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Newsletter

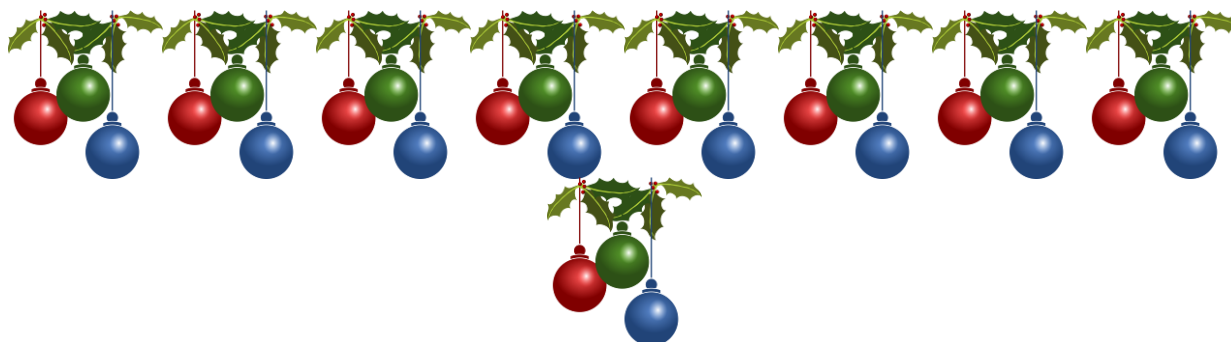
Wednesday 6th December 2017

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for the year, time has certainly flown by. We wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas and a safe and fun summer holiday.

Next year, our newsletter will be available online as we continue to add more of our celebratory stories to Facebook. Our newsletter will contain formal information and things such as school excursion information and permission notes. If you have limited internet access and are unable to receive the newsletter please contact our office and one will be printed for you.



Presentation Day Commences Friday 8th December at 12pm sharp!

We are really looking forward to presentation day this week! Students are to come to school in **their best summer uniform**. The award ceremony will be held at 12pm. The concert should commence at approximately 1pm. Please allow approximately 2 hours for this event.

Classroom Teacher Position

Congratulations to Ms Kirralee Naylor who was successful at interview and will commence in the permanent classroom teaching position in 2018. Ms Naylor has worked extremely hard at our school over recent years and her hard work has been rewarded with this permanent appointment. She will also be acting in an Assistant Principal position in 2018.

Welcome back to Mrs Hotham

It is also lovely to welcome back Mrs Jen Hotham who will be working on a Thursday and Friday supporting literacy programs and taking some classes for RFF. Good to have you back Jen!

Class Structure for 2018

Full information about classes for next year has been included with this newsletter and some families will receive information about children in years 2 & 3.

Thanks to all Staff

What an amazing year we've had! So many wonderful achievements! Our school in NAPLAN was the best performing school in the Bathurst network, our reading and maths results have been outstanding and our sporting and cultural activities have provided our students with so many amazing memories. Thank you to all of our fabulous staff who work so very hard for each and every child at PPS. Your love, dedication, professionalism and the long hours you work mean our kids are receiving the most comprehensive, positive and engaging education. Well done and thank you all.

A Thank You to the P&C

Thank you to P&C President Toireasa Gallagher and the P&C Executive – Leanne, Mikala, Julia, Alison, Sharon-Lee and Phil and Alaine for their amazing support this year. Our meetings are friendly, relaxed and very informative. I encourage everyone to attend these meetings. There are only two per term at 6pm. There is also no problem with bringing along your children to play in the library while the meeting takes place and they are held at 6pm so it follows the school's staff meeting and it's not too cold in the middle of winter. You learn a lot about what is happening in your school and it's a nice way to meet other parents. The resources that support all of our children would not be made possible without the strong support of the P&C. If you turned up to help and support any event this year, you've been fantastic.

Raffle Items and Tickets now Due

Raffle items for our hampers are now due as well as any tickets that you have sold over past weeks. Tickets can also be purchased on the day. Good luck everyone and thanks to Alison, our expert wrapper! We appreciate your support everyone!

Past Student Emma returns to PPS

It's been lovely having Emma Maggs return to Perthville School to complete her work experience. We hope she enjoyed her time back at 'little school' and we thank her for all her help this week!

Combined Scripture Service – Tuesday 12th December

Scripture students will be involved in a combined Christmas Service on Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am. All parents are invited to attend and some students will be presenting the Christmas story, play and songs. We look forward to celebrating our Christmas service with you.



Movie Day – Thursday 14th December – K-Yr 5 Bring in a gold coin Please!



Whilst Year 6 are off having a great time at their BIG DAY out, Kindergarten to Yr 5 will be having Movie Day at school. The two movies that we will be showing are yet to be confirmed but please note that both may be rated PG, therefore if you **DO NOT** want your child to watch a film with this rating you need to contact the office and let Suzanne know. Alternate activities will then be provided for these children. We will also be having some lollies and cordial and we ask for a gold coin donation to cover the cost for this fun event.

Major Excursions for 2018

Please be aware that both major excursions for our primary aged children occur in Term 2 next year. Years 3 & 4 are off to Sydney to learn about British colonization and Year 5 & 6 are off to Canberra to support their learning in Democracy and Government. The approximate cost for each excursion is \$245 for Yrs 3 & 4 and \$270 for Years 5 & 6. Regular payments are encouraged.

All library Books need to be returned please



Year Six Farewell

Last week we celebrated Year 6's end to Primary education. Mr Dickson did a fantastic compilation of photos and created a very memorable piece for all the Year 6 students. They also enjoyed a lovely cake and a fun morning receiving their certificates and pens and finishing the year with their family watching on.





**Congratulations Year 6,
We are very proud of you!**

Year 6 Big Day Out – Thursday 14th December

Big day out notes need to be returned asap so we can plan travel arrangements please.

Swimming lessons in Term 1 Next Year

Swimming lessons will commence for Year 2 to 6 each Wednesday from Week 3 in term 1 next year. We also encourage students who can already swim to participate in the squad training sessions which work on improving stroke, strength and distance. More information will be sent out in the first week of school.

Surveys

In last week's newsletter two surveys were sent home that will assist us with future school planning. One survey is from the P&C Association and one from the school seeking feedback about some of the projects and activities we have been involved in this year. It is important for all families to return their surveys so we are able to support our students in the best possible way with opportunities that are considered worthwhile and appreciated.

Semester Two Reports

Reports will be sent home on Presentation day. Key Points to remember are;

- A separate report letter for literacy and numeracy should be read closely, followed by the child's continuum report page. These letters will describe the Progression of Learning area that each student should be in and a list of achievements at each level.
- We have still reported for Science, Geography, Creative Arts and Personal development/ Health and Physical Education in the traditional way.
- We are still including an A-E grade for each subject. Remember a SOUND means that the child has learnt everything they have been taught this semester. To get HIGH the child must be showing work beyond that level.
- Also an important point is that we work in stages. This means that when a child enters Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 they are at the very beginning of 2 years of learning. If they receive a SOUND then they are doing well as the learning of that concept takes place over the 2 years.
 - Early Stage 1 is Kindergarten over 1 year.
 - Stage 1 is Years 1 and 2 (over 2 years).
 - Stage 2 is Years 3 and 4 (over 2 years)
 - Stage 3 is Years 5 and 6 (over 2 years).
- We are still giving an effort score. 1 being 'limited effort' to 5 being 'tries their best at all times'.

Presentation Day Awards

I have included a list of major awards for the year and tried to explain the process of selection. Teachers discuss at length award winners and recipients can be selected right up until presentation week.

You will notice that class awards have increased to 3 students per grade. ←

K- 5 Class Awards – Given to 3 students per class for academic achievement, class citizenship, effort or improvement

Year 6 – Dux – Outstanding Academic Performance

Year 6 Citizenship – Outstanding citizenship and representation

Year 6 Class Award - Given to 1 student per class for academic achievement, class citizenship, effort or improvement

K-6 Col O'Regan Encouragement award – Any student in K-6 that shows growth, effort and always tries their best.

Sports Awards – Western Region Sport Representatives

Creative Arts Award – Outstanding creative achievement and involvement

Public Speaking Awards – Junior and Senior Public Speaking

Leadership Badges – 2016 student leaders – 4 students elected by students through school voting system

House Points Trophy – Presented to winning House for 2017



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Big Future

Class Structures for 2018

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Dear Parents

Our current projected enrolments for 2018 are 135. As we are over the required 130 students required to form 6 classes we will be commencing with that number in mind. The classes for 2018 will be as follows;

Kindergarten 17 students – Ms Tamara Woldhuis

Year 1/2 – 23 Students - Ms Debbie Knight (MTW) and Mrs Jacquie Bicanic (TF)

Year 2/3 – 25 students - Ms Kirralee Naylor (Relieving Assistant Principal – Infants)

Year 3/4 – 26 Students – Ms Jessica Barlow

Year 5 – 20 Students – Mrs Georgia Yordanoff

Year 6 – 24 Students - Mr Kurt Dickson (Relieving Assistant Principal - Primary)

Literacy and Support Programs – Ms Kate Morris (MTW) and Mrs Jennifer Hotham (TF)

Yr 6 – Executive RFF – Mrs Kristina Parker

The classes to be split next year will be Years 2 and 3. A separate letter for each family with children entering Years 2 and 3 is attached.

We congratulate Miss Kirralee Naylor who was successful at interview for the permanent classroom teaching position and welcome back to a part time position Mrs Jen Hotham.

A class information afternoon has been arranged for Tuesday 6th February. This afternoon is where all parents/carers will receive information about their child's class, what supplies each child will need, homework and future events. Please see timetable attached.

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jodie James
Principal

Class Meetings – Tuesday 6th February 2018

This is a great opportunity for you to visit your child's class/classes, meet their teacher and find out about how their class organisation works.

The session will go for approximately 20 minutes, allowing you time to move onto the next class if required. Please see below for your child's class meeting time.

Teacher	Time	Classroom
Mr Dickson & Mrs Yordanoff Yr 5 & 6 Plus Denison College Staff	3.30	5/6 & 4/5
Ms Knight/ Mrs Bicanic Year 1/2	4.00	Year 1 Room
Ms Woldhuis Kinder	4.30	Kindergarten Room
Ms Naylor 2/3	5.00	Year 3 Room
Ms Barlow 3/4	5.30	Year 2 Room



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Thank you to the families who expressed an interest in using Vacation Care during the upcoming holidays.

Unfortunately, we did not get the number required on any one day and therefore this will not go ahead.

We are however pleased to report that the After School Care Program is growing and we are hoping to receive additional enrolments at the start of 2018 to enable us to operate more days of the week. Our appreciation goes to those children and families who have been a part of this new Service.

If you are interested in enrolling for 2018 please call 63523798 or email admin@gallgum.ngo.org.au for more information.

Don't forget to go online and check out your Government rebate and your entitlements for child care. More information & a 2018 rebate calculator can be found at:

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>