FROM OUR SENIOR TEACHER

As I walk around the school and check in with each class, there is certainly a pleasant ‘end of year’ vibe flowing! Whether it be busily preparing for graduation, finishing up work projects or carefully preparing Christmas craft, it is fantastic to see all the students and teachers enjoying their remaining time together as a class. Over the coming weeks I encourage all teachers, students and families to reflect on and celebrate the fantastic growth and many achievements that have been had across the year at Ross Park.

Thank You, Families

At this time of the year we also acknowledge and thank the families who have been in a position to assist in various classrooms throughout the year. By giving up your time to come and help out in the classroom, with everything from listening to students read, art projects, public speaking, guest speaking, changing readers to cutting up fruit, you have made a positive difference to our school. It was great to see the staffroom bursting at the seams with those of you who were able to join us for Morning Tea yesterday. To those who were not, we hope you know how much you are appreciated. Thank you all!

Recent Excursions

I have had the pleasure of joining two of our junior excursions recently. Last Wednesday, all of our Transition classes hopped on the bus to the Arualuen Precinct to visit Central Craft. The students were highly engaged as our hosts explained the processes and stories behind their amazing Christmas display. If you are looking for something to do with your family or guests in the coming holidays, I highly recommend this unique experience!

This week, 1 Thompson and 1 Morris enjoyed a trip to the Desert Park where they were able to experience the various desert habitats and fauna. Of course, a highlight was the amazing bird show in the amphitheater and the sense of anticipation as the Wedge Tailed Eagle made its descent was tangible! I was amazed at the prior knowledge that the students were able to enthusiastically share with me as we encountered various reptiles, birds and mammals—indicating the quality of prior learning that has been occurring in the classrooms. Of course, a lot of commitment and preparation comes along with organizing these special out of school learning experiences for students. A big thanks go to all the teachers, parents and other volunteers involved with helping out.

As this is my final newsletter for the year I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and harmonious holiday. Best of luck to all the graduates who enter high school and I look forward to seeing the rest of you next year.

Tom Middleton
Senior Teacher

2018 ROSS PARK CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow is the last day for donations. Please drop items in to the school office—thank you!

Student Representative Council

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to our canteen manager, Jemma, her husband Alistair and children Andrew and Chloe on their recent sad bereavement.

2018 HONOUR STUDENTS

Seven of our Year 6 students have been nominated for the special Honour Student award. This award is presented each year to the student who is considered to have displayed academic success, exceptional rapport with staff and students, strong leadership qualities and effective participation in school activities. The choice is always a very difficult one and the winner will be announced at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony on Tuesday 11th December. Just being shortlisted is an achievement, so congratulations to:

Lydia 5/6M
Kissy 5/6BG
Mya 5/6A
Ethan 5/6A
Nyree 5/6A
Sean 5/6A
Kate 5/6BG
These students are the winners of the Terrific Kids Awards for Term 4, 2018. Congratulations to:

- T/D Alirah Dowling
- T/H Eddie Hall
- T/R Elea Angelo
- T/1W Thuc Tran
- 1M Grace Hughes
- 1T Kyla Quan
- 2H Zoe Ryan
- 2T Casey Curtis-Stanton
- 3F Sophia Goodman
- 3M Atticus Angelo
- 3/4M Olivia Mathew
- 4S Savannah Van Haaren
- 4/5SSWS Kyan Walton, Elli Gilbert

Awards will be presented at assembly tomorrow Friday 7th December @ 8.40am.

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

...can be utilised next year, on 24th, 25th and 29th January. School starts on Wednesday 30th January.

DESSERT PARK EXCURSION

Ms Morris' and Ms Thompson’s Year 1 students visited the Desert Park this week, to see the animals and reptiles they have been learning about in class and write a recount about their visit. Luckily the weather was quite cool!

WEARABLE ART

The 4/5 Panthers performed on the stage in their recycled and upcycled creations last Friday. Under the guidance of Ms Charmaine Kik they worked over two terms to create their piece of fashion. Outstanding work!

LANGUAGE AWARDS

These students will also receive their awards at assembly tomorrow:

- T/D Erik Treloar
- T/H Lorelei Waddell
- T/R Jess Loidlaw
- T/1W An Tran
- 1M Reuben Cawthorn
- 1T Harry McBayde
- 1/2T Ruby Clark
- 2H Rohin Srivastava
- 2T Charlie McGrath
- 3F Lexi Edmonds
- 3M Cadence Hull
- 3/4M Bec Colson
- 4S Archer Pengilly
- 4/5SSWS Aquilla Van Der Pasch

( Winners from the Year 6 classes will be announced at our Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 11th December.)

YEAR 3 FRANCE ‘BIG DAY OUT’

This week, as a reward for hard work during the year, students from Mrs France’s Year 3 class enjoyed a morning at the movies, watching ‘The Grinch’, followed by an afternoon rock climbing at the YMCA rockwall.

CAKE STALL

Students from T/1 Walton will hold a cake stall next Tuesday 11th December, at recess and lunch times, on the junior side. Funds raised will go toward the 2018 Christmas Food Drive. Thanks in anticipation!