

End of Year Celebration

Thank you to everyone for attending our End of Year Celebration at the end of week 7. The students enjoyed performing their items on the night and it was great to see so many families and friends attend. In the lead up to this night, students were given the opportunity to discuss which song they wanted to perform and choreograph some of the dance with their classmates and teachers. It really demonstrated some of the skills they have developed during Performing Arts lessons this year.

If you would like to provide some feedback about our End of Year Celebration and some ideas about a format, we welcome your input. Please email us at dl.1154.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

2019 Staff Profile

Leadership team

Principal -Dora Iuliano; Deputy Principal- Anita Becker; Senior Leader - Lindy Kelvin

Classes

Reception	Cassandra Giannone
Reception	Kelsea Simpson
Yr 1	Carlo Costanzo
Yr 1/2	Kate Grbin
Yr 2	Ev Williams
Yr 2/3	Joanna Caon/Sarah McLoughlin
Yr 3	Pas Hirst (nee Piantadosi)
Yr 3/4	Ali Parletta
Yr 4	Genna Russo
Yr 4/5	Samantha Ly
Yr 5/6	Jason Spence
Yr 6/7	Anella DiBiase

Specialist Teachers

Languages Italian	Ida Capozzi , Daniela Cambareri
P E & Health	Adam Antrobus
Performing Arts	Daniela Cambareri
Technologies	Lindy Kelvin
Reading Support	Jacqui Edwards
EALD	Sandra Scalzi

Materials & Services Fees for 2019

Thank you to those parents who responded to our school poll regarding the M&S Fees for 2019. The vote was for resounding support to increase school fees to \$375 per year, which will be recoverable through debt collection if the need arises. These funds will go back into supporting the learning needs of students. We all know the quality of the educational provision for our students at Thorndon Park PS is high and will continue to be improved.



Road Crossing Monitor Training

Last Thursday, our current year 4, 5 & 6 students attended Road Crossing Monitor training. The session was conducted by a SAPOL officer and included information about how to use the signs, the role of the Head Monitor and what their responsibilities are. They worked through some scenarios and role played what to do in different situations.

The training is important so that our school crossing is monitored correctly. Did you know that School Crossing Monitors are 1 of only 3 groups of people that are legally allowed to stop traffic? So that we can share this responsibility, we are encouraging all students who attended, to return their form so we can include them on the roster for 2019. Students will be allocated a week at a time as a monitor which will make it easier when working around out of school commitments.

See the front of the newsletter for the roster each edition.



Governing Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 5th 2019

Time: 7.30pm in Thiele Building

The purpose of a school AGM is to:

- * Share our learning achievements and school progress of site learning priorities with our community
- * Acknowledge the collaborative work of the Governing Council and school personnel
- * Showcase student achievement
- * Elect a new Governing Council

We will have a number of vacancies and encourage parents who are interested in representing the parent community in the decision making processes of the school to nominate (see the next page for further information). If you are interested, please look out for the Nomination Form at the beginning of 2019 and contact Dora Iuliano to discuss any questions you may have.

The Role of Governing Council

Governing Council is a great way to get to know other parents and staff, and also for you to have a positive, productive say in the future direction of your children's schooling. We are always on the lookout for willing and interested parents to join our meetings which are held twice each term. (Terms 1, 2, and 3 in Weeks 4 and 8 and in Term 4 Weeks 3 and 7).

The meetings are held in a relaxed environment where honest conversations can be had. The only experience needed is being a parent who would like to have an input in school direction. Parents on Governing Council help with strategic planning and policy determination as well as advising on the use of financial resources which support the achievement of school priorities.

Formal nominations will be sought prior to the AGM in Term 1 2019. Positions can be held for a single school year or up to two school years.

If you aren't able to join Governing Council, please consider being involved in one of our Sub Committees (OSHC Advisory, Finance, Canteen) or Working Parties. The Sub Committees act as advisory groups and have responsibilities such as assisting in developing and reviewing policies and representing children, families and staff in making decisions.

Working parties will be created to assist with other projects and initiatives associated with School Sports, Community Engagement, and Asset and Landscaping. Meeting times will be negotiated on interests and needs basis. Some of the possible roles and responsibilities include:

- * Establish an annual event calendar and possible fundraising events to address the needs of the school
- * Plan, organise and coordinate social events for the community e.g. Grandparents' Day, Campbelltown Council Christmas Parade, Library displays, Book Week support
- * Develop networks of parents through Class Parent Representatives
- * Support the PE teacher with organising and running coaching and practice sessions for particular after school sports
- * Help with working bees for gardening and landscaping projects and work together to develop ideas around improving our grounds

We look forward to involvement from new and existing families in 2019. Look out for further information at the beginning of the year.

A Message from Tim

Every year seems to go by faster than the one before! This year is no exception and in a blink, we have come to the end and are confronted by the craziness of Christmas.

There can be no denying it is the end of the year. Look in the shops, listen to the radio and watch television; the marketing is clear. Christmas means different things to different people. Whatever it means, whatever its history, its interpretation, one thing comes through abundantly clear and is in common with all thoughts and beliefs. Love, for family and friends; a time for giving and too often perhaps forgotten, a time to be still and at peace.

After a busy year with all its joy and sorrow, its ups and downs, I do hope you find joy with family and friends and even with all the 'craziness,' a little peace too.

Whatever Christmas means to you, I hope it is all you want it to be.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Tim Wells

Pastoral Care Worker



LEARNING IN ITALIAN & FLMD



This year has been a fun filled and exciting learning experience during Italian and FLMD. We learnt about all the regions of Italy, experimented with foods and flavours, visited Fine Food Distributors where we had some cooking classes and a whole lot more!!



"We loved cooking and trying all of the food at Fine Foods". Vittoria G



"My favourite learning experience this year was making traditional Cannoli from the region of Sicily." Sienna. C



"We had lots of fun making 'La Macedonia' and then we got to eat it". Sophia. P

