



DATES TO REMEMBER

30 JAN YRS 1-6 RETURN
31 JAN KINDERGARTEN
2019 BEGIN

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Have a
Happy Holiday

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From the Principal's desk

Another exciting year at Leppington Public School today draws to a close!!! This year has been not only exciting, memorable and successful but a year of challenges. However as a committed learning community we have risen to the challenges that have come our way and embraced each one with a sense of purpose, optimism and strong teamwork from staff, students and most importantly you, our parents. This year our students have continued to grow in their learning, have eagerly participated in a wide range of activities offered to them both in school and out of the school. As principal I have watched our students grow in confidence, leadership and most importantly in their learning. Our students have all worked extremely hard this year and as a learning community we have made great gains. As I said in my speech on Presentation Day examples of our improvements this year include 68% Year 3 students achieved in top 2 skill bands for writing, 96% Year 2 students are on track for Literacy, a number of high distinctions, distinctions and credits in ICAS tests, Year 5 students all achieved more than one band growth in NAPLAN, very close to state average for VALID Science test for Year 6. These are just some of our achievements. I know that I speak for all staff when I say that we are very proud of the achievements of all of our students this year.

Presentation Day

Last Wednesday, on what was fortunately a cool morning we held our Presentation Day for 2018. It was a day of celebration for learning at Leppington P.S. It was a day for the school community to recognise and reward students for their achievements, either academically, for citizenship, performing arts or for sport. I felt very proud to see so many students receive awards and recognition for their hard work this year. But it wasn't a day to recognise just those students who did receive awards. It was a day to celebrate the learning of all students here at Leppington. Every student is to be praised, congratulated and recognised for their commitment to learning. Learning is valued and rewarded here at Leppington every day. To see so many parents attend the assembly demonstrated pride and recognition of their child's achievements. We also enjoyed performances by our Choir, and KB who once again wowed us with their performance of Singing in the Rain. Thank you to the many parents, family members and friends who were able to join us and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.

Congratulations to all our prize winners! We are very proud of you.



Christine Easter
PRINCIPAL

School Leaders

Throughout the year Eloise Jeretic, Emmanuel Lopesi, Skye Gallagher and Darren Huang have been our school leaders. They have carried out their duties with maturity, commitment and outstanding leadership. On every occasion they have represented our school with pride and have been outstanding role models. Thank you, school leaders for your amazing leadership this year. At the end of the ceremony the new school leaders were announce for 2019. They are:

School Captains

Zac Balaglow

Lauren Yeatman

Vice-Captains

Dakota Dela Cruz

Sabah Zraika

Congratulations to our new leaders and I'm sure that they will demonstrate the same high standard of leadership in 2019.

Farewell Mrs Haydon

This week we also bid a very sad farewell to Mrs Angela Haydon who has taught at Leppington Public School for the last 12 years. Mrs Haydon is moving to Newcastle to be closer to her family, and in particular her grandchildren. Over the years as well as an excellent classroom teacher, Mrs Haydon has been involved in many extra-curricular activities, in particular choir and the Cowpasture Aboriginal Group that have been instrumental in ensuring our Aboriginal children are supported and encouraged to learn of their cultural heritage. This year she was instrumental in the writing of our own school Acknowledgement of Country. We will certainly miss her but her but know that in her time with us she has enriched and touched the lives of many students.

Staff Changes

Other staff changes that are happening this year– Mr Snowden iwho has led our Learning and Support team this year is s leaving us to take up another position at The Grange P.S. Mr Lim, oir school counsellor is also leaving to take a position at Dalmeny P.S. Mrs Vladika will be on maternity leave next year. We are eagerly awaiting to hear of the birth of her baby in January. We wish all of these staff members best wishes for the future.

Year6

Today is the last day for Year 6 who have been an amazing group of students who have just loved to learn, participate in all school activities and been wonderful leaders for our school. Best wishes Year 6 as you move onto high school. I know that you will all achieve wonderful things in the future. However I think the saddest person today will be Miss Conway who has just loved every moment of being their teacher this year.

DATES FOR 2019

Wednesday 30th January- Years 1-6 return

Thursday 31st January – Kindergarten commences

Classes for 2019

As I have mentioned before we are expecting 280 students next year so classes for next year will not be fully set until we know for sure exactly how many students we have. At this stage teachers for each stage are:

Kindergarten– Mrs Sandona, Miss Falconer, Miss Yilmaz. Miss Pieri

Stage 1– Miss Sly, Miss Pieri, Miss Dunlop, Mrs De Peau, Mr Coy

Stage 2– Miss Hughes, Mrs Ryan, Mr Coy

Stage 3– Miss Conway, Mrs Sunsov

Learning & Support/ AP– Mrs Corvini

EALD– Miss Kryriakos

Library– Mrs Lunguly

You will notice that there are names of many new teachers– 12 classes in 2019.

Best wishes to all our families. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy holiday.

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