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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORTS

It is our intention that children will receive their 2016 Semester 2 Report on Wednesday 7th December. Although little time remains, should you wish to discuss your child's progress report, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

CLASSES FOR 2017

All being well, on Thursday afternoon, students will receive a copy of proposed Class Lists for 2017. I remind all parents that arrangements put in place this year are only tentative and will depend on the actual enrolments next year. A variation of one or two students can change the number of teachers we have and necessitate reorganisation of classes. Our aim, however, is to have classes as announced. If parents and children treat these end of year arrangements as tentative, until we confirm enrolments in the first weeks of the school year, any concerns could be minimised.

PREP FOR 2017

Prep children for next year will be allocated to a class from day one. Final arrangements for classes will be made once we have established how many Prep children we have enrolled. Can I remind all Parents that Prep, for the first week is a half day program with children going home at 1.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

EVENTS REMAINING

Senior Students are excited about the Year 5/6 Speech Awards and Graduation Ceremony that will occur tomorrow, Wednesday 7th December, (11.30 for a 12.00 start) in our School Hall. This is always a wonderful event where we acknowledge the achievements of our Year 5/6 cohort and farewell our Year Six students and wish them the best for their respective futures.

BREAK-UP DAY (Thursday 8/12/16) AND CLEAN-UP DAY (Friday 9/12/16)

Individual classes will notify as to their arrangements for Thursday which is Break-Up Day. In terms of Friday, this day has been set aside as a Clean-Up Day where those in attendance assist with whatever duties need to be undertaken. Students at school on Friday 9 December will be asked to assemble in CPA1 at 8.45am. From here, duties will be assigned to them. Parents may take their children at any time during the day but need to be aware that they have to be signed out through the School Office.

FAREWELL FAMILIES

At the end of each year, we not only farewell our Year 6 students who leave us for other schools, but we also farewell families who have been a part of this school community for many years. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all families who have contributed to making this school such a great place. Without your support, we would never be able to achieve what we do. We wish all our departing families the best for the new settings into which they and their child/ren go.

BEST WISHES FOR THE SUMMER VACATION

I take this opportunity to thank all children, staff and parents for the wonderful work and support that has been provided to this school in 2016. Numerous highlights have occurred and none would have been possible without the interest, enthusiasm and dedication of members of our Darling Heights State School community. On behalf of our school staff and myself, I wish all families the best for the coming summer vacation. We hope that it will be a happy, safe one for you all and that you are able to share it with those that you love.

2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of school next year is Monday 23rd January. Next year, we will be allowing parents with students in **Prep to Year 4** to drop off their child's books on the first pupil free day of the year (**Thursday 19th January**) **between 2:30pm and 3:30pm**. This will allow students and parents to have an easier (stress free) start to the school year and an opportunity to meet their child's teacher. **The year 5/6 Students will only be required to bring an Exercise book and a pencil on the first day of school, Please do not bring their stationary items to school until further notice. From their class teacher.**

Until Next Year

COMING EVENTS

Note the following dates in your Diary:

Year 6 Graduation
 Wednesday 7th December 11.30 for a 12.00 start

Last day of School
 Thursday 8th December

Clean-up Day
 Friday 9th December

TUCKSHOP
 Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

UNIFORM SHOP
 Open **Tuesday** from 8.30am - 9.30am and **Thursday** from 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

YMCA O.S.H.C
 0455 088 401 Or 46356308



CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISERS
 Cruisin' Cappucino every Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for your support.

Chaplaincy Ice creams and fro-



zen yoghurts \$1 Monday afternoons

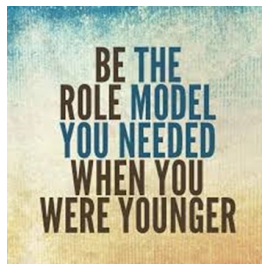


STAFF FAREWELL - As is always the case, staff transfer or move to other situations. We farewell Lucy Andrew (3A) who is moving to Darwin. Gitte Lund will join James Leach at Kingsthorpe. Nicole Fisher who was contracted to SEP J will also move on. We thank these staff for their service to the school and wish them the very best in future endeavours. Cecily Bisshop will assume a short term six month role in Brisbane where she will write a new Indonesian LOTE Curriculum.

FROM THE DEPUTY

The "Rule of the Week" this week is, I am a positive role model. A couple of interesting comments worth reflecting upon regarding this week's Rule of the Week.

Last Thursday some new markings were put down in front of the music room. They are bright and colourful and the students are enjoying using them for exercise. Look out too, for our school logo as you walk in the entrance by the staffroom. These markings are designed to last up to ten years!



Year 5/6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Year 5/6 Graduation and Award Ceremony and Announcement of 2017 School Leaders is Wednesday the 7th December.

11.30 – 12.00 Start. DHSS Hall.

All 5/6 parents, carers and families welcome.



AUSSIE WEEK 2017

Aussie Week 2017 will be held the first week of Term One 2017. The Teachers are already organising a range of different activities to celebrate Australia Day.

Senior News

Our trip to Canberra was a highly successful one. Our students were fascinated by what goes on in our nation's capital at Parliament house, the AIS, and CSIRO, and many other places. As usual, our pupils attracted many comments about their excellent behaviour and intelligent questions.

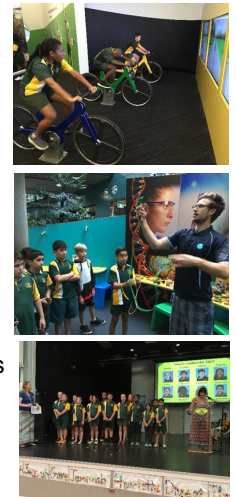
Over a 1000 photos of the trip are available on the school's computer system, so if you'd like them, give your child an 8 gig or larger USB drive, and get them to download the images.

Our carol's performance was a great success on Friday night, with many younger students staying to enjoy our performance.

The disco was everything we expected, with students and teachers alike getting down, boogying and dancing the night away.

On Wednesday, Our Years Sixes will make their way between younger students to the hall, where they will graduate in a superb ceremony led by Ms McGilvray. Our thanks go out to all the teachers, students and parents who will help to make it such a great occasion.

Finally, this Wednesday is Year Six break-up, Thursday is Year Five break-up, and Friday is cleaning day, so if any students are planning to come on Friday, they should wear old clothes so that their uniform doesn't get too dirty or damaged.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Price increase – Chairbags will increase to \$20 @ 2017

Uniform Shop Extended Opening Times 2017

Tuesday 17.01.17:- 9am – 1pm

Friday 20.01.17:- 9am – 1pm

First day back at school, Monday 23.01.17:- 8.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 24.01.17:- 8.30am – 10.30am

Normal opening hours apply thereafter:

Tuesday 8.30-9.30am & Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

Please note: The Uniform Shop is run by volunteers who need to settle their own children back into school too. Every endeavour is made to open on time. Please be patient.

Used Uniforms: If you have second hand uniforms you wish to sell (on consignment), please leave them in a bag at the office or drop them into the Uniform Shop with your name & contact details & someone from the Uniform Shop will contact you with further details.

The Uniform Shop will be closed

Thursday 8th December.