Caulfield South Primary School News

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2016 COUNTDOWN

Year 6 camp is now behind us and I thank the teachers and students who helped to make it such a happy and memorable time for our graduating Year 6 students!

CSPS sure has talent! This was demonstrated at a terrific lunchtime event this week. Congratulations to all participants!

Prep-2 Concert was a fabulous festive celebration. Congratulations to our students and teachers! Thank you to those parents who were able to come along at this busy time to fill our hall with an appreciative audience and make this such a special event.

Our new Nature Play and Learning Space is looking exciting and will be planted out with the help of students in the first week back in 2017. Congratulations Green Machine and thank you to School Council, Parents' Association volunteers and our whole community for getting behind the fundraising for this fabulous initiative.

Still to come… Class parties on Monday, Year 6 Graduation Monday evening, Year 6 BBQ 7-9am Tuesday and our final assembly at 1pm on Tuesday for a 1.30pm finish, with all the highlights of our year, farewells and the big countdown to happy holidays!

CLASS STRUCTURE 2017

As I wrote in the last full newsletter of the year, during Term 4, we have spent much time consulting with teachers and looking ahead to 2017, in order to put structures and staffing in place for the New Year. It has been a difficult job to cater for school directions and needs as well as look at year level and individual student needs, within a limited budget. We have done our very best with the available resources and, in 2017 we will have an average home group size across the school of 24, below the average expected class size. When we take into account the additional teaching time going into teaching children in the slightly larger grades, this average comes down to just less than 1:22. It must be stressed at this time, that numbers may change over the summer break but this should not impact on the structure as we now know it. Although the end of year is tinged with sadness as we say good-bye to some staff, this is balanced by the excitement of new teachers joining our CSPS team. We say good-bye and good luck to Natalie Sochen who will be back for only a few days in 2017 before commencing family leave with her second child; exciting times ahead for the Sochen family. In 2017 we welcome Hailey Noden who joins the Year 2 team to share a class with Zoe Whitaker, one of our ongoing teachers who we are very excited to have return after family leave. Joy Evans will be a supporting teacher at our school in term one and we are very happy to welcome Justin Cole back to school at the beginning of the new year. The 2017 staffing structure follows in this bulletin.

GRADE ALLOCATIONS 2017

I ask all parents to encourage children to look optimistically towards 2017 and their new class. Winston Churchill's famous quote is worth considering if not all aspects of the new class placements are to your child's liking: "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." This is a terrific mindset to help encourage a disappointed child to approach a new situation and make the most of it. New opportunities await!

May you all enjoy the rituals and festivities, whatever these are for your family, at this most wonderful time of the year and over the next several weeks, I hope you have some very happy and relaxing times with family and friends. Enjoy these precious times before the excitement of returning for another wonderful year in 2017!

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Gayle Yardley
Principal

CSPS STAFFING AND CLASS STRUCTURE 2017

PRINCIPAL Gayle Yardley
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Gill Bartholomeusz
LEADING TEACHER Justin Cole
IB-PYP COORDINATORS Andy McKibbin Andy Stefaniak
SCHOOL BURSAR/OFFICE MANAGER Margaret Salvatore
OFFICE ADMIN TEAM Linda Singleton, Julie Fergie, Joanne Twomey

Prep A	Kate Reynolds	
Prep B	Maria Amitrano	
Prep C	Jeanene Booth	
Prep D	Lainie Nestor	
1A	Emily Ryde	Additional teaching support: Sara Wyse
1B	Tallulah Griffin	
1C	John Rice	
2A	Kate Tarrant	
2B	Jan Minett	
2C	Zoe Whitaker/Hailey Noden	
2D	Michaela Patel	
3A	Terri O'Neill .8/Sophie Bilionis .2	Additional teaching support: Labreni Pappas/Laura FitzGerald
3B	John Wink	
4A	Stacey Fallon	
4B	Ashleigh Browne	
4C	David MacKay	
5A	Danielle Wakeling	
5B	Justin Cole	
5C	Sophie Bretman	
6A	Bronwyn Fensham	Additional teaching support: Andy Stefaniak/Andy McKibbin
6B	Jaqueline Yokome	

LSL/CRT Replacement	Joy Evans
L.O.T E. Italian	Sophie Bilionis
Physical Education	Heath Gibson
Literacy Intervention & Support	Sara Wyse
Visual Arts	Labreni Pappas & Lorraine Schnall
Performing Arts	Julie Hoffman
Maths Intervention & Support	Stephanie Sim (.4 from Term 2)
Teaching & Learning Support	Labreni Pappas, Laura FitzGerald
Library Technician	Linda Singleton
Library Assistant	Vicki Gayner
Integration Aides	Vicki Gayner Elizabeth Sadler Joanne Twomey Christine Scherer
School Nurse	Paula McVeigh

CLASS OF 2016: All on board for a fabulous end to 2016. Congratulations to our graduating Year 6 students of 2016!