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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Here we are at the end of another school year.

Graduation

Last night our Year 6 students graduated in a delightful ceremony attended by families and school staff. Many thanks to the teachers, Hannah Madin and Luke Kenna for their work with our Year 6 students throughout the year and for preparing a graduation to remember. Thanks also to Mrs Mullins for her great input! I am sure that our Year 6 cohort are going to shine in their new schools next year; they really are a wonderful group of young people and we will miss them tremendously.



Farewells

As always at this time of year we are saying farewell to some staff members. Mai-Lei left early to attend her university orientation this week. Mrs Carmel O'Beirne who has worked with us as a maths coach for the past 18 months is returning to Melbourne. Grace will also finish at the end of term. Mr Kenna, Ms Shlezinger and Miss Noall are all moving on next year. Mrs Hurn and Mrs Morton are both taking some well-earned long service leave and Ms Brown is leaving to have a baby. Finally Luis is off to explore other horizons...perhaps some study next year. We thank all these staff for their work with us and wish them well in their endeavours.

Classes and teachers

Today children visited their new classroom spaces and met with their new classmates and where possible with the teacher they will have next year. As I am still finalising recruitment for 2018 all teachers will not be known until students return.

School Reports

Reports have been sent home with students today. Thanks to our teachers and senior staff who have spent many hours putting these together for families. If you require clarification about anything in your child's report please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Important dates

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the last day of school for this year. School resumes for 2018 on Monday 29th January.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday period with your families and safe travels if you are on the road.

**Kind regards,
Brenda**

School Snapshot

Uniform Sales

Larapinta Primary School will be open for uniform sales in the week prior to school commencing, that is, from Monday 22nd Jan to Thurs 25th January. We'll be setting up and selling from the Music Room (follow the signs for the Arts Centre). Parents can use the Back to School Payment of \$150 to purchase uniforms, pay for the swimming program (Transition to Year 2), and pay for performances and camps etc.

Spare School Uniforms

We are always in need of spare uniforms in the front office so if you have any in the cupboard that no longer fit your children or if your child or children are leaving the school, we would really appreciate them. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Child and Family Centre (CFC)

*Our vision is that every child has the best possible start to life.
Children & families are at the centre of all we do.
Families are their child's first teachers and we support a
strength based approach.*

Christmas Holidays are coming!

Our Family Centre will close on Friday 22 December and re-open in 2018 on Monday 8 January.

So, if you have little kids 0-5 years of age (preschool and under only) please come and visit us anytime, or come to our Wednesday playgroup @ 12:30-2pm. Sorry, no school age children.

Preschool News

Junior Choir Preschool Visit

We had the honour of the Junior Choir visiting and putting on a special performance for us last week. There were a lot of attentive listeners as they entertained us with their harmonious singing. We then performed our concert songs for the choir too and celebrated with a special 'Icy' cold treat. Thank you Mrs Young and the Junior Choir for your special performance.



Outcome 2 – Connectedness: 2.1a. Develop skills for working with others, 2.1b. Develop inquiry and communication skills.

Outcome 4 – Learning and Thinking: 4.4a use imagination and innovation and extend language in a range of contexts, 4.4b represent ideas, feelings and experiences in creative ways.

Outcome 5 – Communication: Interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes 5.1a develop oral language and active listening

Thank-you

Thank you to all our families for your support, ideas, suggestions and involvement at preschool throughout 2017. We would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year.

Community News

Bus Timetabling

As the 2018 year fast approaches we have Year 12 students leaving the school bus system and young students entering. Families have moved into and out of town and as such some bus stops are no longer required and some new ones may be required. If you have a suggestion where a new stop might be required for additional students to access the system (numbers if possible) please email alicesprings@austransit.com.au.