



# Footscray Primary News

An Internationally Authorised School



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

The yard will be supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

**Students must not be left in the playground before or after school. Any student left unsupervised before 8.45am or after 3.45pm 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

### Important Dates

**Term 4 2016: Oct 3 –  
Monday Dec 19**

**There will be a whole school assembly on the last day, Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm and children will be dismissed at 3.30pm**

**Term 1 2017: February 1 –  
March 31**

**The first day of school for Years 1-6 will be February 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The first day of school for Foundation will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.**

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Direct Deposit  
Footscray Primary School  
BSB:063 132  
Account number 10090179  
*Please include a reference with the student(s)' names.*

## Farewell to our Year 6 Graduates



It is unbelievable that this is our final newsletter for 2016! It has been an amazing year and I'm very excited to be writing about the following. My memories of the past seven years at the school are the amazing children and staff! Our children and staff are very friendly!

We farewelled our current Year 6 students on Thursday evening. This was a lovely celebration of their time here at the school and also an opportunity to acknowledge the teachers who taught these children over the past seven years. I also thank the parents for their contributions to the school. The students shared lovely reflections of their time at the school and some of these are included below.

### Student Reflections from Graduation

#### **Nikita's Grade 6 Speech**

Good evening teachers, parents and friends. My name is Nikita Nguyen and when I found out that I had to share a memory of my time at Footscray Primary, my mind went blank. Flashback to 2014, I had mixed feelings about starting grade 4 here. I was nervous about making new friends, wearing a new uniform and meeting new teachers. Corrie and Poppy Conti welcomed me with open arms.

2015, I have my grade 5/6 teacher Chris to thank for teaching me about the day-today life lesson. Thanks Chris for letting us have an insight to your life!

2016- Andrew, you have improved my maths skills. What would I do without Algebra, decimals and place value.

To Philip, thank you for allowing students to have leadership roles and allowing our voices to be heard. My work as SRC has helped me build leadership skills, speaking skills and respect and tolerance for others.

To Ray, from you I learnt the rhythm and African Culture – I will miss the lunchtime practices in the gym.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Executive Officer: Philip Fox  
President: Mark Hollis  
Vice President: Martin Sharkey  
Secretary: Henrik Steenberg  
Treasurer: Nicole Woodham

### Parent Representatives:

Wellbeing & Community: Julie Hollis,  
Jenny Cope, Fran McKinnon, Caroline  
Scott, Ashley Fraser

Grounds & Buildings: Martin Sharkey,  
Megan O'Shea, Ingrid Scanlon,  
Charles Windeyer, Janelle Corbett,  
Rachel Pitts, Ashley Fraser, Terrence  
Usher

Finance: Mark Hollis, Nicole  
Woodham

Education and Policy – Erika Jonsson

Reconciliation Action Plan: Daniel  
Schultheis, Peter Robertson, Natalie  
Potter, Anita Wight, Nick Wight

### Teacher Representatives:

Wellbeing & Community: Bridget  
McLaughlin, Betty Lieu, Caroline  
Donovan, Andrew Gray

Education and Policy- Lynne Ord-  
Oraniuk, Stacey Richards, Amanda  
Case

Finance- Philip Fox and Julie Shippam

Reconciliation Action Plan: Philip Fox,  
Larissa Fry

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### EFTPOS available at the office



To Mrs Ventrice, you have taught me the beauty of art and how to use different techniques to make my art piece more beautiful.

In the end, my greatest memories of Footscray Primary School are the friendships that I've made. To the class of 2016, thanks for being there to learn, laugh and cry with me. I wish you all the best of luck in High School.

### Fatih

Hey, my name is Fatih.

I'm one of the Grade Sixes here in Footscray Primary School, and my favourite subject is sport. You might ask why I chose sport. My answer is because it is like cherries: sometimes sour and sometimes sweet. When you lose you become sour/sad, but when you win you become sweet/happy and the soggy and mushy part inside the cherry is how much the teacher gave up their blood sweat and tears to teach their students and how much hope the teacher have for you.

And I'm really looking forward to college too. And that's all I can say. Thank you for listening.

### Ami

The most important thing that I have learnt is the importance of friendship. The best thing about friendship is that you know you can lean on someone or let someone lean on you. It's always good to know that you're not alone.

This school has changed my perspective on the world. I used to think growing up and living in this world was easy but now I know that you have to put in effort to get results. But in the end it's all worth it.

My first and probably only memory from my first year at FPS is when I was at the office. I was a little four year old, holding my mum's hand. I was scared of all the big kids around me, scared I wouldn't fit in. I remember standing in the office with my mum and loads of other soon-to-be preps. I remember seeing kids from my kindergarten. I was really scared.

I'm looking forward to making more friends and getting some of the great advantages of age.

### My Reflection by Joni Schlehta

My first memory of Footscray Primary is Harry Potter. It was and still is much more than a book. Me and a group of friends used to link arms and sing "Harry Potter in 60 seconds" all recess and lunch while trading our favourite Harry Potter quotes. My mum spend days making fake beards and Gryffindor emblems for our Book Week costumes. On Book Day me and a group of friends would join the other Gryffindors, Hufflepuffs, Ravenclaws and Slytherins in re-enacting epic Harry Potter Battles and arguing about our favourite characters.

Footscray Primary kids are all pretty different. But I think FPS will always be a Gryffindor school at heart. It doesn't matter what Voldemort and Harry will soon fade into distant memory or that one day JK Rowling will turn to dust, Footscray Primary will stay brave, loyal, honest and true.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

On the final day of school, Monday 19 December, there will be a celebration under the Cola from 3.45-5pm. Join in some singing and music, grab a sausage from the canteen and finish the year with joy!

## LOST PROPERTY

All unclaimed lost property will be on display near the canteen today from 2.30pm to 4.00 pm.

## Family 2017 Charges

Letters advising parents/carers of 2017 fees will be sent home tomorrow. Payments are being requested from February 2017. If a payment plan is required please return completed form upon your child's commencement of school in 2017.

## Year 6 Graduation Awards

<b>Award</b>	<b>Congratulations to...</b>
<b>Principal Award</b> This is an award to students who display strong commitment to being school leaders. These students demonstrate many of the P.Y.P attitudes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amelia W</li><li>• Nikita N</li></ul>
<b>School Council Citizenship Award</b> This award is presented to students who have been supportive, positive and effective members of our school community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarah I</li><li>• Yuvraj S</li></ul>
<b>Peter McKenna Scholarship Award</b> Lorraine McKenna has been a supporter of Footscray Primary School for many years. Peter was a member of the Footscray Football Club and a past student of Footscray Primary School. <b>This award supports our students with their transition to secondary school.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caitlin H</li><li>• Harishek M</li></ul>
<b>Sports Award</b> This is awarded to students who have engaged enthusiastically in the school's many sporting programmes. They have shown leadership, sportpersonship and sporting ability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edith S</li><li>• Henry T</li></ul>
<b>Academic Excellence Award</b> These students have demonstrated consistent academic excellence in all curriculum areas. They strive hard to improve their knowledge and skills and share a genuine love of learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joni S</li><li>• Poppy M</li></ul>
<b>Bilingual Award</b> Awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in learning Vietnamese and committed to developing their fluency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ben M</li><li>• Jessica T</li></ul>
<b>PYP Learner Profile Award</b> This award is presented to students who best exemplify the PYP Learner Profile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marco W</li><li>• Meron A</li></ul>

## A reflection from the Finke-Schlechta family

The Tiqbiz app dinged the other day with the starting date for Footscray Primary next year and for the first time in more than a decade, I didn't scrawl it on the calendar. After four kids and 12 years, there won't be a Schlechta on the roll here.

Some might breathe a sigh of relief about that, but we Fincke-Schlechts feel a bit sad: we'll miss the art shows, the pizza nights, the drumming, the Vietnamese lessons, camps and all of you parents, friends and staff. We will, however, have four children at the one school for one year - only one logon to remember which is, for me, worth celebrating.

When my first-born Henry started here in 2005, he was one of 11 preps. That's right, 11. It isn't even called prep any more! He is doing VCE next year and his old primary school has changed dramatically. Some things we miss - the little wooden rotunda and the Global Jamboree - but we envy you the gorgeous new lawn and are sorry we won't be part of art shows and the warm, lovely impromptu gatherings and chats in the playground on Friday afternoons.

Many things are different, which is all good and natural. But what hasn't changed is the rich community spirit here: the energy, the care, the concern for the world within the school fence and the big wide world outside too, which is such a powerful message for the students. When our family had to contend with a serious illness, this community fed and supported us and we'll be forever grateful. I'll miss the friends I've made here as much as the kids do and will. There's a mental album full of happy memories.

So goodbye from the Fincke-Schlechts, thanks for the great learning, the fun, for my bucket-list chance to play 'It's a Long Way to the Top' on stage in a *real* rock band...for all of it. It's been wonderful.

Keep looking after each other and we'll see you around, if not in the neighbourhood then perhaps at FPS's 200th birthday celebration. You know it will rain.

### **Principal Report from Final School Council Meeting- Reflection of 2016 Teaching and Learning at Footscray Primary School- 2016 Strategic Plan Review**

2016 has been the final year of our current strategic plan before our review in 2017. In Term 3 in 2017 we will have our International Baccalaureate Review and our School Review by the Department of Education. Major achievements for 2016 are:

1. Review of the Program of Inquiry to develop a strong focus with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Through the process of review we have managed to examine and analyse the Victorian Science curriculum as well as the Victorian Technology Curriculum. I would like to acknowledge the work of Stacey Richards who is our PYP Coordinator.
2. Through consultation with our local community the staff have developed an exciting model for embedding Vietnamese language learning. This model will reduce the separateness of the programmes. While there has been some controversy I feel what has resulted from this will support the school to meet the needs of all children as well as a program that includes 7.5 hours of instruction of the same curriculum in numeracy, science and inquiry through Vietnamese. All teachers will plan together and a planning day was held recently and staff have completed yearly overviews.
3. We are one of the first schools leading the way with the implementation of 'Units of Study in Reading and Writing' based on the Teaching Reading and Writing Learning Project out of Columbia University. This work has been led by Lynne Ord-Oraniuk and I believe the early indication of our results in the Foundation is a strong support for the explicit teaching in an engaging and developmental appropriate approach for our students.
4. Staff have developed unit maps to demonstrate an understanding of the concepts when planning their units of inquiry. These unit webs have supported teachers to go deeper with their understanding of the concepts. This was supported by the two day workshop with Jennifer Wathall.
5. The development of the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum in numeracy. Bridget McLaughlin (Assistant Principal) has led our review of the Victorian Mathematics Curriculum. Through this review staff have identified the essential learnings. These have been aligned vertically and horizontally.
6. The embedding of the nine instructional practices at FPS has continued through 2016. New staff were inducted to the school and also trained in the first seven instructional practices. We have been collecting walkthrough data and monitoring the practices we are observing through classroom visits.
7. We have begun with supporting the development of student voice at FPS. One way of developing greater student voice is through goal setting. Teachers have conferring conversations with students and through the use of rubrics and success criteria these support teachers to have conversations with students about their learning. Uncovering student thinking helps gives us insight into their understandings and also their misconceptions. This has been a very powerful formative assessment strategy that we will continue to build on next year.
8. Our 30000 of additional funding has been used to support students who have been identified through our assessment schedule to be at risk with their reading and numeracy. This has been put towards two teacher's salaries (Virginia and Felicity). After meeting with Virginia recently a significant impact have been made with students with growth in reading. There were over ten students who have made just below or above two years growth in less than a year. That is something we should celebrate as a school!

The coaching culture at FPS has been a huge success supporting the development of consistent practices at the school. We will continue to build the coaching culture at Footscray Primary School with feedback an important element of this. Lynne, Bridget and Stacey have coached teachers throughout the school.

### **Community**

As a KidsMatter School, developing a Positive Community is a core focus. This has included the development of key actions to implement in 2016. Footscray Primary School is a wonderful school community and I look forward to continuing our great work throughout 2017.

At Footscray Primary School there have been some wonderful community events throughout 2016. These events are an important part of enriching and developing a positive culture. The P.Y.P Whole School Celebration evening was an opportunity for parents to visit the Year 6 Exhibition. The Art Show was a well-attended event although the weather was against us.

The redevelopment of our grounds has been a focal point for 2016. I look forward to these reopening at the beginning of the 2017 school year.



1. The participation of all School Council members to school governance. This means attending school council meetings as well as sub-committee meetings. I would like to thank all of you who have been part of school council in 2016.

2. The Fund-raising committee- They have met regularly with myself and have managed to raise approximately \$7000. This is a huge achievement and has contributed to some of the spending below. We have also raised 4800 for All Aboard. Special thanks to Nicole Woodham for your support with fund raising at Footscray Primary School over the past few years.

### **Improvement of School Facilities**

2016 has been a focus on improving the facilities at our school. The development of the ground has been a year long project. This has provided us with amazing facilities that we look forward to accessing in 2017.

### **Expenditure**

<b>Funded by Department</b>	
16 new trees	\$ 9600
Soft fill and sand for sandpit	\$ 8500
Gazebo area	\$10000
Fencing	\$35000
New seating	\$ 6000 around school(donation by the Stephensons)
Repair to roofs	\$80000
<b>School funded</b>	
Edwardian heating and cooling	\$28000
Seating (materials)	\$ 3600

### **Amanda Case**

Finally, Amanda Case is travelling in 2017. We wish her safe travels and look forward to hearing of her adventures when she returns in 2018.

Happy holidays everyone!  
Regards,

**Philip Fox**  
**Principal**

### **Beach Program**

Last week our Year 3/4 students braved the windy conditions and chilly water at Williamstown Beach to learn about keeping safe when in and around open water environments. Qualified 'Surf Life Saving Victoria' instructors supervised students at all times. Students were engaged and learned many valuable strategies to 'be aware and be prepared' before visiting the beach or other waterways this summer.

Activities included:

- Paddle Boarding
- Beach Flag races
- Survival Strategies



# CALENDAR Term 4 2016 W11-12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 12</b>	19 <b>Last day Term 4</b> – 3:30pm finish Whole school assembly 2.30pm	20 Staff finish	21	22	23 First Day of Term 2017  Grade 1-7 Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> of February 2017  Foundation 2 <sup>nd</sup> of February 2017

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Weekly class times:

Mornings:

Wednesday 9:30-10:15

Thursday 9:30-10:15

Friday 9:30-10:15

After School:

Monday 4:10-5:10

Thursday 4:10-5:10

Primary 8yrs+

Prep/Grade 1

4-5yrs

3yrs

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3-5yrs

3-5yrs

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## Student of the Term

CLASS	NAME	AWARD	FOR
00J	Nina	PYP (Student of the Term)	Coming to school each day wanting to learn, willing to learn and being excited to learn. Your infectious smile lights up our classroom. You are a kind friend. You are a thinker and you are a risk taker. Congratulations on a fantastic first year of school.
01J	Hugo	PYP (Student of the Term)	For always being committed to his learning. Hugo is always focused and makes the most of every learning opportunity. He is very friendly and caring and offers to help the teachers, his peers and around the classroom whenever he can. Hugo is confident in what he knows and is a risk taker with new learning. Keep up the amazing work, Hugo!
02J	Anika	Balanced Learner	Working hard to achieve any goal she was set. Anika has demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm to her learning, approaching all of her work with an open mind. She is a risk-taker and a principled learner. Anika communicates her current understanding and seeks advice on how to improve her work. She is a caring person who has brought joy to our classroom. Congratulations on a successful year Anika!
02L	Melody	PYP (Student of the Term)	Always being eager to participate in discussions and for being a focussed independent and cooperative learner. Melody takes risks in the classroom, always has a go, and shows great commitment in all tasks. Well done on having a fantastic year in Grade 2!
2R	Wangari	PYP (Student of the Term)	Always being an enthusiastic, committed and positive member of our learning community. Wangari strives for excellence in all areas of her learning. She is a very caring, thoughtful friend who shows empathy and respect to her classmates. Congratulations on being an outstanding role model and a great digital leader!
34B	Patrick R	PYP (Student of the Term)	Demonstrating an outstanding attitude towards all parts of school life. You have shown commitment, enthusiasm, appreciation and integrity through your interactions with others. Keep up the excellent work!
34B	Olive	PYP (Student of the Term)	Displaying a positive attitude towards school life. You consistently strive to do your very best and show appreciation and kindness towards others.
34C	Vinh	PYP (Student of the Term)	Throughout the term you have shown a committed attitude towards your learning. You have been independent in your approach and have often shown a caring attitude to those around. I encourage you to build on the good work of this year into the future and beyond. Well done.
56G	Delilah	PYP (Student of the Term)	Consistently demonstrating the attitudes of the learner profile. Delilah is to be commended for her effort in all areas and for her determination to be the best learner she can be. Delilah is a kind and considerate friend and a reliable member of the class. She is a very worthy winner of this award.
56P	Keilana	PYP (Student of the Term)	Showing confidence, integrity and independence. You have shown a commitment to your learning and involvement with the school community. It has been great to see you step out of your comfort zone and becoming a risk-taker that perseveres with any challenge that comes your way. Excellent Work!
Evelyn Bilingual	Octavia 1J	PYP (Student of the Term)	Being such a thoughtful learner who can solve problems creatively. You have the courage to take language learning risks and to try new things. You

			always put in your best effort when learning and encourage others to do the same. Thank-you for being such a cheerful language learner! Keep wearing your invisible "Vietnamese hat"!
Wendy Art	Jessie T 56R	PYP (Student of the Term)	For always demonstrating creativity, independence, respect and commitment throughout the year. Congratulations for being such a positive influence during art and for displaying such a mature attitude. All the best for 2017.



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**2017**  
**MON 16TH JAN -**  
**FRI 20TH JAN**

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