

## Diary Dates

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Grade 2 Excursion

### **Monday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 5/6 Swimming

### **Tuesday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

OXFAM Concert

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Birralee Camping Night

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov**

PFA Meeting Pancake Parlour

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

Grade 3 Excursion

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Grade 5/6 Camp

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

Senior Soiree

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Grade 3 Camp

### **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Whole school transition

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Grade 7 Transition Day

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Carols evening

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Grade 6 Transition Evening

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

End of Term 4 **1:30pm dismissal**  
**2020**

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**

First day of term for Grade 1-6

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**

First day of term for Preps

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – November 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

### End of the School Year – coming up fast!

It's hard to believe, but there are not too many weeks to go before the end of term. It's an extremely busy time at the moment with budgets to finalise, School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan to complete, reports to write, our carols evening, grade six farewell, helpers morning tea, transition programs for preps and grade 6 students, the musical soiree and so on. Please make sure you write down all of these important dates in your family calendar.

### Senior School Musical Soirée

Our annual senior school musical evening will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in our school hall. This is a highlight of the year and gives children who have been learning an instrument either at school or elsewhere the chance to perform in front of a supportive and appreciative audience. As well as individual items, the band and choir will also perform. This is a great opportunity also for children who are in grade 2 to come along and watch the band and choir that they will be able to join next year. All parents and friends of the school community are invited to come along and listen to our very talented students.

### Values

I have spoken before in our newsletter about the great feel that this school has. It is my strong view that this is in some part due to the emphasis placed on commonly accepted values such as tolerance, courtesy, kindness, honesty, politeness, pride in one's work, helpfulness and initiative. Values such as these are frequently modelled, encouraged and reinforced many times throughout the week in a variety of ways by teachers, aides and office staff. I know that parents also model behaviours such as these to their children. This is a collective effort by our school community to assist in the development of today's children who will become tomorrow's leaders.

### Word of the Week

Fickle (adjective) - often changing; unstable, inconstant

### Quote of the Week

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." Charles Swindoll

## Intra-school Transition

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December, we will be holding our intra-school transition sessions. These will take place in the session before lunch on each day. The students will meet their classmates and teacher for 2020 and enjoy some 'getting to know you' activities followed by lunch. Students who are transferring from other schools will also be taking part in the program.

## Ishara Ross

Last week there was a slight error reporting on Ishara's results at the State Athletics Championships – the placings and events were accidentally reported the wrong way around. Ishara placed 6<sup>th</sup> in long jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m sprint. Ishara's sprinting is a real strength and throughout the series of events from school, district, region, division and then state championships she has posted a personal best each time. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> placing at the State Championships was in the amazing time of 14.20 seconds! I challenge any parent to try to beat that time – it's really fast!

## Outstanding 2019 Parent Payments

There are a few families who have outstanding amounts due for 2019 parent payments. Could these be paid asap as we are now finalising the 2020 parent payments. Notices will be sent home next week.

Ashley Ryan  
Principal

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## Assembly

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Senior School assembly will be taking place this week. **Grade 6W** will be performing. Assembly starts at 2:40pm in the hall. All welcome to attend.

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## Play is the Way Award Winners

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**Prep V:** Qasm  
**Prep H:** Jovan & Sophia  
**Prep G:** Joel & Keira  
**Prep P:** Zachary & Alexa  
**1BL:** Laura & Aarav  
**1N:** Ryan & Victoria  
**1M:** Max  
**1T:** Oscar & Caleb  
**2N:** Sahasra & Yousef  
**2B:** Ryan, Enoch & Isabella  
**2C:** Zack & Daniel  
**2L:** Reyaansh

**Art:** Hiva (00G)  
**Mandarin:** April (1T)  
**Science:** Inaayah (1M)  
**Library:** Benjamin (00G)

**Golden Platypus:** 1BL  
**House Award:** RESOLUTION

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## Book Club

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Book club orders for issue 8 are due on **Friday 22nd November**.

There is still an unclaimed book that was ordered last term on an order form without a name. The author is Anh Do. If this is your book please see the office and tell them the title and cost of the book to claim it.

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## Driving Through My Crossing

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Hi, I'm Chris The Crossing Lady on Wilsons Road.

Over just three days in under a week three people have driven or almost driven through my crossing without stopping.

- On Thursday 30th October a car drove onto the wrong side of the road, passed all the stationary cars waiting to turn right into Heyington Ave, drove up onto the gutter on the wrong side of the road, nearly hit the lamp post and then proceeded up the wrong side of the street.
- On Friday 1st November another car attempted to do virtually the same thing until I stopped them and signalled them to reverse backwards.
- On Monday 4th November, not one but two cars drove right through the crossing whilst I was on the road holding up my sign and repeatedly pointing to the word "STOP".



How anyone sees these actions as acceptable just baffles me. Fortunately on each of these occasions I had not blown my whistle to allow people to cross. Peter, Shane and I are all there to keep all the children and their families safe. With 538 children at the school, school drop off and pick up times are going to be extremely busy. Please respect what we do and obey our instructions. Not to do so could very well result in something truly dreadful happening.

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## Battery Recycling

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Your kids might've told you that there are some bins living in their classroom. These bins are from Battery World! In them, you can place all the batteries you own that don't work anymore. Clock batteries, watch batteries, phone batteries, and any other battery if they fit. If you do bring any larger batteries like laptop batteries then you can bring them to the front office and they'll do the rest. Battery World's purpose for giving us these bins is so we can start recycling batteries instead of letting them land in landfill. Many batteries contain lithium, which when exposed to water, catches on fire or explodes & if it catches on fire you can't put it out. So, if you don't want fires in landfill which cannot be put out, then you should ask your kids to put batteries into these battery bins.

Thank you

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## Recycling Oral Care Waste 2019

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In an effort to look after our planet and environment, our school is again participating in the recycling program run by Colgate, Chemist Warehouse and TerraCycle called the 'Colgate Community Garden Challenge'.

Collect oral care waste such as toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, floss packets and containers, toothbrushes packaging etc. The recycling box is located at the school office.

Every piece of oral care waste collected will count towards our total Garden Points. The more waste we collect as a school community, the more chances we have to win!

You can also increase our points by voting online for our school at:

<https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/brigades/colgategarden>