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KEY DATES FOR 2016

Monday 19 December
Meet the Teacher for 2017
at 2.30 pm

Reports issued to Grade 6 students

Tuesday 20 December
Grade 6
Leavers' Assembly
at 1.30 pm in GP Room

Wednesday 21 December
Final Whole School Assembly
at 11.30 pm in GP Room

TERM 4 ENDS

KEY DATES FOR 2017

Wednesday 1 February
Thursday 2 February
Friday 3 February
Levies and Uniform sales
from 9.00 am - 12 noon

Wednesday 8 February
Term 1 2017 commences for
Prep - Grade 2

Kinders A and C commence
Tuesday 13 February
Kinder B commence on
Wednesday 14 February

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Children in Prep to Grade 5 will receive their school reports today. With the reports they will also receive notification of the School Uniform Policy and their class and teacher allocation for 2017.

In some cases the class and teacher notification letter will not advise of the teacher. This is because at the time of preparing the communication a few contract teacher positions were not confirmed. I am pleased to advise that staffing is now completed and class teacher assignments are as follows:

Class	Room	Teachers
Kinder A	Unit D	Ms Barbara Schreiber
Kinder B	Unit C	Mr Russell Dowsett
Kinder/Prep	Unit BB	Mrs Kris Steele
Prep	Unit P	Mrs Bronwyn Paine and Mrs Ros Lucas on Fridays
Prep	Unit B	Mrs Doreen Lutjens
Grade 1	Unit O	Mrs Kathryn Gray and Ms Stephanie Neal (Thursday and Friday)
Grade 1/2	Unit N	Mr Greg Warman – Terms 1/2 – Miss Kirby Barker Terms 3/4
Grade 1/2	Unit AA	Ms Lesley Wood
Grade 2	Unit A	Ms Elizabeth Millington
Grade 3/4	Unit F	Mrs Christine Rumley
Grade 3/4	Unit G	Mr Simon Clifford
Grade 3/4	Unit H	Mr Joshua Durno and Mrs Carolyn Dunstan on Fridays
Grade 3/4	Unit I	Mrs Cathy Graney and Mrs Angela Kadziolka (one day per week)
Grade 4/5	Unit S	Mrs Lorin Ross and Mr Chris Anagnostis
Grade 5/6	Unit L	Mr Greg McVeigh
Grade 5/6	Unit M	Mrs Karen Aitken
Grade 5/6	Unit R	Mr Andrew Nash and Mrs Dorothy Raymond
Flying Start		Mrs Ros Lucas
PE	GP Room	Mrs Angela Kadziolka
Music	Music Room	Mrs Shona Hunt
Library	Library	Mrs Rachelle Abey
Japanese Grade 5/6		Ms Robyn Spinner
Brass Band	Music Room	Mr Justin Breen
Support Teacher		Mr Chris Anagnostis

GRADE 6 CELEBRATION DINNER

The Grade 6 Celebration Dinner was a great success and we are very thankful for the work of the parents and staff organising that committee for a great night. Our students were without exception well behaved, good mannered and fully engaged in the activities and the sense of occasion that goes with such an event. We are very proud of the achievements of our Grade 6 students and are encouraged by the decisions they are making about the sort of people that they want to be and be seen to be.

RETIREMENT

Peta Brinsmead has worked at our school as an Education Facility Attendant for 30 years and will retire early in the New Year. Peta has earned a reputation as always seeking to go the extra mile to make sure things are great for our students and staff. I have enjoyed getting to know Peta and hearing the stories about the past 30 years of our school. Neville Styles will also retire after a similar length of service in the same role as Peta. Neville has been particularly helpful when things needed fixing in a hurry or when we need help to set things up. We wish Peta and Neville good times in their retirement.

Dave Kilpatrick
Principal



The Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations, also known as TASSO, is the peak parent body in Tasmania, we are an independent community based apolitical organisation founded in 1947, to provide a key support network and independent voice for parents of students in Tasmanian State schools.

TASSO Website

Our website has a variety of information for parents and School Associations. There are links to Student Assistance Scheme (STAS), student bus travel and Working With Vulnerable People registration to mention just a few.

Education Act 2016

TASSO is working closely with the Department to ensure there is minimal disruption to parent groups transitioning to the new arrangements under the Education Act. These changes will take effect from July 2017.

During a recent meeting with the Department of Education the need for information from all parent groups was identified. This information will assist in composing a clear picture of how the interests and operations of associations has grown over time and help identify any specific matters, where parent groups might benefit from individual assistance, prior to the new Act taking effect. It would help if you could complete the survey on the TASSO Website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SA-Dec-2016>

End of Year

The TASSO office will close Friday 23 December and re-open Monday 16 January 2017. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer break and a Happy New Year.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

The following students received Certificates at this week's ECE Assembly:

 Confidence	 Getting Along	 Organisation
Chase E Chloe W	Corey C Erin W	Benjie G

Certificates for Breakfast Club Helpers were presented to:
Chloe W, Erik C and Mason K

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Tuesday 20 December from 8:35 - 9:00 am and Wednesday 21 December from 2:45 - 3:10 pm are the last two days the Uniform Shop will be open this year. I wish to extend a big thank you to all our volunteers and hope everyone has a lovely holiday. We are still needing volunteers for back to school sales on 1, 2 and 3 February. Please leave your name at the Uniform Shop or the office if you can assist, or even if you think you may be able to help but will not know until closer to the time.



Lolly Drop

Sunday 18th December 2016

Santa will once again be cruising around the Kingston / Blackmans Bay area on the fire truck. Eager to handout your favorite lollies

Kingston

- Maranoa Community Centre 10.00am
- Bunnings Warehouse car park 10.25am
- Merton Vale Circuit (Kidz Biz / Church) 10.50am
- Kingborough Sports Centre Car Park 11.15am
- Kingston Primary School 11.30am

Blackmans Bay

- Illawarra Primary School front car park 10.00am
- Blackmans Bay Beach playground area 10.15am
- Blackmans Bay Primary School Car Park 10.40am
- St Aloysius School Car Park 10.50am
- Kingston Beach (entr Beach Rd & Osbourne Esq) 11.00am
- Firthside (Fraser St & Campbell St) 11.20am

All times are approximates and every site will be visited.



NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER	We look forward to seeing families at 2.00 pm on Wednesday to celebrate the end of the year in Kinder. Please remember to send a small plate of food along to share. Thank you!
MRS PAINE'S KINDER	We had a wonderful excursion to the Botanical Gardens on Wednesday. Please bring a small plate of food for an end of year celebration as Wednesday is our last Kinder day. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a great holiday.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP	As the year draws to an end I would like to thank all parents for their support over the year with the learning program in Kinder/Prep. I wish the children the very best of luck in their next Grade level. I hope you all have a safe and happy festive season.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP	We are all looking forward to our Christmas class party and enjoying the Christmas activities next week. I would like to thank all parents for your support in teaching your child this year. It has been a very busy and productive year and the children have achieved so much. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday break.
MR WARMAN'S PREP/I	In amongst all the end of year clean up, artworks, rehearsals and performances we continue to observe, discuss, research and write about our Science topics of weather and water.
MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S)/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 1	Wishing our Grade 1s a well deserved holiday! See you all in 2017.
MISS BARKER'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 1/2	We had an awesome day at Dru Point today! Thank you to Miss Barker's/Mrs Kadziolka's Grade 1/2 for a wonderful, productive year! I will miss your smiling faces and enthusiasm to learn. Stay safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you again in Term 3, 2017.  Miss Barker
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2	After a busy week of culminating celebrations, it is nearly time to say 'goodbye' as students look forward to a well-earned break. Next Tuesday we will have a class Christmas party. Could all students please bring a plate. This will be our last blurb for the year. Many thanks to all families for working together with staff to support their children's learning to be the best it can be. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!
MS WOOD'S GRADE 2	What an amazing year it has been! Thank you to everyone who has been in to help, accompanied us on excursions and came along to support and applaud our Assembly performances. Have a happy and safe holiday everyone, enjoy the well earned break.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 3/4	I have really enjoyed teaching the students over the last four weeks. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and have a safe holiday break. The students are looking forward to finishing the year with Mrs Aitken next week. Mr Barr
MR MacDONALD'S/ MS MACNAIR'S GRADE 3/4	We are busy having fun with our Christmas activities and we really enjoyed our excursion today to the Botanical Gardens to see 'Alice in Wonderland'. The children have all worked really hard this term and have been a joy to teach. A huge thank you to all the support and help.
MRS GRANNEY'S GRADE 3/4	Today we had a wonderful day at the Botanical Gardens and everyone enjoyed 'Alice in Wonderland'. It has been a real pleasure teaching all the children in my class this year. Thank you! Have a wonderful Christmas and happy holidays.
MRS CLARK'S GRADE 4/5	We are excitedly preparing for our end of year play to perform next week! Sadly, this is my last few days at Kingston Primary School. I have loved every moment, the students, staff and community. I will remember with fondness as I look forward to Tarooma Primary School.
MRS TRITTON'S/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 5/6	I would like to wish all students and their families a very Merry Christmas and hope you all enjoy the holidays. I have really enjoyed teaching the class this year, my last class before retirement. A big thank you to Lisa Kuplis who has been the Teacher Assistant working with the class and also Kathryn Gray who the students have enjoyed having as their teacher on Fridays.
MR NASH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 5/6	The students have completed their collaborative Bushfire Art project and the result is stunning! They experimented with a variety of creative techniques including a sponge painted background and drip-melted crayon flames. A reminder to wear your collared school shirt and Grade 6 Leavers' T-shirt for the Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday and the Final School Assembly on Wednesday next week. Congratulations to all students on an outstanding year. We wish the Grade 6s all the best for High School.
MR McVEIGH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 6	Congratulations to all students on a great year. It was a pleasure teaching you this year. We wish you all the best for High School and beyond. A reminder to wear your collared school shirt and Grade 6 Leavers' T-shirt for the Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday and the Final School Assembly on Wednesday next week. Hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a great 2017.

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