



KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018



EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY to SHINE and GROW



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Thursday 20th December, 2018

Important Diary Dates

Friday 21st December Lost Property items will be displayed outside staffroom
 Friday 21st December **LAST DAY of Term 4 2018 - Assembly at 1.10pm**
 - **Dismissal at 1.30PM**

2019 DATES

Thursday 24th January **Uniform Shop and Book Collection 8.45 am - 10.00 am (from the OFFICE)**
 Thursday 31st January **Years 1 to 6 students first day back at school**
 Friday 1st February **2019 Prep students first day of school**



We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday!



From the Acting Principal

Graduation

It was a true celebration for our school and community on Monday evening as we acknowledged our graduating class for 2018. I felt very privileged to be able to come to Kent Park this semester and share with our staff the last few months with our grade 6 students. It was great to see the hall filled with many family members and friends, wishing our graduates all the very best for the future as they move into the next phase of their school life. We will miss all of you greatly and hope you come back to visit when you get the chance.

2019 Grade Structure

This morning, we all met our new teachers and classmates for 2019. We also welcomed our 5 new and returning students to Kent Park, (Emily Wang- 1/2H, Zyuri Anangey 3M, Macey Chun 4/5C, Tyson Chun 5B, Jake Stewart 4/5C). We hope you all had a great time and are all looking forward to another great year in 2019.

Listed below is our grade structure and classroom teachers for 2019.

GRADE	No. of Students	Teacher
Prep	17	Mrs Witte
Prep/1	17	Miss Hogan
1/2	23	Miss Hadziomerovic
2	24	Mrs Burns
3	22	Mrs Keir
3	22	Mrs McComb
4	24	Mrs Coulston
4/5	24	Mrs Cross
5	24	Miss Barsenbach
6	20	Miss Scobell
6	19	Mrs Moore
6	19	TBA
Total number of grades: 12	Total 255	

We are still in the process of finalising our final classroom teacher for grade 6 and the students have had a lot of fun today putting forward their guesses as to whom this mystery person may be???? As soon as it is finalised, I will be notifying all families.

Class composition

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, our staff follow a comprehensive process in determining the structure and composition of each new grade for the following year, taking into consideration social, emotional, behavioural, academic, siblings/relatives factors to balance each grade evenly.

Even though we have successfully had 'composite' or 'multi-age' groupings this year, I sometimes find that parents have some misconceptions around what this means. All of our teachers are required to teach our students, across all areas of the curriculum, from the 'point they are at' in their learning. We use a wide range of assessments to determine where each student 'is' and then we develop individual or group targets and goals that we work towards. Therefore, their age or grade level has no impact on this whatsoever.

I think the biggest misconception that I have to explain about composite grades, and it's probably more of a 'historical misconception', is that the bright students from the younger grades are mixed with the struggling students in the older grade. My response to this is..... if you still believe this and are perpetuating it in our community, I encourage you to make an appointment to come and meet with me to have this misconception explained.

One of the main reasons we have a mixture of composite and straight grades is to give us some flexibility. As you will see above, we have small class sizes and at least two different grades for each year level. If we receive new enrolments, as we have recently, we have the space and flexibility to offer different options. If, in a rare situation, we needed to move a student during the year, we are able to do this easily.

As you will also notice, all of our teachers assigned to our composite grades are experienced teachers and the teams they will be working with are also very experienced and highly effective.

We have also physically placed all of our grades for 2019 in the same areas, many of them next door to each other with doors that will be opened as the year progresses. Some of our grades may be combining for specialist subjects. If a grade level has a camp or excursion, we may separate them into their grade groups i.e. we take into consideration the 'logistics' of how these grades will operate throughout the year.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to our new student leadership team for 2019 which was announced at our special assembly on Tuesday morning. We still have a few positions to announce at our final assembly on Friday afternoon in order to finalise our team. I would also like to acknowledge all of our grade 5 students who applied for a position, as you know, all of our grade 6 students for next year are leaders of our school and I'm really looking forward to working together with you as we lead our community.

Student Leadership 2019

School Captains Nathan Church
Pareena Varsani

Sports Captains Yonal Gunawardena
Bridget Ellinger

Arts Captain Riddhi Jain
Freya Rushton-Smith
Kade James

House Captains:

Uluru (red) Jasmine Whitten / Jackson Edwards

Franklin (blue) Vaidehi Kerai / Mitchell Buckingham

Daintree (green) Keira Quirk / Lincoln Mann

Eureka (gold) Georgia Will / Wyatt Porta

Junior School Councillors

Year 6	Kane Homewood	Mack Bradford
	Luka Roissetter	Grace Bird
	Maya Forster	Emilie Edgerton
	Chloe Pitch	Lily Evans
	Hunter Allen	Amy Jeffery
Year 5	Kimberley Olofsson	Connor McPherson
	Gol Majok	Vanyo Ivanov

And finally....

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend our Christmas concert on Tuesday evening as I was attending my own daughters' grade 6 graduation. Our wonderful PA team and teaching team put together another fantastic event for our community. Special thanks to Mrs Hemley's team that co-ordinated the sound and lighting for both the graduation and concert.

On behalf of all of our dedicated staff at Kent Park Primary School, I would like to wish everyone in our community a safe, festive and happy summer holiday. We are all really looking forward to continuing the vital partnership between home and school in 2019!

Kieran Denver
Acting Principal

2018 STAFF FAREWELLS and BEST WISHES

Lesley Hemley (LSL), Viv Macpherson, Grant Cameron, Alycia Faife, Amanda Weatherlake, Esther Yamada, Melinda Roberts, Chris Keleher, Sue McCarthy

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING P TO 5 STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL

Caitlin, Olivia & Charlie Killian, Sylas Perawiti, Hayley Appleby, Mohammad Kathiria & Mackenzie Kidd, Ashton Smith and Lincoln Smith.

BEST WISHES TO THE 2018 YEAR 6 GRADUATES AND THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES AS THEY END A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE SCHOOL

Barry, Buckley, Cost, Crofts, Dean, Delahunty, Hayes, Ibbotson, Imran, Jalowicki, Kieffer, Mittal, Peacock, Renshaw, Baker-Athanassiou, Batley, Billingham, Bover-Groen, Deller, Durant, Green, Hodge, Hunter, McNamara, Norton, Power, Sims, Small, Spurrell and Wight. (Please let us know if we have missed any families).

2018 GRADUATION AWARDS

Outstanding Student Award 2018

Saraya Ohi

Saraya has achieved outstanding results during her time at Kent Park Primary School, excelling in all areas of the curriculum. Within the classroom, she always displays mutual respect and attentive listening. She is highly motivated and strives to achieve a greater understanding in all areas.

Saraya is always polite, courteous and thoughtful of others. She is a great leader within the classroom and has performed her duties as School Captain with enthusiasm. Saraya epitomises what a great Kent Park student is and has been a fantastic role model to others.

We would like to recognise Saraya for the student she is and her commitment to her learning. Well done Saraya.

Literacy Award 2018

Tom McLaren

Tom is an exceptional student who takes pride in producing work of excellent quality. He reads very advanced texts with enthusiasm, confidence and understanding. He displays an extensive vocabulary, credited to his love of reading. Whilst writing, Tom uses the English language in an extremely creative way. When writing, he creates a sense of imagery. All his pieces are interesting to the reader and he demonstrates an awareness of his target audience. An outstanding literacy student.

Numeracy Award 2018

Zac Small

Zac excelled in all areas of mathematics and achieved excellent results throughout the year. He has a natural mathematical ability and enjoys working with numbers. He is highly motivated continuing to further his understanding of more advanced concepts and works independently on challenges persevering until he solves them. Zac displays great problems solving skills and explains his thinking to classmates. Zac's workings are accurate and he is committed and passionate about furthering his knowledge and understanding of mathematical concepts.

Performing Arts Award 2018

Cooper Renshaw

Cooper has been an enthusiastic student throughout his time at Kent Park and was chosen as the Performing Arts Captain for our school this year. He has performed his duties willingly and with maturity. He has had to host big events such as Prep Fairytale night, Whole School Dance concert and Christmas Carols just to name a few. He has been a role model for other students in the school as he is willing to participate in all learning experiences. Cooper is a determined Performing Arts student who works very hard to improve his abilities in music, dance and drama, and has also actively developed his ability to present in front of an audience. Cooper, I hope you continue to develop your ability in Performing Arts and believe this award is well deserved.

Arts Award 2018

Patience Balde

Since Prep Patience has had a creative eye and been truly passionate about Art. Every lesson she has been inspired and focused to produce something exciting and totally individual. Other students notice and compliment Patience on her work, the care she takes and her attention to detail. Patience fills a large part of her leisure time enjoying creative pursuits; her passion for creativity is evident and astounding! It has been remarkable to see what she can produce with clay, thread and paint – just to name a few. Well done Patience, the world is waiting for someone with your amazing artistic abilities, talents and imagination.

L.O.T.E. Japanese Award 2018

Emily Cost

Emily is a capable and confident Japanese language student. She exhibits excellent reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. She performed well in pre-tests at the start of a unit, proving her fantastic recall of prior learning. She achieved full marks in assessment tasks and post-tests showing great growth. Her mature use of class time, enthusiastic participation and her determination to utilise all learning opportunities contributed to her success. She used her initiative to help others and was a happy, positive and friendly presence in the Japanese classroom.

Knox Shield - Sports Award 2018

Lisa Peacock

Lisa has enthusiastically represented Kent Park Primary School in a number of sporting events, including athletics, cross country, basketball, football and tennis. She has performed at a very high level both as an individual, as a team member and a team captain. In many of these sports, Lisa progressed through to the Knox and Eastern region finals. Lisa always strives to achieve her personal best. She keenly participates in all sporting opportunities and encourages others. During Physical Education sessions, she participates keenly, listens attentively, follows instructions and works hard to improve her skills. Lisa has also achieved great things in football outside of school winning the Eastern Football League's Best and Fairest with Under 12 girls this season.

Aston Shield Citizenship Award 2018

Grace McKay

Grace demonstrates all of the qualities of a great citizen. She is a reliable student, always showing initiative, seeking ways to improve her learning independently and has developed greater confidence in her abilities. Grace is a responsible Grade 6 student and an excellent role model for other students. She is considerate of others, friendly to everyone and always seeks ways to make others feel included. She has demonstrated the ability to work cooperatively with a wide range of her peers and demonstrates the ability to take on different roles within a group. Grace is a House Captain this year and a Junior School Councillor last year and has always been a willing helper around the school. She has involved herself enthusiastically in many school events, including independently running a Cupcake Stall to raise money for the RSPCA and assisting the younger student with different performing arts activities. Grace is a delightful member of our school community and has been a wonderful year 6 student.

Ferntree Gully Endeavour Award 2018

Liana McNamara

Liana is a friendly, kind and considerate student. She is always happy and displays a positive attitude to all. She is a hardworking student who has a desire to learn and strives to gain a better understanding of all areas of the curriculum. She has approached her role as a Sports Captain with maturity and a willingness to be involved in all activities around the school and is an excellent role model to her peers.