, Buildings and Grounds convenor.

Thanks to Convenors and members of the School Council sub-committees. Thanks to our classroom helpers. You are wonderful for offering your highly valued assistance to help the teachers and the children. Our Kid's Hope volunteers are also thanked, as is anyone else who has assisted us in a meaningful way throughout the year.

Parents leaving our school community

Nicole Everett, Tracey Small and Christine Sayle have all been long-term contributors to the life and fabric of our school. Their time with us is rapidly drawing to a close, with the imminent departure of their last child. Thank you for the large commitment that you have all made to Mitcam Primary School.

Reports

Reports will be distributed this afternoon in a named, sealed envelope and you should have received it unopened.

Grade structure and teaching allocations for 2018

Teachers in the various grade levels and specialists are:

Lunch orders will be available until Monday 18th December.

The lunch orders will commence in Term 1 2018

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Uniform shop .

Unit 12/100 New St Ringwood.

New Online Ordering Options.

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Grade Teacher

Prep Val Berardini

Prep Jayne Koth

Prep Kelly Pikia

1/2 Kathy Lawson

1/2 Samantha Barkley

1/2 Kate Medcalf

2/3 Linda Starr

3/4 Deb Williamson

3/4 Emma Bates

4/5 Jess Yuen

5/6 Tracey Irvine

5/6 Netanel Koles

5/6 Lauren Lamont

Montessori Cycle 2 Marina Rich

Montessori Cycle 2 Judith Ryall

Montessori Cycle 3 Marianne McKay

Montessori Cycle 3 Laura Luscombe

Physical Education Laura Ellis

Art Kelly Stevens

Music/Library/Performing Arts Natalie Wickham

Indonesian LOTE Glenda Tjhin

EAL Michelle Dybing

Senior Library Technician Robyn Kemeys

Principal Ian Sloane

Assistant Principal Heather Wood

Many people have helped us to make Mitcham Primary School the great place that it is for the children to do their best. A mighty thank you to:

Our marvellous, dedicated teachers, especially noting the teachers who are leaving: Erin Ricardo (resigning), Wendy Richmond (retiring), Natalie Keightley (getting married and resigning) and Elaine Genever (resigning to take up a position in the independent sector). All positions are filled for 2018.

Our helpful office staff;

Our wonderful Integration Aides and other ES staff and technicians;

All positions are currently filled. The children deserve to be congratulated for their work, engagement, the way they conduct themselves and the way that they look after other children in the school, especially their buddies.

To all of our Grade 6 students who have graduated, the staff, Mrs Wood and I wish them a very successful and exciting time at their new secondary school. We have a small number of families leaving the school for a new school location, and we hope that your children settle into their new school well. The office will be closed at 1.30 p.m. on Friday and will re-open on 29 January, 2017. The children start on Tuesday 30 January and the Prep children on Wednesday 31 January.

Student Leaders for 2018

Our School Captains, Vice Captains and the House Captains will be announced at the final assembly on

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Friday. We are very confident that these children, who have been elected by their peers, will do an excellent job.

School Council Elections 2018

In February, 2018, I will be calling for nominations from parents to nominate for membership of our School Council. There are seven parent-elected Council members and two co-opted parents/community members. In February, four two-year term vacancies will occur, along with a co-opted position. The School Council is responsible for the educational direction of the school by determining:

School Policies

School finances

Services and maintaining the buildings and grounds

The selection of the School Principal, when there is a vacancy.

All parents are eligible for nomination, including those currently on School Council, so please consider serving your child's school in this capacity.

Pupil Free Days 2018

These have not yet been finally determined, but please note that the first date is likely to be Tuesday 13 March.

Kind regards and very best wishes for the festive season,

Ian Sloane

Principal

Mitcham Primary's Birthday Stars

The students below celebrate their birthday; from
18th December to 31st December.



Brodie 3/4Y Abs	Olivia 1-3M
James 4-6W	Arjun 1/2B
Annabelle 1/2L Abs	Eric 4-6M Abs
Te Kaea 5/6K	Benjamin Prep/1P
Hue 1/2B	Dylan 1/2C Abs
Le Yan 5/6K	