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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

STAFFING 2016
As is often the case at this time of the year, we say farewell to some members of staff and welcome some new ones.

We will be bidding a fond farewell to the following staff at the end of next week:
- Jo Cottell
- Tori Trevorah
- Daniel Rona

We are very thankful to each of them for their valuable contributions to our school and wish them well in their future endeavours.

New teachers appointed for next year are:
- Jessica Cox
- Sarah Fry
- Jade Batey

We know that they will be made to feel welcome and will enjoy their time as part of our school community.

FAREWELL ANDREW GUTHRIE
We also say a huge, fond and sad farewell to Andrew Guthrie, who is resigning from the Department of Education and Training in January.

Andrew has been an Assistant Principal at Killara for the last six years and a member of staff at Killara for over 20 years. We will sorely miss his knowledge, skills and support.

I know the community wish Andrew all the best for a happy, healthy and successful future in any fields of endeavour he undertakes.

A replacement for Andrew will be sought in the New Year.

END OF YEAR AND LAST DAY
A reminder that dismissal on the last day is 1:30pm. Staff are involved in celebrations and farewells immediately after, so we ask that all students are picked up on time and that there is a rapid clearing of the grounds.

Parents are asked to not delay departure by staying at and around the play areas.

Gates are being locked as soon after the dismissal time as feasible.

On the last day of term, students get to visit their new teachers and you will receive a note indicating your child’s placement for 2016. Except in exceptional circumstances, staff will not be available after 1:30 to discuss issues with placements. Please remember a thorough process has been undertaken to establish classes.

Please note there will be no regular assembly on Monday morning because there will be a whole school assembly held between 12:50 and 1:20pm on Friday 18 Dec. Students will return to classrooms for end of term dismissal at 1:30pm.

LAST MINUTE DISCO REMINDER
Don’t forget our disco and picnic this afternoon from 4:30-7:00pm. Prep-2 students go to the first session from 4:30 – 5:30 and the year 3-6 students from 5:45 – 7:00.

Whilst the discos are on, parents can enjoy a quiet time in the school grounds. Coffee and sausage sizzle will be available. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult, if they are waiting for their disco session. All children must be supervised by parents, except when they are in the disco. We would like to limit the play and picnic area to the basketball courts, synthetic turf (court end) and P-2 playground. The lower playground is NOT to be used. This will ensure an orderly environment and appropriate levels of supervision by parents.

Children MUST be picked up by an adult from the gym at the end of the session. Prompt pick-ups are requested.

As notified, once in the disco session students will be required to remain in the gym, to ensure the safety and security of all.

Please remember that all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult and that there is to be no bike/scooter/skateboard riding to ensure all attendees are safe.

Please talk to your children about these requirements, prior to coming along this evening.

2016 START DATE
Please note that the first day for ALL students for 2016 is THURSDAY 28 JANUARY.

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016

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YEAR 5/6 1:1 DIGITAL DEVICE PROGRAM 2016
Information packages have been sent home to all current year 4 and 5 students, including agreement forms, which we encourage you to read, complete and return by the due date. It is important to understand that this program is a substantial commitment by the school and we encourage your support.

If you require any further information, please contact the school.

Please return the green and blue forms (signed) as soon as possible – by tomorrow (Friday December 11) would be appreciated. The first term rental charge of $50 is also due and is required by January 28.

YEAR 5/6 RETURN OF DIGITAL DEVICES
All devices are currently being returned from the current program. As has been requested, please check that all items that go with the device are being returned (except for the year 6 memory cards, which can be retained by the student). This includes an adaptor, which wasn’t mentioned in the correspondence sent home. Please refer to the picture, left.

Devices will be inspected on return and any damages requiring repair will be addressed. Insurance claims will be made, as required, and parents are reminded there is a $50 excess for any insurance claim.

SCHOOL OFFICE
Please note the last day for payments and enquiries to the office is Thursday 17 December. We are unable to accept payments on Friday 18 December, the last day of term. We will open on January 27, 2015 for Materials & Requisite payments. The office will then be open for normal business from 28 January.

REPORTS
Students will bring home Semester 2 reports tomorrow (Friday). Teachers have considered assessment results, classroom performance and effort and attitude to compile a comprehensive and informative report. Please take the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of your child. Areas for improvement and future learning can be addressed with your child’s future teachers. Absences in reports are for second semester only as we changed our administration package for roll marking in August. If you wish to see total absences for the year you will need to add first and second semester attendance from both reports. We look forward to hearing about (for those moving on) or assisting with (for those remaining at Killara) the future performances of our students.

NEW ROOM
Students will spend time in their new 2016 classroom on Friday 18th December (last day) for about forty minutes. This will give them a chance to acquaint themselves with their new teacher, classmates and environment. Staff put a great deal of time into creating classes, which is a very complex task considering we have over 600 students to be placed in 25 classes.

Best wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Pete

CURRENT NEWS

PAYMENTS DUE
YEAR 6 GRADUATION: Overdue
2016 Book Pack: 27 January
Term 1 2016 Netbook: 27 January

BARNADOS TOY COLLECTION
The Year 1/2 classes would like thank all of the families who have donated toys for our ‘Barnados Gifts for Kids’ appeal. We would also like to say thanks for donations of preloved toys for other charities.

A special thank you goes to the following businesses for their generous donations.
- Target Sunbury for donating toys
- Sunbury Square for donating a $50 voucher to be spent on toys
- Storage King Sunbury for donating boxes for all of our toys to go in

Please remember that you can still donate toys tomorrow if you haven't already done so.
Thank you and Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DRESS-UP DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR PETS HAVEN
On Wednesday the 16 December, we are having a fundraiser because we are trying to raise money for the Pets Haven Animal Foundation. You can bring a gold coin donation and dress up in different Christmas costumes like Santa, a reindeer, elves or snowman, or you can just wear Christmas colours.

Pets Haven Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation which re-houses orphan cats and dogs who would otherwise have no future. It is an amazing group of people and the least we can do is give a donation so they can keep doing this.

If you would like to see the website, visit http://www.pethaven.org.au

CANTEEN – LAST WEEK OF TERM 4
Please note: The last day for lunch orders this year will be next Wednesday 16 December.
The canteen will be open for counter sales only on Thursday 17 December and closed on the last day of term, Friday 18 December.

CRICKET BATTING IN THE GYM AT LUNCHTIME TOMORROW
Students will be able to participate in a Cricket Batting Coaching session with Piza in the Gym tomorrow at lunchtime starting at 1.05pm. No equipment required unless students wish to bring their own bats. The session will run for 40min. All Year levels welcome.

FUNDE FUNDRAISING BOOKS – Great Xmas Present
Now available for half price at $10.00 a book as there is only 6 months left to use the vouchers. Available for purchase from the front office.

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