



# Footscray Primary News

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## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The yard will be supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm (Except Wednesday 3.30pm).

**Students must not be left in the playground before or after school. Any student left unsupervised before 8.45am or after 3.45pm (3.30pm Wednesday) will be sent to Camp Australia at a cost to parents/carers.**

Lunch eating: 11:00am-11:15am  
Yard time: 11.15am-12.00pm  
Recess: 2.00pm-2.30pm  
School Finish: 3.30pm (Wednesdays 3.15pm)

**Last Day of School  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
1.30pm Finish**

### Important Dates

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Moving Up Day 10am -12.30pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Last Day of School. 1.30pm finish

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Grades 1-6 Return to school

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**  
Foundation Students first day

Dear parents and carers,

### Moving Up Day 2017

We started the final full week of school with lots of excitement. The students will spend the morning with their new class teacher/s and classmates for 2018. The 'Moving Up Day' is an important part of our transition to the new school year, preparing the students for a smooth start. This is an opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2018 and their classmates. The priority for the morning is to provide the students with a fun and engaging experience. Where there are two names for a class teacher this indicates two teachers sharing a class. The first name will be their primary classroom teacher. The staffing for 2018 is below:

|   |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Foundation A</b><br>Helen Cao  |   | <b>Foundation B</b><br>Hannah Clarke/Evelyn      |   | <b>Foundation C</b><br>Calum Dickson            |  |
| <b>Year 1A</b><br>Priyanka Advani   |   | <b>Year 1B</b><br>Holly Nguyen                   |   | <b>Year 1C</b><br>Geraldine Wood/Evelyn         |  |
| <b>Year 2A</b><br>Binh  |   | <b>Year 2B</b><br>Sarah Jasenia                  |   | <b>Year 2C</b><br>Matthew                       |  |
| <b>Year 2D</b><br>Rebecca   |   | <b>Year 3-4A</b><br>Janine Bell                  |   | <b>Year 3-4B</b><br>Jessica B                   |  |
| <b>Year 3-4C</b><br>Joslyn C  |   | <b>Year 3-4D</b><br>James J                      |   | <b>Year 3-4E</b><br>Felicity/Aaron              |  |
| <b>Year 3-4F</b><br>Rachel R  |   | <b>Year 5A</b><br>Caroline Donovan               |   | <b>Year 5B</b><br>Jessica Lewis/Kathy Winton    |  |
| <b>Year 6A</b><br>Andrew Gray   |   | <b>Year 6B</b><br>Samantha McArthur              |   | <b>Vietnamese Year 3-4</b><br>Hanh Tran         |  |
| <b>Vietnamese Year 5-6</b><br>Chau Cong                                     |   | <b>Visual Arts</b><br>Wendy Platt                |   | <b>Physical Education</b><br>Chris Wilson       |  |
| <b>Performing Arts</b><br>TBC   |   | <b>Reading Intervention</b><br>Virginia Gardiner |   |   |  |
| <b>PYP Coordinator (P-2)</b><br>Anne Beruldsen                              | <b>PYP Coordinator (3-6)</b><br>Stacey Richards | <b>Literacy Leading Teacher</b><br>Kathy Winton  | <b>Numeracy Leading Teacher</b><br>Aaron Wood | <b>STEM Leading Teacher</b><br>Rachel Rasmussen |  |
| <b>Education Support Staff</b><br>Carol Moore<br>Sally McKinnon<br>Bich Ngo |   |  |   |   |  |
| <b>Business Manager</b><br>Julie Shippam                                    |   | <b>Business Administration</b><br>Rowena Harris  |   | <b>Office Administration</b><br>Jessie / Nicole |  |
| <b>Principal</b><br>Philip Fox  |   |  |   |   |  |

Performing Arts will become our third specialist area for 2018. This is an exciting initiative and after surveying the students they responded strongly that they would like to have Performing Arts as a subject. More news about this exciting initiative will be released early in the 2018 school year.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Executive Officer: Philip Fox  
President: Mark Hollis  
Vice President: Erika Jonsson  
Secretary: Raylene Varrone

**Finance – Philip, Julie, Mark, Justin**

**Health, Wellbeing & Canteen – Melissa, Erika**

**Grounds, Building & Safety – Bridget, Justin, Caroline**

**ICT – Rachel, Aaron, David**

**Education & Policy (Vietnamese Immersion) – Chau, Kathy, Stacey**

**Fundraising – Philip, Erika, Hazel, Kiah**

### Office Hours

MON-FRI 8.30am - 4.00pm

### Office Staff

Eloise: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Jessie: Thursday & Friday

Nicole: Monday & Tuesday

Rowena: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Julie: Monday to Friday

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Direct Deposit

Footscray Primary School

BSB:063 132

Account number 10090179

*Please include a reference with the student(s)' names.*

**EFTPOS available at the office**



This week I shared Bridget's exciting news that she will be leaving the school. Bridget has been a highly valued colleague who has worked at the school for six years. Bridget's bubbly personality and laughter in the mornings will be missed by all of us. Bridget has coached many of our teachers. She will be moving to Kensington Primary School's as their new Principal. Congratulations to Bridget on your new position! As she is overseas at the moment we will invite her back to a special assembly at the beginning of 2018.

Larissa Fry started at our school at the beginning of 2016. I thank Larissa for her commitment to our Year 2 students. She has also been a positive contributor to the school's consultation group and attended the Vietnam Study tour this year.

Georgia has worked with our Year 1 children throughout 2017. We wish you well and thanks for your care and positive approach with our students.

In 2018 Chris Robinson will be on a one year transfer to a new school which is located close to his new home in Torquay. We wish him well and I am personally pleased for him as this will cut the travel time for him significantly and allow more time with his young family.

Finally Emma Stent began at our school at the beginning of 2017. She will be leaving at the end of the school year. We wish Emma well as she moves to her new school.

Terry Gardiner and Sharon Schwarz are leaving the school at the end of the year. The Education Support staff do a fabulous job supporting our funded students. I thank both of them for their flexibility and willingness to help out across the school.

Finally in the office Eloise Grills will leave at the end of year as Jessie increases her hours after being on maternity leave. I have appreciated Eloise's support in the office.

### **Key dates for the last week of school**

As we approach the final week of school it is a busy time not only finishing the 2017 school year but also ensuring plans are in place for 2018.

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

3.30pm Reports available to be accessed via Compass

**10.00am-12.30pm Moving up day**

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

No events planned

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Foundation Breakfast

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**1.30pm Thankyou afternoon tea for Parent helpers**

2.30pm Final Assembly - Farewell to our Year 6 students

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Final morning- Everyone helping us to clean the school

1.30pm School concludes

All the best for the remainder of the 2017 school year. This will be our final newsletter so I would like to wish all families a happy and restful Christmas holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and rested for the start of the 2018 school year.

**Philip Fox  
Principal**

## Garden Club News

Have you checked out the veggie garden lately? It's a beautiful sight of summer vegetables and flowers, including a circle of bicolour corn and plenty of sunflowers growing tall and strong, a lush patch of beans, and tomatoes tangled up with nasturtiums. Some of the other seedlings the kids have recently helped plant include capsicum, pumpkin, cucumber and watermelon, so fingers crossed there will be lots of produce to enjoy when we all return to school next year!

You may have also noticed some new trees? Two lady-finger bananas have been planted in a new bed behind the veggie garden, positioned to lap up the sun, plus two avocado trees are planted along the west of the portables (they need protection under hessian until they grow bigger). Can you imagine our children and school community one day having homegrown bananas and avocados to munch!?! Next year we aim to fill the rest of the space behind the veggie beds with other exciting fruit trees, completing the 'food forest'.

Unfortunately, as you may have read on Compass, most of our garlic crop disappeared one weekend, right before we were about to harvest it. Very sad because the children love harvesting the garlic and the school community loves eating it. Garlic has become a small fundraiser for Garden Club, helping us to fund things like seedlings, mulch and fruit trees.

Included are some photos from Garden Club sessions over the last few months. The last session of each term is often a picnic day and lately the kids have been loving our big garden salads. Lettuce, herbs, radishes, nasturtiums + dressing = yum! Another photo is of our recent plant sale, which raised \$440. Thanks to all the families who supported this by buying our homegrown plants!

Thanks, too, to all the mini gardeners who joined us enthusiastically this year, helping out with watering, planting, harvesting and worm finding!

If you are a parent who would like to get involved in any way in 2018, we would love to hear from you: [folkculture@me.com](mailto:folkculture@me.com)

Finally, if you visit the school during the holidays, be sure to come and enjoy the garden, and you're even welcome to pick a few beans, tomatoes, herbs or spinach if you like (better than produce going to waste).



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the local Grade Three students' inquiry into community, the students themselves are calling for donations of food items to help the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. We are asking all families to donate non-perishable food items or toiletries to help with this worthy cause. The Grade Three classrooms will be collecting so anything you can give please see the Grade Three Team. Below is a list of priority items to donate.

- Basmati rice
- Biscuits sweet and savoury
- Cornflakes and rice bubbles
- Tins of fish/tuna in oil
- Honey and tahini
- Tomato paste
- Dishwashing liquid
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Gift cards

Or alternatively you could donate the following

- Other food & groceries
- long life (UHT) milk
- healthy snack foods and crackers
- tinned vegetables - corn, peas and fruit
- tinned legumes (without sauce)
- laundry powder
- shopping bags (cloth and tote)
- toiletries
- deodorant
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- shaving items
- shampoo and conditioner
- baby wipes
- gift cards from department stores such as Kmart, Big W and Target
- international calling cards (with good rates for Sri Lanka as well as African and Middle Eastern countries)
- smartphones (in working order, with charger)
- brand new toys (in June and November)

All items should be in original and unopened packaging. Thanks for your support and let's make a difference to the lives of many by working together. Thanks for your support.

Grade Three Team.

**A collection box will be placed in the Grade 3A/3B portables.**

**Last day to donate is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

### **Visiting the school grounds during the holidays**

The small gate on Herbert Street stays unlocked at weekends and holidays so that members of the school and local community can use our grounds. (However, the gates on Geelong and Commercial roads get locked.)

So remember that you can bring the kids down for a play these school holidays, especially if you live close by. If you bring a dog, just make sure you clean up after them.

The more members of our school community visit and use the grounds during the holidays the better, helping to keep an eye on things and making damage/theft less likely.

**Calendar Term 4 2017**

|                | Monday   | Tuesday                | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
|----------------|--|------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Week 11</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup></b><br>Moving Up Day<br>10.00am-<br>12.30pm | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b><br>8.30am<br>Foundation<br>Breakfast | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b><br>1.30pm<br>Thank you<br>Afternoon tea<br>2.30pm <u>Whole<br/>                     school assembly</u> | <b>Last day of Term 4<br/>                     1.30pm finish</b> |

**YARRAVILLE  
 CHRISTMAS  
 MARKETS**

**Masonic Hall**  
 Canterbury St Yarraville

HANDMADE - AUSTRALIAN MADE -

FRIDAY 15TH DEC- 5 - 9PM  
 SATURDAY 16TH DEC-  
 10AM - 4PM