



# NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!  
TERM 1 2017 COMMENCES MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY  
END OF TERM PARADE – FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2:45PM

## PRINCIPALS PIECE

**Hello Everyone** it is hard to believe but this is the last week of the 2016 school year, time has certainly passed by quickly. We have so much as a community to be proud of as there have been many successes and achievements across the whole of the school. I am proud of what we have achieved and the unlimited potential we have to aspire to even greater things, thank you for the part you have played in our village.

This week some usual class programs may change as we make preparations for 2017. **Please advise the school** if your child's last day at school for 2016 will be before this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> so that we can mark the roll with an explained absence. **Our School concert is Wednesday night**, BBQ tea is served from 6pm with the concert to start at 7pm sharp.

**Written reports** will be sent home on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, these reports encompass individual student performance throughout the whole of 2015. **The Australian Curriculum** outlines standards for all students across all year levels within Australia. Students achieving a *C standard* are performing and demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the curriculum at the standard expected for their year/age, *an A or B indicates* a level of knowledge and understanding above the standard whilst *a D or E indicates* the level of knowledge and understanding that has been demonstrated against the standard with the comment also explaining what we will do to move the student towards a C.

**Reporting is part of communicating** with parents and building the school-parent partnership **to improve student learning**. School reporting processes should clearly articulate and explain;

- the learning expectations for the student
- the student's achievement against expected standards
- how well the student is engaging with the expected learning

- how the student may be able to improve, including what we are doing to support that Improvement

**Class or subject teachers** will be available throughout the week to discuss individual student reports should any queries arise. Please call the office such that a convenient time can be arranged for you to meet.

**Students will assemble** for a final parade at 2.45 pm on Friday afternoon and will be dismissed at 3.00pm for the Christmas break. **The School will close** (including the office) for the year on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm, whilst students **will return** for their first day back at school in 2017 on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Teaching Staff** will be involved in Professional Development Days from Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January (with the remaining staff joining us from the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>). **The front office will be open** and ready to take new enrolments from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Teaching staff will be working an extra hour and 15 minutes on each day on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18th January as a component of their flexible professional development days requirement in lieu of completing this time during the Easter Vacation, Non-Teaching and Admin staff will have this extra time added into their work agreements whilst other staff will work as per requirements.

Finally I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with you again in 2017.

***"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago.  
The second best time is today."***

***Chinese proverb***

Enjoy the Festive Season

Darrell Sard



### **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the week Awards on parade today: Walter, Jake and Coal.

### **YEAR 12 SELF INVESTMENT FUND**

Dear Mrs Jane McNamara

The Year 12 graduating class of 2016 would like to thank you for your contribution to our continued education into our futures through the 'self-investment fund'.

Your extremely generous donation has provided us all with an invaluable opportunity to get a step up with either our university studies, apprenticeships or TAFE related courses.

The opportunities and guidance provided to us by the school and community have been instrumental in helping shape the direction that we will take in our lives. These opportunities have given us many memories that we will cherish and look back fondly upon as we enter this new stage of our life.

We can't wait to see where the future takes us and we all look forward to sharing the benefits of our experiences with you and the wider community.

Thank you once again,

Kind regards,

Year 12 Class of 2016

### **DAY FOR DYLAN**

Tuesday 29 November the school is holding a "Day for Dylan". Students are encouraged to wear free dress for a gold coin donation. Icy cups will also be on sale for 50c at first break outside the Home Ec room. All proceeds will go to the Isaac Family to assist with Dylan's rehabilitation.

All staff, students and our P&C send their love to Dylan and his family. Dylan's form class are missing him dearly.



### **TUCKSHOP**

Tuckshop will be open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November but closed Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The P&C association will be providing a free sausage sizzle, cake and watermelon to all students on Friday.

### **2017 UNIFORM SALES**

Tuckshop will be open from 10am to 2pm on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January for those who wish to purchase uniforms prior to the commencement of school on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **QPARENTS**

Next year the school is rolling in the use of QParents. QParents is a web and mobile application that provides

an easier way for parents to interact with our school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information from their mobile, tablet or computer once registered. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with our school to access and manage their child's information such as:

- Attendance/absence details as well as notifying the school of a past or present absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing and updating personal details such as medical conditions or address changes
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history and making payments online

Term 1 2017 we will be posting out letters inviting one parent for each student to become a QParents account owner. When you receive your invitation letter simply follow instructions to register your account. The process will take less than 10 minutes to complete and requires identification documents.

### **END OF YEAR CONCERT**

There will be a variety of dance/songs/skits performed at our End of Year Concert next Wednesday, November 30. The evening will commence from 6:00pm with a BBQ tea and cold drinks on sale, followed by the Concert at 7:00pm. We would like to extend an invitation to our community to come along and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

### **REWARDS DAY**

As part of our 'School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program this semester, students will participate in a Rewards Day celebration. Students from Prep to Year 9 will have theirs on Friday, 2 December from 9 am – 11 am.

Rewards day will be held at the Hughenden Pool and Skate Park. Students will be required to walk to and from the pool, returning to school for first break at 11:25am. There will be a variety of activities for students to participate in based on the number of Gotchas they received this semester. For students to attend they must return their consent form to the office before the day.

### **ADMINISTRATION HOURS**

The administration office will be open the week prior to school commencing. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 4pm.

### **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

The Kalori is available for purchase in the office. \$25 per magazine. Only two left.

### **2017 SPORTS NEWS**

Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. There will not be a Flinders District Swimming Carnival in 2017, we will be following the same format as the athletics and using students times from their own school carnivals to select the Flinders District team.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Cody, who was last Friday signed up to complete a school-based traineeship with SLR Electrical. Thank you to Shane and Leeanne Rogers for providing Cody with this wonderful opportunity.



Also, a big congratulations to Samuel who has completed his Certificate III in Business Administration with the Flinders Shire Council. Thank you to the Flinders Shire Council for your on-going support.

**JAPANESE AWARDS**

Well done to Georgina (absent), Marama and Xavier on receiving a LOTE award for their great participation during Japanese lessons in Semester 2.



**WHITE RIBBON DAY**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November was White Ribbon Day, in support of this day our students and staff wore white.



**LISSA AND NEENEE'S SPACE ADVENTURE PRODUCTION**

Last Thursday our Pre-Prep to Year 3 students were treated to the "Lissa and NeeNee Space Adventure" performance. Students had a great time dancing, singing and interacting with the cast. Thanks Hughenden Connect (Flinders Shire Council) for a great morning!



**2017 TEACHER ALLOCATIONS**

**PRIMARY**

- Prep- 1 Miss Hayley Mellon
- Year 1/2/3 Miss Karlee Bowtell
- Year 4/5/6 Mrs Lyn O'Neil

**FORM TEACHERS**

- Year 7 Ms Mim Crase
- Year 8 Mr Chris Sharpe
- Year 9 Miss Adriana Hubner & Ms Macdonald
- Year 10 Mrs Melissa Sumner
- Year 11 Mrs Tracey Jones
- Year 12 Mr Nick Collingwood

**SUBJECT TEACHERS**

- Mrs Jones Mathematics, ECB, Accounting
- Mrs Sumner English, HEC, ECB, Design and Tech
- Mr Collingwood Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, HPE
- Miss Hubner Mathematics, Visual Art, HPE
- Mr Sharpe ITU, Graphics, ICT
- Ms Macdonald English, History (Instructional Coach)
- Mr O'Brien Recreation (HOD Teaching and Learning)
- Ms Dutta District Relief Teacher
- Ms Devi Local Relief Teacher
- Miss McClymont District Relief Teacher
- Ms Crase Humanities, HEC, History, Science, HPE

**OUTSTANDING SUBJECT FEES**

Statements were issued today in the mail. These must be finalized by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER**

30 End of Year Concert

**DECEMBER**

2 Prep-Year 9 Rewards Day  
2 TERM 4 ENDS

**JANUARY**

23 TERM 1 Commences  
26 Australia Day awards and breakfast  
27 Election of Sport House Captains

**FEBRUARY**

3 Interhouse Swimming Carnival

***Have you recently changed your contact phone numbers, address or emergency contact? If so, please advise the school office so that in the event of an emergency you can be contacted quickly.***