



## WELCOME

Well the week has finally come, and our year 6 students are leaving primary school and heading into the world of high school...

Dear year 6 students.

It may be hard for you to leave our school. You may have been and have had the same friends since Kindy, or perhaps you didn't enjoy school very much and can't wait to move on to a new opportunity. If you are sad about leaving your friends, make sure you get their contact details so that you can keep in touch. You could even make plans to meet at a local park every week or month to make sure you keep in touch. Some of your friends may even be going to the same high school as you.

Although all of these new challenges can be exciting and a lot of fun, you may feel a little stressed at times. Here are some of the ways you may be feeling over the break and at the start of the new school year:

- lost and confused, until you are familiar with the new situation.
- sad that you are not with your old friends, and missing being and playing with them.
- lonely and unhappy, waiting to make new friends.
- anxious or afraid that you will not be able to cope with the new lessons and stuff you are learning.
- worried that you will not fit into any group to hang around with.
- concerned that your parents will have expectations that you can't meet.

**Don't panic!** Remember that you are not the only person who is starting high school, and that nearly every student starting high school is feeling like you. Here are some ideas that may help to ease the stress!

- Stay in contact with your "old" school friends, particularly while you haven't made close friends at high school.
- Give it time. Everybody starts off without friends but soon you will have a new group of friends that you hang out with and have fun with.
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know - they will probably appreciate it and then you will know someone.
- Ask the student counsellor or one of the teachers to help you if you are struggling with school in any way - maybe you can't manage the workload to start with, or can't find your way around the new school. Help will be there if you ask.
- Get involved in school activities and clubs (music, sport, debating), and you will meet new people with the same interests.

- Look at the positives of being at high school - new school facilities, more independence, more variety in classes, some choice in what you want to study.
- If you feel like you are being harassed by anyone at your new school, go to someone you trust and talk about it.
- Get organised. Use your timetable and diary to keep on track.
- Pack your school bag the night before so that you are sure you have everything you will need for the next day's lessons.
- Be yourself. Don't try to impress others by showing off your skills or being a 'try hard'. You will be spending a lot of time with the same people in the next few years. You have plenty of time to get to know each other.
- Make the most of your chance to learn, ask questions if you don't understand. Use your time well. It's your time wasted if you don't do your best.

Over the summer holidays, talk to your family and friends about how you are feeling. We *all* feel nervous when change is happening in our lives.

Have a wonderful time in high school.

Ms Gibson

Thank you to Sandi McCann, Helene Offer, Scott Passmore and Philip Shields for all of their hard work and dedication to North Morley PS throughout the 2017 school year. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours. You will be missed. Thank you to all the staff, parents and students for a very successful 2017. We look forward to seeing you all return safely in 2018.

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## DATES for your Diary:

Monday 11 December – Thursday 14 December

- ❖ In Term Swimming for PP - Year 2

Tuesday 12 December

- ❖ Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- ❖ End of Year Student Reports sent home

Thursday 14 December

- ❖ Last day for Students

Friday 15 December

- ❖ Last day for Staff

**Students return  
on WEDNESDAY  
January 31, 2018**

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## SCHOOL WATCH

Over the holidays please do your part in reporting any suspicious behaviour around the school. Your assistance in keeping our school grounds safe is greatly appreciated. If you see or hear anything please call:

**School Watch on 1800 177 777 or Police 131 444**

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## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will next be open on Monday 29 January from 9:00-11:00am. If you have any uniform requirements before this time, please leave your order in the office. Kimberley will fill orders until the end of term.

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## THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

As the 2017 school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our staff, parents, students and community members that have been involved in our school this year. I would especially like to thank my fellow School Council members for their dedication and ongoing input.

2017 has been a year of progress at NMPS that has included the finalisation of the ERG process and the securing of funding for the construction of our new library. 2018 will see further progress as NMPS works through the assessment stage for potential selection as an Independent Public School.

With every new year we see a change of faces around our school. I look forward to meeting the new members of our school community in 2018. On behalf of the School Council I would like to wish all of the amazing students and staff who are moving to other schools in 2018 all the best in your future endeavours.

Mark Lynch - Chairperson NMPS School Council

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## P&C NEWS

### Canteen

On Thursday morning at 8:30-9:15am and 2:30-3:00pm we will be selling the remaining canteen stock. These sales will be made through the canteen in the Art Centre. Cash sales only please. Come grab a bargain and stock your freezer for the holidays.



### Thank you

I'd like to say an enormous THANK YOU to all of the members of the P&C for their tireless efforts throughout the 2017 school year. The P&C along with our school community have pulled off some amazing feats in only 10 months.

We saw in the new school year and welcomed new families into our community with our annual Welcome Back Disco. Then it was all systems go!

With a lot of our fundraising efforts throughout 2016 we were able to get the wheels into motion and begin the first stages of the Kindy Nature Play area. There was a lot of planning required, liaising with the council, logistical decisions to make and phone calls requesting donations of materials before we dug our first hole and I would like to thank the committee, Emma Harris, Helene Offer and Kat Noble for all of their time and planning required in order to execute this task. Through the hard work of the parents, staff and students that joined in on the 2 busy bees required and the extremely generous donations from our community, we were able to create a space that the students are thriving in and one that we can all be very proud of.

Of course though, our eyes got bigger and the Junior Nature Play Area was next. With a lot of research, a design came together and our hard working committee members Coby Francis, Sureyya Demir and Emma Harris lead the huge crew of volunteers that arrived at the busy bee to build a fun and inspiring space for the students.

Thank you Lisa Gibson for giving us the freedom to turn our ambitious plans into a reality. We are very fortunate to have a principal that allows us this freedom.

It hasn't all been manual labour though. The Bogan Bingo Committee; Lucy and Andy Oreb, Sarah Woolridge, Angela and Mark Lynch and Kimberley Sarich organised a brilliant evening full of laughter and bad manners where we all had a chance, parents and staff alike, to let our hair down while raising lots of funds for North Morley in the process.

The hard work continued throughout the year running other fundraisers such as Harmony Day lunch, Roller skating at the Rollerdrome, Mother's Day plant stall, Entertainment Book sales, Cake Stall, various raffles, Book Clubs, Book Fair, Canteen, School banking and the Uniform shop. Through these various fundraisers, initiatives and donations from the community, our school has raised over \$11,296 this year.

That allowed us to purchase the Mathletics program, fulfil the teacher's classroom wish lists, contribute to the year 6 graduation lunch, purchase literacy resources for the junior school, purchase over \$900 worth of books for the library and build the Kindy Nature Play and the Junior Nature Play spaces. That would be a pretty fantastic result for the school year.

Our school has gone through an amazing transition in the last 2 years. The staff has continued their hard work and the school community has really come together to create a culture of people that truly care about the successes of it and its community.

Taking on a fete is a pretty major endeavor for any school let alone for one this size. But the timing was right, with the conclusion of our 2 year school review, to invite the outside community in and showcase our fantastic school and what we are all about.

Being our first fete no one knew what to expect. The overwhelming response from the community was exactly what we hoped for. To the Fete committee members; Kelly Dansie, Raelene Forster, Rachael

Borshoff, Emma Harris, Kelly Thomas and Rachel Baines thank you for the many many hours you put into organizing this event. You are amazing.

I would like to thank our P&C members; Andy Oreb, Angela Lynch, Chantal Herrington, Coby Francis, De-Anna Dumitro-Wilson, Donna Reid, Jacqui Rong, Jordan McGrath, Justin Herrington, Kelly Dansie, Leanne Sale, Linda Angell, Mark Lynch, Natalie Thompson and Sarah Woolridge for all of their time throughout the year, running fundraisers, putting their name on every roster, jumping in at the last minute to help, or for permanently having a paint brush or shovel in hand this year. You guys are amazing. Thank you to The Fathering Project for the events you have organized throughout the school year to bring the community together.

Thank you to the following P&C members for the roles they have undertaken this year which have required weekly involvement within the school; our classroom representatives Kat Noble, Rachael Borshoff, Kimberley Sarich, Sureyya Demir, Emma Harris, Raelene Forster, Lucy Oreb and Damien Woolridge, and for all of their work preparing for the fete. Our School Banking coordinator Raelene Forster who also took on the role of Play Group coordinator, the Uniform Shop manager Kimberley Sarich for also organizing the year 6 leavers shirts along with Natalie Thompson, and the new staff shirts, our Canteen Manager Ania Mosor for all of her hard work in the canteen and the volunteer parents that have assisted throughout the year, our Scholastic Coordinator Rachael Borshoff for running the Book Club throughout the year, a fabulous Book Fair and all of her volunteer hours in the library. Our Garden Club Coordinator Sureyya Demir for getting all of the students so involved in the garden and for introducing them to new recycling initiatives and the extra hours spent looking after the veggie patch. Our volunteer parent School Council representatives, Mark Lynch, Kelly Dansie and Jordan McGrath who along with other members of the School Council continually support the progress of the school. An honorary member of the P&C who may not have paid his .50c annual membership fee but has been a part of absolutely every event the P&C has organized this year, whether it be just making sure the BBQ is in the right place at the right time without even being asked, to tolerating the madness which was the creation of the nature play areas, Mr Kell the silent super hero. Thank you. Last but not least, Lucy Oreb our Vice President, Rachel Cappeau our Treasurer and Emma Harris our Secretary for all the jobs they have taken on, big and small, to make the P&C run so smoothly.

For those P&C members who will be retiring this year, thank you for all of the years of service you have put in. To those of you who have put your hand up to take on new roles for next year, we thank you. Our community would not be the same without you.

We raised just over \$6000 at the fete making our fundraising total a very successful \$17,296 for this year but I think our true success is being part of a supportive school community that the students at North Morley PS are thriving in. Our kids are pretty lucky. We couldn't do it without your support.

Our first event for 2018 is the Welcome Back Disco and Twilight Picnic on Friday 9 February from 5-7pm in the Art Centre.

Robin Gage  
P&C President



**WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE  
AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!**



