



## End of Year Concert



Practise has begun for the end of year concert. Each class has chosen a song to sing as well as a Christmas song. We will be holding the concert on Wednesday 14th December on the school oval, with students asked to be at school by 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

Please bring a chair/rug to sit on. Students are required to sit in the designated student area. We ask that toddlers remain with their parents during the concert.

This night has been quite entertaining and well supported in the past and we look forward to seeing you there this year.





Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that a year ago tomorrow we had the flood at school throwing the end of year into utter turmoil. Sometimes it feels like it was only yesterday, but then it seems so long ago as well. Thankfully the forecast only shows the chance of showers and no heavier falls!

Yesterday we trialled classes for 2017 on the Orientation Day and it was so nice to see the smiling faces of the new Preps for next year. This year's Grade 6s also had the day at their respective Secondary Colleges. Transition is always something that is difficult to move through and some research shows that the transition from primary to secondary school is one of the biggest transitions a person will ever go through in their life. That said, transition within the school is also difficult and we completely understand some of the anxieties and worries that comes with moving grades. One of my goals for the school is to lessen this transition and build expectations and procedures so that it won't matter which grade or teacher students go into, they are taught via the same methods with the same high expectations of behaviour and work.

To me, it shouldn't matter which grade a student is in, whether it be an A/B or B/C, they should receive the same high quality education; teaching students at point of need. Whilst I agree that all teachers have strengths and improvements, the quality of teaching should not waiver. I always felt a bit sorry for students in my grade teaching as I am definitely not the most artistic person and some other colleagues' grade displays looked like they should be in a gallery; but one's strength is another one's improvement. I don't want parents to feel as though students are being kept down because they may not be in with the higher grades. We as a school should be teaching each child at their point of need through assessing and tracking their growth, that is when true instruction happens. I always joke we should run 5 x P-6 classes as it shouldn't matter where they are. We are not doing this by the way, but I would be extremely confident that using the method we are introducing, each child in a P-6 grade would show the appropriate levels of growth.

A reminder that on Monday following assembly and again on Tuesday at 5:00pm, we have some parent sessions running which will go through our

review findings and what that means for classroom instruction. I am really excited what this will bring to this fantastic school and what it will mean for our students. After our Curriculum Day on Monday and visiting other schools, as a staff we started working on changes you will see in 2017. These will be finalised and sent out next week. In the words of the great Bob Dylan "The times they are a changin'!"

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December there will be **NO assembly** as we will have our final year assembly on the Tuesday afternoon beginning at 1:10pm.

It is an extremely busy time of year and tonight we are all looking forward to a great night as we hold our Grade 6 Graduation to farewell our Grade 6 students. They have been preparing for this night for a while and it is shaping up to be a great send off. This coming Friday we have our Christmas Dress Up day where we are asking students to bring a donation for the Christmas hamper raffle. Next Wednesday we have our Christmas concert to be held on the oval.

**Adam Downes – Principal**

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Students are asked to please return any library books that they have borrowed by **Friday December 9th**.

| <b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b> |     |  |
|--------------------------|-----|--|
| 9/12/16                  | Fri | JSC Christmas Dress Up Day – Hamper Donation<br>All library books due back |
| 12/12/16                 | Mon | Review Parent Information Session after assembly                           |
| 13/12/16                 | Tue | Review Parent Information Session 5:00pm                                   |
| 14/12/16                 | Wed | End of Year Concert – 7:00pm start   |
| 16/12/16                 | Fri | Whole School Excursion - \$7.50 per student                                |
| 20/12/16                 | Tue | Last Day Term 4 – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm                                |
| 30/01/17                 | Mon | First day Term 1 – Student Free Day  |
| 31/01/17                 | Tue | First day for students   |

## **Lost Property**

Our lost property container has struggled to keep up with the number of items being tossed to the pile his term. Our efforts to return named items are mainly in vain as many are not labelled or have crossed off names of students who have long since left the school.

We will keep these items until the end of this week only for collection. If you are not able to come in and check, please ask your child to do so. Any unnamed items at the end of the week will be washed and sold second hand.

We reiterate the necessity of labelling items so they may be returned to your child. Better still, we encourage students to takes responsibility for their own items, and then lost property should be non-existent.

## **Junior School Councils Christmas Dress Up Day!!!!**

It has come around to the time of year (December) when you get out the tinsel and dress up in the theme of Christmas!

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, we will be holding a Christmas Dress Up Day. You may wish to wear Christmas clothes eg. red and green or Christmas t-shirts. If you dress up, we would ask you to bring a donation of goods to put towards the raffle hamper prizes. Donations may include: non-perishable food items, teddies, toys, decorations etc. These should be handed to your JSC representative. Each class has a box for collections.

Raffle tickets will be sent home today and will cost 50c each or \$5.00 for the booklet. This will be drawn at the end of year concert on 14<sup>th</sup> of December.



**Anya Robinson**  
**J.S.C. Rep**