



NEWSLETTER

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Week Ten

Our second-last week of school has been a fantastic one, with lots of activities and events over the last few days. With next week being the final week of the term, please remember that we have a.....

1.30pm finish on Friday 18th

There will be no staggered finish Friday and all students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

Please make sure you collect your child promptly, as all the teachers will be ready for a nice cup of tea and a lie down once all the children have departed. We will be having an assembly on the Friday morning to announce 2021 student captain roles and to hand out our annual awards. Unfortunately, with restrictions and density limits still in place, this will only be for staff and students. We will be recording the assembly and will make the video available for all families during the day.



Our departing Grade 6s had a great night at our graduation ceremony on Tuesday night. The students and staff enjoyed a meal and lovely dessert and then were presented to the audience individually and awarded a graduation certificate. After the ceremony they watched the traditional graduation PowerPoint with their Prep photo next to their Grade 6 photo which

always gives everyone a good laugh. We ended the evening with a disco, with DJ Campbell spinning all the hits on the wheels of steel. This included Mr Campbell's all-time favourite song 'Baby Shark' by Pink Fong.

It was a fantastic night of reflection and celebration and I would like to thank all our staff who worked very hard to make sure the evening was such a great success. I would like to say a special thanks to Mrs Ford and Ms Bell who worked very hard to plan and set-up the event. We wish our Grade 6s all the very best for their secondary schooling and beyond.

The **Up Program** was once again a very successful event and an important part of our internal transition process for our students. Children had the opportunity to meet and work with their 2020 class teacher and classmates and join in some fun, getting-to-know-you activities. It was great to see the excitement and enthusiasm on children's faces as they prepare to move classrooms or units for 2021.

On Tuesday, student reports will go live on Compass at 4pm. These reports will look slightly different to previous years due to the change in teaching and learning that took place during remote learning. There will be a detailed explanation of these changes included with reports. In some instances, there may not be quite as much learning growth as may usually be expected due to the many challenges during the year, but it is pleasing to see that all children have experienced growth and improvement in most areas of the curriculum.

As one of the final events for the year will be a special free dress day on Wednesday. Students will be having their class parties and participating in a mini-disco or tabloid sports during the day. As part of the celebration, we are asking students to bring a gold-coin donation for charity. To assist the fundraising effort, Maria from Grade 6 will be chopping off her long, shiny locks to which will be donated to a good cause. This event will also be recorded for families to watch online. There are further details about this in the attached flier.

After such a long and full on year, our students have certainly earned a fun day of special celebrations to farewell the school year. **And don't forget about the 1.30pm knock-off on Friday!!**

'Students of the Week' and birthdays!!

This week our 'Student of the Week' awards go to - for showing the value of **UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND INCLUSION**

Unit A	Unit B	Unit C	Unit D
Mohamad K	Levi M	Ana S	Saskia S



Our birthdays this week are;

Noah D from **Prep**, **Ted L** from **Grade 1**, **Laura A** from **Grade 3**, **Arif B** from **Grade 4**

Unit News

Unit A

This week has been a very exciting week for the students in Unit A as they participated in the UP Program. They spent valuable time in their new class getting to know their new classmates and teachers. All of the children came back happy and looking forward to moving 'UP' in 2021.

Please be aware that the children will start bringing home lots of work and books that won't be required for the rest of the year. We would also appreciate reader bags and readers being returned this week as they will be kept at school and delivered to the teachers who will be taking the students next year.

Just a reminder that the children are welcome to bring Christmas cards to give to their friends, but due to current restrictions they are not allowed to share food, such as candy canes or chocolates. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

We are rapidly nearing the end of term and we are looking forward to sharing some fun activities and special times with the children next week.

Unit A Team,

Mary Chan (Prep C), Linda Harrison (Prep H), Maddy Hartmann (1HP), Carly Pinwill (1HP), Carolyn Kropf (Aide) & Sandra Stephens (Aide)

Unit C

This has been a very exciting week in Unit C. We have had our Up Program this week where students went to meet their new classmates and teacher for 2021. The students had a great time getting to know their new classmates and teacher and played some fun games together. We have also been working hard during our Environmental Studies rotations where students created some amazing artwork out of recycled materials, did a sensory scavenger hunt, drew some beautiful designs with chalk and worked out in our Unit C garden. Next Wednesday we are having a Unit C picnic as part of our end of year celebrations, students need to bring a picnic lunch and drink which unfortunately they cannot share with others due to the ongoing restrictions.

Unit C Team,

Kristy Telford (3T), Emilie Wilson (3W), Gail Fitzpatrick (3/4F) & Caitlyn Watkins (4W)



Unit D

The children of Unit D were very excited to find out their new grades and new teachers this week and continue to participate in the “Up Program” to work with new teachers, in new classrooms, with different friends. It seems to have got off to a good start.

In Preparation for next year teachers are collecting in reader bags and books, so that they may be handed on ready for 2021. Please can you make sure readers and bags are returned to school this week if possible? Home school diaries can stay at home.

We are rapidly coming to the end of what has been a very different year. To celebrate the end of the year the children will have a “special day” on Wednesday 16th December, look out for further details. The Grade Ones and Twos have the opportunity to have a Subway lunch on this day if they wish to. Details have been sent home with order envelopes. Please ensure orders and payment are returned to school by Monday December 14th. We will not be able to accept any late orders. If your child does not want to have a Subway lunch they will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday. All children will continue to need fruit and snack as normal on that Wednesday.

Unit D Team,

Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Karen Woodhouse (2W), Natalie Semercioglu (2S), Carolyn Kroft (Aide), Cheree Parsons (Aide) & Leah Gambetta (Aide)

Enjoy your weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian', written in a cursive style.

Julian