From our Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday afternoon it was announced that the new principal of Ross Park is Suzi Burgess, one of our Assistant Principals. Suzi has accepted the Contract Principal position and will take up the position in January. Congratulations Suzi! I hope you enjoy the role as much as I have over the past 12 years.

GRADUATION

We are approaching the time of year when most of the big jobs are done but we are still keeping classes busy as we also clean, pack up resources and have a few fun events such as class parties. The final big celebration is Graduation for the 58 Year 6 students who are leaving us to start high school. On Tuesday night we will present awards and send our senior students off with a lovely family evening, fortunately to be held at Ross Park, as the anticipated renovations to the hall won’t impact on us just yet.

CLASSES FOR 2018

All students will visit their 2018 classrooms on Tuesday after lunch where they will meet their new teachers, wherever possible. We have the highest number of students enrolled that anyone ever remembers and classes are very full. It is a big juggle making sure we fit all students into the 19 classrooms available, and we know that we always gain additional students over the holidays. All classes have a maximum limit of 27 students.

FAREWELL

It’s time to farewell a number of teachers who are moving on, either to other schools or interstate. Thank you and goodbye to Ms Alison Robertson, who has been a teacher librarian, class teacher and Senior Teacher for the past 7 years at Ross Park. Alison is returning to Victoria to continue teaching and we will miss her expertise, good humour and ability to look out for people. Other teachers we are farewelling are Briony Harrison, Megan Clarke, Miz Kumbaric, Vanessa Yang and Shlaghiya Khanna. Thank you for your contributions to our school this year and enjoy your new roles. As well, Kylie Lovegrove will be on leave for the first 6 months next year and we wish Kylie all the best as she takes a break.

Another long term staff member we are sadly saying goodbye to is Naomi Hayes, who has won a promotion to Braitling Primary School. Thank you Naomi for the gentle kind encouragement you have provided our students since 2007. We will miss you although we are very pleased for you. Three fantastic support staff are also off to do exciting things – thank you Tyson, Jonathon and Angus.

WELCOME STAFF

Of course we are welcoming new teachers to our school. They are: Binu Mathew, from Braitling; Sue Thomson, from Braitling; Kym Thompson, from Adelaide; Tash Colson, from Centralian Senior College; Heidi Merritt, from Queensland; Clare Ryan & Kristy Barnes, returning to classroom teaching from parental leave and Kristy Genetti – moving to Rona Glynn Preschool.

RETIRING...

As this is my last newsletter before I sail off to find out what people do all day when they don’t go to work, I want to say what a privilege it is to end my career at such a fantastic school, doing a job I really love. That’s what I would wish for everyone – work that is satisfying, worthwhile and includes a lot of fun. Thank you for your support for our school. Your children really are the beneficiaries of a strong parent school partnership.

KAREN BLANCHFIELD Principal

ACCOLADE

Our Principal, Karen, was awarded Life Membership of the Northern Territory Principals’ Association, via a video link-up throughout the Territory last week. Ms Lizzy, now Principal at Sadadeen School, but formerly Assistant Principal at our school, made the presentation. Another accolade to add to Karen’s impressive list—congratulations!
CHIEF MINISTER’S LITERACY AWARDS
These students are the winners of these prestigious Awards this year. They will receive their Awards at our final assembly next Thursday 14th December at 8.30am:

T/D Kayla Cluney
T/H Liam Chavez Hopwood
T/Owls Freddy Bellette
T/1W Mia Waugh
1M Aquaria Nicholas
1N Rohin Srivastava
2H Kymani Ioane
2Kh Noah Holton
2Ku Ace Young
3F Travis Dicker
3L Grace Knight
3/4C Esther Klerck
3/4S Bhazi Nicholas
4/5 SWS Charlie McGrath
5/RY Bridie Weepers
5/SA Edie Weatherstone

(Winners from the Year 6 classes will be announced at our Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 12th December.)

TERRIFIC KIDS
These students are the winners of the Terrific Kid Awards for Term 4, 2017:

T/D Georgia Mawhinney
T/H Olivia Schulz
T/S Owls Phoenix Castle
T/1W Ryanna Roxas
1M Panagiotis Roditis
1N Charlie McGrath
2H Jude Karpeles
2Ku Ava Schulz
2Kh Jaxon Brown
3F Jasmine Barker
3L Abbey Cowan
3/4C Nellie Crellin
4/5 SWS Xavier Robertson, Jade Schooner
5/6 SA Budi Angeles, Sean Mouzinho
5/6 RY Ethan Maritz, Lydia Budrikis

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HONOUR BOARDS
The top photo shows the Honour Board at the old Hartley Street School, which ends at 1960. The original Honour Board at our school begins at 1961. We are now waiting for the announcement of the 2017 Honour Student, so that his/her name can be inscribed on our second Honour Board. Lots of history here!

CLEVER!
Eliat (Ace’s mum) and Sabina (Ace’s grandma) came to do a leather activity with the students from 2 Kumbaric. The students really enjoyed it—they made patterns from paper and used them to make leather pouches.

GRADUATION TREE
A representative from Bunnings presented a tree to our graduating Year 6 students this week. They will plant the tree as a symbol of their time at our school—what a lovely idea! Thanks Bunnings!

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BLUEARTH
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