Dryandra Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Guardians

I cannot believe that I am writing the last newsletter of the year. It has been a year of monumental achievements. We can all be proud of being in the Dryandra school community.

Our most significant achievement has been becoming an 'Independent Public School' in 2019. This signals a level of trust from the Department of Education in our ability to make our own decisions. This will significantly change the way we operate so that we can be more responsive and reflective of the aspiration of the school community. Thank you for being a positive and supportive school community.

Our second big achievement has been our successful participation in the Public School Review. We were one of the first schools to participate in this process and this is another big endorsement of the way that we support our students and create a positive learning environment. As a school we are always seeking to improve, so there were some recommendations that came out of the process and something that we will be addressing in our new Business Plan 2019-2021 and with our new School Board. Our Public School Review report is on our website so that you can have a look if you are interested.

Wonderful effort.

I think you would agree that our Christmas/End of Year concert, Book Awards assembly and Year 6 Graduation were wonderful events. It truly captured the essence and pride of Dryandra Primary School. Thank you to all of the staff for making these events so special for our school.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 students for graduating from Dryandra Primary and I wish them a wonderful journey ahead in the next phase of their lives.

Thank you

I would like to acknowledge and thank the tremendous effort of our P&C and our President, Ms Andi Hancock. Her drive, enthusiasm and tremendous support has seen the P&C put a focus on the canteen and help to address the difficulties faced. Ms Hancock is a generous, hardworking and dedicated parent of Dryandra Primary School. Thank you Andi! I would also like to thank Ms Kate Dunstan for all of her efforts in fund raising, which has helped to support our canteen and P&C.

BUSINESS PLAN 2019- 2021- 'PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW.

Our school vision is 'Preparing our students for tomorrow'. This simple phrase will guide our planning for the next few years. Our science laboratory will be an important feature as we hope to create a positive focus in our community. I am hoping that Dryandra Primary School will be a 'science' focussed school. Science teaching will return to the classroom and we will be providing opportunities for integration with other subject areas. If you consider that our future jobs will be science related; digital technologies, health, engineering, environmental science etc, you can see why a focus in this area is so important. I am looking forward to our next few years and the journey that our school will be taking to support our students with their learning.

FAREWELL

At this point in time, our staffing for 2019 has not yet been finalised. We have a couple of merit selection processes that are yet to be completed. At this stage we don't know if Mr Plummer or Mrs Kroczek are returning so I will provide this information once these processes have concluded. It is important however that we acknowledge the staff who are leaving and we thank them sincerely for the tremendous contribution over the year.

Mrs Lauren Hutchinson- will be going on parental leave for next year. We therefore wish her all the best on her new and exciting phase in her life. Luckily, we will see Mrs Hutchinson back in 2020.

Mrs Sally Wright- has been our physical education teacher on a Tuesday and we sincerely wish her the best at her new school next year.

Mrs Alison Walker- has been our science teacher during second semester. We thank her for her efforts, enthusiasm and hard work. Mrs Walker has been appointed to Anne Hamersley Primary School for 2019. We wish her the best.

Mrs Yasmine Hussaini- has had a number of roles in the school. She has been a positive and supportive staff member and has undertaken all of the roles with considerable goodwill. I am sure that the students from Room 3, Room 4 and Preprimary are all going to miss her. We wish her all the best at her new appointment of Hillcrest Primary School.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of Dryandra Primary School, I would like to sincerely wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I hope that everyone gets an opportunity of spending time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all again next year as we begin to celebrate our 30th Anniversary.

Kindest regards

Paul Biemmi Principal

From Deputy Principal

In this final newsletter of the year, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the wonderful welcome and support that I have enjoyed this year.

Working together to help the children of Dryandra Primary School face challenges, learn new skills and develop into young people who can face the future with confidence and purpose, is one of the most important task we have. The community at Dryandra Primary School is doing its part to fulfil the African proverb: 'It takes a village to raise a child'. I would like to encourage each of you to continue to do your part for all the students at this school.

I take this opportunity to say thank you and wish you all a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable break with your loved ones. Happy New Year, and may 2019 be a happy and prosperous year for every member of our school community.

Kindest Regards

Regina Kroczek

	FEBRUARY
Mon 4	Term 1 Commences
Wed 13	Newsletter coming home
Thur 21	Assembly Room 17
	MARCH
Mon 4	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 6	Newsletter coming home
Tue 12	Loose Parts Incursion ECE

































AIEO Award- Sharna Indich



Year 6 Graduation

























2018 DRYANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL Year 6 GRADUATES

Teachers-Ms Young, Mr Cumming, Education Assistant Mrs Brown