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Term 4 Week 10

Newsletter



Principal Report

Concert 2019

Wow, what another great night for the Pascoe Vale Primary School Community. The weather was great and stress free in regards to rain and extreme heat... Phew!!! A big thank you goes to Rita

Davide, our Performing Arts teacher, for her passion and hard work bringing together one of our best end of year concerts yet. To all our teachers who pull this together with the students at a time of year when it is challenging to maintain the energy amongst the end of year work load, THANK YOU. To Marc McKenzie, the father of Charlotte and Xavier McKenzie, who year after year shows up, sets up and gives us great sound in a challenging environment, THANK YOU Marc! To David Torr, our grade 2 teacher for his stupendous job as MC and staff item choreographer- Brava! To the amazing performances of all the students and staff... WOW, it was so entertaining and lots of fun. To our community, who turned up in BIG numbers to support the event, THANK YOU! There was a very happy and positive vibe and it was great way for the school community to celebrate a wonderful 2019.

Pascoe Vale Graduation Class of 2019

Next week we hold the graduation ceremony of the class of 2019. It is a privilege to be part of these students' lives. It seems like only a moment ago a group of little children arrived to commence their education. How they have grown and developed over the years into these young people, ready to fly from the primary school nest. On behalf of all the community, I wish them well in their next stage of schooling and hope they look back fondly on their years at PVPS.



Final Transition Meet the Teacher

Next Thursday we will be having a final transition for our 2020 1-6 grades. The student's will get to meet their teachers and be in their classroom for 2020. The leadership team and teachers have worked on this process for a significant amount of time and believe the balance in the grades and teacher placement across the school is well considered and should set up an excellent base for 2020. We know most children and families will be happy and trust our judgement. We know some students may find the transition and change challenging and cause some anxiety. If for some reason your child comes home worried or anxious after Thursday, please work on their positive mind set. We want our children to be resilient and cope with the normal challenges of life. Speak to them in a reassuring way – do not promise to fix things for them but rather talk about how they will be fine, for example the friend they wanted to be with will be around at recess, or the teacher they wanted to have might be their teacher another year. Look for the positive and coping thoughts – this way of thinking and dealing with change prepares our young children for life.

School Structure 2020					
Leadership	Principal Anne Naughton	Asst Principal Welfare & engagement Lisa Audino	Asst Principal Curriculum Lorraine Edwards	Learning Specialist Meredith Lamb	Learning Specialist Kelsey Pritchard
Grade Structure 2020					
Foundation - 5 classes					
Grade 1 - 4 classes					
Grade 2 - 4 classes					
Grade 3/4 - 7 classes					
Grade 5/6 - 6 classes					
Total - 26 classes					
Teaching staff	Doug Skate Laura Mirigliano Laura White Ann Marie Klinkatsis Jodie Kennon Samantha Jones Lachlan Meyer Munuse Osman Helen Giamou	Phing Tchung David Torr Marcus Butera Haley Te Wiata Cassie Hycenko Eve Melgaard Mary Anne Delas Alas Stephanie Dahaby Cathy Mittas	Janelle Pannuzzo Adrian Penko Hayley Stead Ellen Havekin Sally Portbury Melanie Palacios Amanda Larizza		
Specialist and support roles	Performing Arts- Rita Davide Visual Arts- Maria Lyon Italian- Maria Croce and Daniela Trapani Physical Education- Nathan Higgs and Rebecca Foulds Pam Conway				

	Jenny James Samantha Spokes Kate Mitrione Helen Bender - Coaching literacy	
<u>New Staff</u> Stephanie Dahaby-classroom Melanie Palacious-classroom Amanda Larizza-classroom Rebecca Foulds-PE	<u>Staff returning to PVPS 2020</u> Samantha Spokes (2 days) (Family leave) Kate Mitrione (3 days) (Family leave) <u>Staff on leave in 2020</u> Natalie Parke (LWOP) Arianna Frangou (LWOP)	<u>Staff not returning to PVPS 2020</u> Kristina Karagiannidis gained a position at Mernda Central College Selma Yavuzcan – family commitments

Finally, as it is our last newsletter for 2019, I would like to thank everyone; staff, teachers, students, parents, grandparents for all the help, support, fun, food and goodwill throughout the year. Thank you parent helpers, School Council, School Council Sub Committees, PFA and so the list goes on! We have a great community here and it is a joy to be a part of.

We have a number of families leaving both through graduation and departing to other schools. Farewell and I wish you the very best for the future.

I want to wish everyone a great, safe and healthy break and a merry festive season. See you back in 2020.



Calendar

December

- 16th Creative Music concert – 4pm in the library (Brennan)
- 17th Grade 6 Graduation in COMMUNITY HUB
(OSHC in PELC for this afternoon session)
- 18th Creative Music concert – 4pm in the library (Bill)
- 19th Whole school final transition- 9.30am-11am
- 20th **LAST DAY TERM 4 - ASSEMBLY 1PM and EARLY FINISH 1.30PM**

School Start 2020

Students in grades 1-6 start on Thursday 30th January

Foundation students start on Monday 3rd February

Prep W



Learning about the Seasons

This Term in Prep W, we have been learning about weather and the seasons in Inquiry. To show our understanding students were asked to present a mini project to the class. Prep W put a lot of effort in to create dioramas, posters and even interactive weather activities.



Here are a few projects – well done Prep W!



Holly Jolly Christmas

We also had our Christmas concert this week. Prep W was so excited to perform. The next day we wrote a recount about the Christmas concert. Prep W wrote about how they felt excited to dance on stage and some even wrote about silly Santa drinking all the milk in the teachers dance.

Prep W loves writing!



A message to families from Mrs Lyon

Wow!! And just like that, an end to another year. Every year seems to fly by ever so quickly and in looking back over the year, I marvel at what fantastic pieces of artwork have been created throughout the year.

I hope all parents have enjoyed viewing posts of students' masterpieces on Dojo and if you've dropped in to the school, that you have been able to view our corridors lined with creative works.

I take this opportunity to thank ever so much Michelle Giaccotto, our creative macramé artist who came into Visual Arts this term to teach the students how to make the wonderful baubles, which were beautifully displayed for our Christmas concert. Michelle and Maria Oddo were our wonderful parent helpers who assisted me in putting up the amazing display for our end of year concert.

I'd like to thank them and also Melissa Kerr, not only for their time in putting up the display for that evening but for all their wonderful work which they do in assisting our students in the Visual Art classroom throughout the entire year.



I look forward to more masterpieces being created in 2020 and meeting many more parents.

Until 2020 enjoy the festive season, best wishes to you and all your family.

Buone feste, Maria Lyon.