Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

Year Six Award Winners
Last night at the Year Six Graduation the following students received the overall awards:

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<td>Stuart Robert Award for Citizenship</td>
<td>Tahlia Zorbas</td>
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<td>Principal’s Award</td>
<td>Georgia King</td>
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<td>Jenny Watt Award for Best All Rounder</td>
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<td>Japanese LOTE Award</td>
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<td>Physical Education and Sport Award</td>
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Independent Public School
Late last week I was advised by the Director General of Education that we had been successful with our application to join the Independent Public School program from 2017. This was wonderful news and makes up for the disappointment of missing out in 2016. Early in the new school year we will learn more about the program but with the extra autonomy I am confident we can deliver an enhanced program that caters for every single child and gives every child the opportunity to reach their potential. My sincere thanks to our P&C for their strong support of our application and my staff who positively endorsed the program.

School Start 2017
School will start on Monday, January 23, 2017. It will be a shortened week with the Australia Day public holiday falling on the Thursday. Our Prep students will finish at 2:30pm for the first four weeks.

Facilities Work
Over the holidays a number of programs of work will be undertaken at the school. Firstly the wheelchair ramp to the hall will be completed and secondly a large section of the carpark and roadway within the school will be resurfaced. Last week I met with our P&C executive and the P&C is keen to continue to upgrade facilities during 2017. Air conditioning will be high on the list. During 2016 the P&C contributed $125000 to the school. This must surely be the highest amount ever spent on our school by the P&C. Nearly half of our children will return to air conditioned classrooms in 2017. I hope you will continue to support every function that is organised during 2017 to refresh the P&C bank account.
School Leaders 2017
Our school leaders for 2017 were announced last Friday. Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains: David Clarke and Samantha Bhowmick
Vice Captains: Luke Fitzgerald and Mikayla Jemmott
Councillors: The above plus Medhavee Nakarmi, Corey Young, Shadiye Guler, Reita Matay, Sophie Corbell, Angela Kwon and Chloe Tranter
Sport Captains: Jack Whybrow and Penina Frost (Sea Eagles), Jared Franklin and Ricquelle Good (Hawks), Nia Nicholas and Rylee Klenner (Kites), Will Babbage and Olivia Adamson (Harriers)

Rotary Spirit Award
Last Friday members of the Parkwood Rotary Club came to our assembly to present the Rotary Community Spirit Award. This was presented to year five student, Penina Frost. Penina was select for her contribution to her school and community. Congratulations Penina.

Teaching Team 2017
At this stage our full teaching staff for 2017 is:

Prep: Ms McCann, Mrs Babbage, Mrs Baker Evans and Mrs Maclean, Mrs Whybird, Mrs Chapman, Ms Dempsey, Mrs Rhodes
Year 1: Mrs Webb, Mrs Dempsey, Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Maclean, Mrs Hartley, Ms Simpson, Mrs Suzor, Ms Peddell
Year 2: Mrs McLachlan, Mrs Hill, Mrs Gibberson, Mrs Heap and Mrs Davidson, Ms Hoskins, Mrs Weeks, Ms Ingram
Year 3: Ms Lowe, Mrs Main, Mrs Sejdic, Mrs Hokins, Mrs Ough, Mrs Whybrow, Mrs Penberthy
Year 4: Ms Roderick, Ms McMillan, Mrs Kingston, Mr Lang, Ms Tyne, Mrs Williams and Mrs Thompson, Mrs Purlf
Year 5: Mrs Goriss, Mrs Ulbrich, Mrs Hermann, Mrs Leigh, Mrs Brown, Mr Chandan Ram
Year 6: Mrs Moutin, Mr Pearse, Mrs Adamson, Mrs Kropp, Mrs Mildren, Mr Baker
SEP: Mr Kennon, Mrs Burger, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Jakstas, Mrs Fruean

Deputy Principals: Mrs Dendrinos (Pre and Year 1), Mr Mattiazi (Year 2 and Year 3), Mr McConnell (Year 4), Mrs Jackson (Year 5 and Year 6)
HPE: Mrs Mitchell Cowan, Mr Nicholson, Mrs Lassau
Teacher / Librarian: Mrs McKay
Music: Ms Gray
Drama / Performing Arts: Mrs Thornton
LOTE: Ms Takahashi
Head of Curriculum: Mrs Jepson
Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy: Mrs Hollis and Mrs Tranter
Coding / Robotics: Mrs McLaren
Enhancement Teacher: Mrs Lindeberg
EALD (English as an additional language / dialect): Mrs Macle
Guidance Officer: Matthew Dwyer
Speech Language Pathologist: Ms Iyer
Instrumental Music teachers: Mr Stylianos, Mr Stubbs & Ms Susan Purton

Merry Christmas
Could I please take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year? Best wishes to our students who are leaving us to go to high school next year. I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday January 23.

Michael Kelly
Principal