

Weekly Newsletter No 34
Wednesday 13th December 2017



Dear Parents,

Yesterday we trialled our 2018 grade structures and student placements with good success. I'd like to remind everyone of this paragraph from the Victorian Curriculum website. It points out exactly what we are working with our Targeted Teaching model.

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 is structured as a continuum across levels of learning achievement not years of schooling. This enables the development of targeted learning programs for all students, where the curriculum is used to plan in relation to the actual learning level of each student rather than their assumed level of learning based on age.

For our Grade 6 students, their transition to Secondary College became real as they spent the day with at their respective colleges. Some had a longer transition over the two days and one group has been there for 3 days in total! We wish them all the very best for the future.

During the week, a parent shared a poem with me that I've included in the newsletter. I will admit it brought a tear to my eye as I know so many parents and students struggle everyday just to get to school (if they do at all sometimes) and overcome many aspects we sometimes never see. As we come to close of the year, I'd like thank all of you for the tremendous job you all do in raising your children. There will always be bumps, but I want you to know; I SEE YOU.

It's a very busy 9 days left with our Christmas Dress up tomorrow, excursion on Friday, Grade 6 graduation on Monday and school concert on Wednesday. I'm tired just thinking about it! Please make sure you keep the dates and times handy.

Today saw the start of the really hot weather with 39 predicted on Monday. On days like this, we enforce an extreme weather timetable where we keep students inside but also allow them to play under the sheltered basketball court. Today about 15-20 students took this option and played outside.

Adam Downes - Principal

END OF YEAR CONCERT

The concert will be held on Wednesday 20th December on the school oval. Students should arrive by 6:45pm ready for a 7:00pm start. Please bring a

chair/rug to sit on. Students will be required to remain in their designated area. The raffle will be drawn at the concert so please get your tickets and money in asap.

YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 8th December 2017



P/1	Ceili Coulthard	For wonderful efforts in the classroom.
1/2	Helena Khabbazi	For her persistence in fixing spelling in her writing.
2/3	Roman Sturre	For his very impressive reading!
4	Aidan Prior	For his great work using connectives.
5/6	Charlotte Mackintosh	For being a helpful and caring classmate.
P.E.	Abby Riddell	For displaying excellent sportsmanship during P.E.
	James Guy	For being enthusiastic and focused during P.E.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
14 th Dec	Thu	Christmas Themed Dress Up Day
15 th Dec	Fri	Whole School Excursion
18 th Dec	Mon	Year 6 Graduation
20 th Dec	Wed	End of Year Concert - Students arrive 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start
22 nd Dec	Fri	End of 2017 School Year - 1:30pm dismissal
29 th Jan	Mon	First day for staff 2018
30 th Jan	Tue	First day for students 2018

Christmas Themed Dress Up Day

Thursday 14th December

Cost: Donation for Christmas hamper
See previous newsletters for full details

I SEE YOU by Colleen Wilson

It's a time of badges, certificates, medals, trophies, recognition, awards, prizes and 'seeing' of high achievement. I love seeing the kids that shine at this time of year - a big high heartfelt round of applause to you. You so deserve it for the effort you have put in.

But this message is for the kids that didn't get called up for any of the above... I SEE YOU.

To the child that conquered their fear of heights, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year, I SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved, I SEE YOU

To the child for whom school is a huge struggle, you get up every day and you go, I SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or speaking out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway, I SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart reach out in any way to another person or to an animal in need or in pain, I SEE YOU

To the child that learnt to give and to share for the first time this year and even found joy in these, I SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that, I SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted, I SEE YOU

To the child who lost a friend or a loved one this year, but carried on everyday bravely even though their heart ached, I SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try every day to do the best for their kids, I SEE YOU.

May you and your children revel in small but significant victories that you have both experienced this year, as I will with my beautiful children. For every year there is progress and growth, we don't need a podium or handshake or a hall of applause to be seen.

I SEE YOU.