



Dear Parents,

Last week I mentioned the Grade 5s gave their speeches for the 2019 School Captain positions. This week we tallied the votes that were made by our student body and staff followed our processes. With 19 students giving a speech and trying out for the position, it's been a difficult decision with so many worthy applicants. At our assembly this coming Monday we will announce our 2019 School Captains.

With just over a week of our school year left and nearly all teachers changing classrooms, our formalised classroom structures have more or less ceased for the year. We continue to hold our high expectations for students with structured tasks and activities, but with the amount of disruption at the moment, it is hard to maintain our normal programs. Concert practice is in full swing and teachers are beginning to move classrooms while we have 'many hands'. A reminder to please return all library and classroom books to allow us time to process these before the end of the year.

Tonight we hold our Graduation for those students in Grade 6 leaving us to join Secondary College. It's both an exciting and nervous time for these students. Some research has shown that this transition is one of the biggest they go through in their lives, as everything they understand of themselves from the previous 7 years of growth changes, and they are no longer the big fish in a little sea. We wish all of our students who are entering the next phase of their educational journey all the very best and remind them to keep us updated on their achievements.

We've had a slight change to our classroom structures for next year. We will be running with one straight Prep and one straight Grade One class instead of the 2 x P/1 classes. This decision was made as there has been a slight drop in our Prep numbers and we believe this better suits the students and the structure of the school. Also, at Monday's assembly, I will be able to introduce to you Mrs Sharni Drinken who will be our Grade 4/5 teacher for 2019. Sharni was unable to join us on Tuesday for orientation so she will have her 2019 grade straight after assembly.

Speaking of after assembly; we would love to put together the stage for Tuesday night's concert straight after assembly if anyone is able to assist. The stage is down in the shed and needs to be moved to the oval.

Please return all raffle tickets and money to the office before Monday so we can have the raffle ready for the school concert!

The last assembly for the year will commence at 1:15pm with students being dismissed after this at 1:30pm.

Last year I shared a poem that was shared with me called 'I see you' by Colleen Wilson. I've included it again for you to read. It's a great reminder that everyone has their battles and triumphs, strengths and weaknesses, and good times and bad. This poem still brings a tear to my eye.

I SEE YOU

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.

Adam Downes - Principal

RECORDER STUDENTS

Students who have been learning and playing the recorder this year will perform at the end of year assembly at 1:15pm on Friday 21st December. We hope that you can all be there to watch our students perform for you! Thank you, Mrs Game.

CAROLS AT CALLIGNEE HALL

Friday 21st December - Carols at 7:00pm - CFA BBQ dinner at 6:00pm (\$2-\$5)

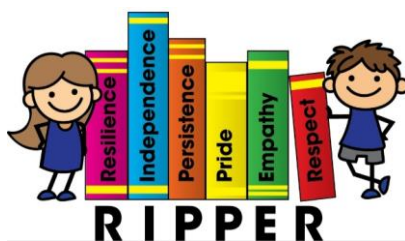
Numbers for catering appreciated. Any children who would like to perform an item are welcome. Please register with Anita Charles via PM or text 0428 164 628.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Energetic Gymnastics is holding tryouts on Sunday 16th December at 10:00am - 11:00am for our beginner and competitive cheerleading squads. All ages and genders are welcome, no prior cheer experience is necessary. Bring your friends and come see what cheerleading is all about! Phone 5174 0131 or email: info@energeticgym.com.au for full information.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
7 th Dec	Fri	Parents & Friends Sausage Sizzle Lunch - No cost
11 th Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
13 th Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Evening
14 th Dec	Fri	"Big Bash" Whole School Excursion - 1:15pm
18 th Dec	Tue	End of Year School Concert - 7:00pm start
20 th Dec	Thu	Whole School End of Year Excursion
21 st Dec	Fri	End of 2018 School Year - 1:30pm dismissal
29 th Jan	Tue	First day for students 2019

Student Awards - Week Ending 7th December 2018



Prep	Havana Timmerman	For being a respectful listener during floor time.
1/2	Sophie Wilhelm	For showing independence in working towards her writing goals.
2/3	Olivia McInnes	For always demonstrating our value of respect in the classroom and playground.
3/4/5	Matthew Adam	For always demonstrating pride in his work.
5/6	Harry Thomas	For taking responsible risks with his learning and showing great independence.
P.E.	Bresci Wilson Brody Stevenson Heath Kamphuis Lachie Pass	For showing excellent independence in running an activity for the kinder kids.