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NEWSLETTER # 8

Term 4 2018



From the Principal

Dear Families,
We have ended the school year with the bang. Our end of year assemblies were well attended by families and friends with some culminating in a morning tea. It was terrific to see student highlights through powerpoint presentations and received awards.

The Leavers assembly was definitely a highlight with approx 70 people in attendance. Our graduates were honoured and celebrated with awards, speeches from Members of Parliament – Hon Stephen Patterson MP Member for Morphett and Hon Jayne Stinson MP Member for Badcoe, representations from Education Department in Central Office, Regional Office and community partners: representation from Coles, Bunnings, Glenelg Community Garden and The William Kibby VC Veterans Shed. After the formalities, graduate students and Bunnings staff planted a mandarin tree at the front of the school to commemorate the occasion. We thank Bunnings Mile End for their donation and workshops they have facilitated over the year.



The Graduation Dinner was an enormous success the atmosphere was one of pride, celebration and joy. Staff attended who taught students from junior primary right through to their final years. 7 of our 8 graduating students came with their families; we had 59 in attendance at Café Primo. Congratulations to the graduation committee for making it such a memorable evening for all. Due to the unmitigated success of the evening we intend to repeat this evening in future years.



Special Dates of Interest

Monday 29th January	Term 1 begins
Monday 4th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Many times I have used the African proverb *if you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to far, go together*. This is pertinent for our students because

it is the *togetherness* of working with our families, therapist, colleagues and community partners who have supported our graduates in their school journey. Together, we have provided opportunities, programmes, experiences and resources for our graduates to develop into young adults we can all be proud of.

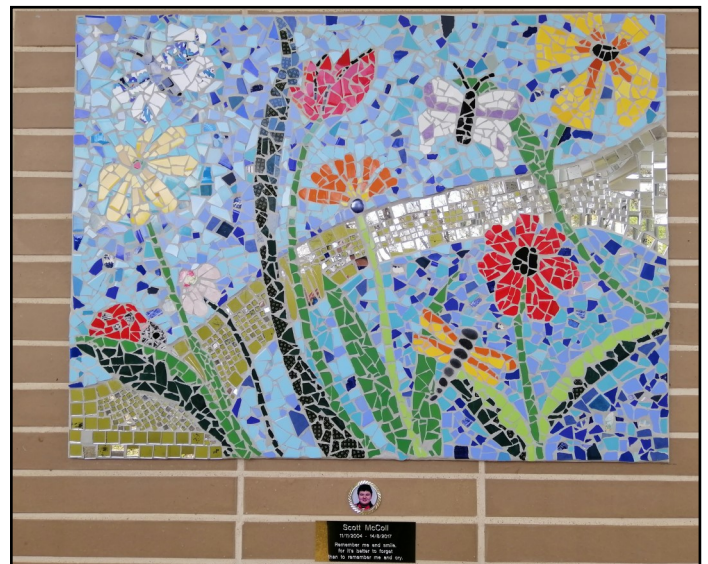
To our class of 2018, Tahlia, Gabriel, Nicholas, James, Kate, Nawfal, Mitchell and Hayley we congratulate you on your successful journey thus far and wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life's journey.

Further congratulations to all our award recipients for 2018:

- Outstanding Senior Student Award: Jonny Deed
- Environmentalist Award: Mitchell Harris
- Music Award: Lucas Penfold
- The Raymond Family Shield "Industry Skills Award": Cooper Hanby
- Plympton International College and Errington "Outstanding Peer Mentoring Award": Prishay Sewrathan
- Art Award: Kate Caldicott-Chan and Tahlia Warwick
- Senior Swimming Award: Daniel Fleet
- William Kibby VC Veterans Shed "Community Spirit Award": Nicholas Daly
- Raquelle Cagliuso "Old Scholars Award": James Davis
- Minister for Education "Volunteering Award for Outstanding Service": Maria Kaloyirou
- Play Partner Award: Faith Arevalo
- Healthy Hero Award: Mia Perrie
- Primary Sports Award: Nathan Tuck
- Junior Swimming Award: Hudson Hussey
- The Daphne Gum Award Towards Independence: Austin Harrison and Gabriel Kapetanakis

On a different note we recently held a memorial for Scott McColl, who tragically passed away last year. His family, friends, students and staff joined us for the unveiling of a mosaic that with the help of an artist staff and students made. Scott was a nature lover and especially loved rainbows and butterflies. We have created a beautiful butterfly garden in Scott's memory and gave out rainbow badges on the day. As you can imagine the family were extremely touched. We had a lovely morning tea afterwards. Thank you to the families who attended and to Richard Bekker's pedal pax group who donated the money for the mosaic. Scott's parents were so grateful they very generously sent us a lovely donation to support the maintenance of the garden. We will use this to begin a Scott McColl

shield to be given to a Middle Years student at the end of each year.



I wish all our families who for a number of reasons are leaving us, well for their child's future.

I would like to thank all our staff for their amazing efforts, our students for being the precious and amazing young people that they are and our families for working in collaboration with us to achieve that which we do.

Merry Christmas to those who are celebrating and a happy holiday to all.

Niki Takos

From the Deputy Principal

It was really great to see all the wonderful achievements of our students in their learning during the final sub school assemblies. When we see our students up front, receiving certificates,

singing in the choir and just being part of the school community at the end of year celebrations, we can all reflect on the year that was and really see the growth of our students. It was fantastic to see so many parents sharing these successes, attending the celebrations and then mingling with staff and parents afterwards. Last Friday, we had the school leavers assemblies. The morning was welcomed by all. It was great to see the journey travelled of these students, knowing their next chapter of life begins, knowing that Errington/Ashford played a very important role of who they are today. We wish our graduating students, our current students and families a happy and safe festive season.

Choir



Earlier in the year we formed a choir incorporating students from Errington SEC, Kilparrin T.A.S.S and SASVI.

With this group we performed at the Special School Conference at the Grand Hotel Glenelg, where the reception by the guests was absolutely amazing.

We also attended the Parent conference at the Hilton Hotel Adelaide.

Below is a copy of the card received from DPP.

To: Students at Errington

We really loved your musical performance at the parent conference & would like you to have a copy to share with your family & friends.

Thankyou so much
D.P.P team



The rainbow Rock Choir is a group of students at Errington who practice weekly and then perform to various groups in the community.

We try and fit in 2 performances a term.

We have performed at the Oaklands Nursing home (Japara), Bucklands Nursing home, Murree Mudge nursing home and Coles St. Clare shopping Centre.

The Senior 1 class (who are all involved) have performed to workers at McCarthys Orchard and for the Veterans Shed at Glenelg.

We also performed for shoppers and the local community in front of Coles Supermarket at Marion Shopping Centre.

It was a grand performance which left many people with tears of joy and very warm positive responses.

This (our last week of school) we performed at head office, where we had a large appreciative audience. Our last performance will be Thursday 13th at the Veteran's Shed at Community Gardens Glenelg.

It has been an amazing experience for our students and for our audiences. They are stars that shine and "are the best that they can be"

Georgia, Lee, Janet, Hazel & Belinda.



Junior School News

Our End of Year celebration was held on Wednesday 28th November. It was lovely to have so many parents, grandparents, siblings and friends come and celebrate with us. It was a good way to complete a busy year at school. Congratulations once again to our award

recipients:



Faith (Play Partner Award)



Gabriel and Austin shared the
(Towards Independence Award)



Hudson (Junior Swimming Award)

All 4 Junior classes have been busy enjoying Christmas songs and making Christmas art, with lots of paint, glitter and sparkly bits and pieces, so that they can take them home to decorate their houses. It is hard to believe that it is the end of the year, but we thank you all, for your support throughout the year, and wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in 2019.

Primary School News

P1 Class

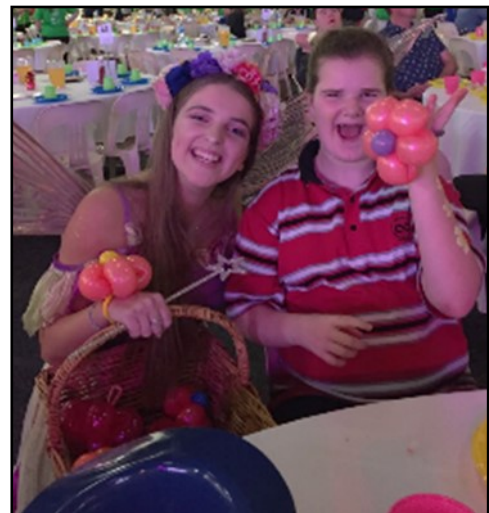
Term 4 has been an extremely busy one for P1 and we are all looking forward to a well-earned break. Students have enjoyed excursions to local playgrounds as well as attending the Ladies of Variety Christmas Party at the Showgrounds. The class been gaining independence skills including extended use of Proloquo2Go for communication and all students received medals for participation in the Premier's Reading and Be Active Challenges. Students have really enjoyed participating in a regular session where we decorate the Christmas Tree with an increasing number of ornaments as we sing along to a song.

P2 Class

In Primary 2 we are very much looking forward to our holidays. A few of the students enjoyed the Ladies of Variety Christmas party last week. This week we got our Premiers reading challenge and Be active medals. This year two of the Primary 2 students received awards. Congratulations to Mia Perrie who got the 'Healthy Hero' award and Nathan Tuck who got the David Hill Primary year sports award. Nathan is leaving us to go to a new school next year, and we will certainly miss his cheeky sense of humour in the Primary Sub School. All the best Nathan!!!!



Nathan and his Sports Award



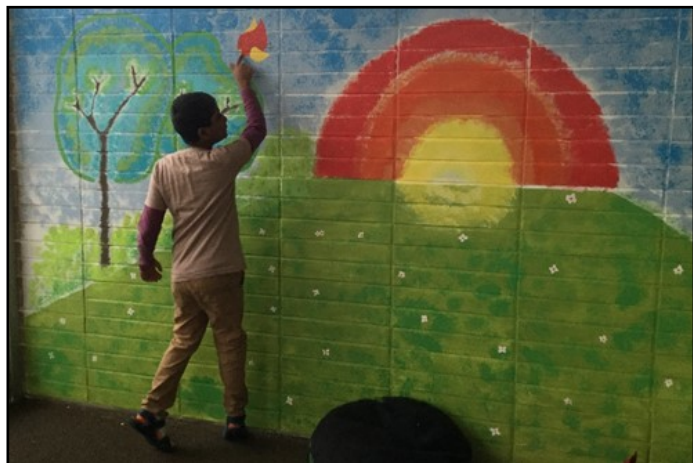
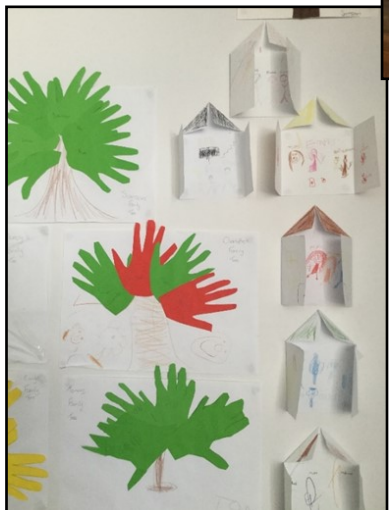
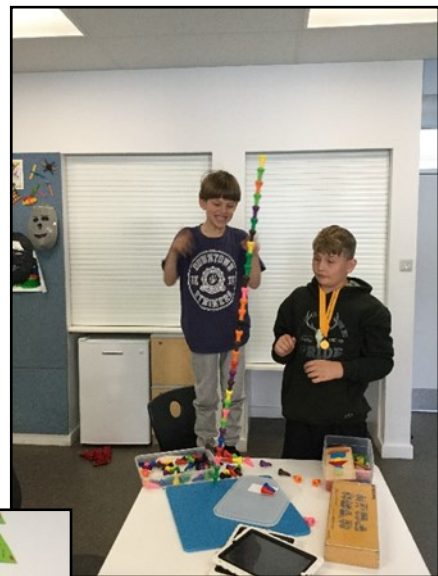
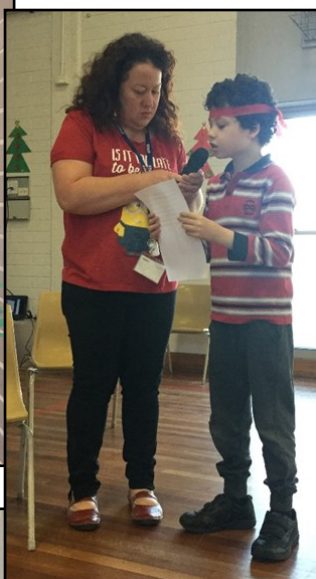
P3 Class

Throughout the Semester all of the primary 3's class members have been working hard, working together and working towards developing independence, knowledge and skills. All students have been putting in their top efforts and have produced some amazing pieces of work. Throughout the entirety of the Semester the students have studied Stranger

Danger, Animal Habitats, Family History, Australia and other cultural events. The students have also been participating in a different STEAM challenge (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Challenge) every week, which the students have actively participated in and have really enjoyed being a part of. The students have also participated in cooking tasks and now leading into the Christmas season, the students have been creating and designing Christmas themed art to go around the room. It has been a wonderful Semester and end of term.

P4 Class

This year has been a wonderful experience in learning and growing for both staff and students in P4. We had lots of fun and has built a strong friendship bond. Student has been busy wrapping up for the year making lots of Christmas items (through Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Science and Music). I am personally very proud of all of our students' achievements both behaviour and academic. I would like to thank the parents for their positive support. Thanks to the staff who painted our wall to bright it. It looks amazing!





Middle School News

To celebrate the end of the school year and the excellent work the students have completed, the Middle Sub School hosted an end of year assembly. The theme of this year's assembly was about Christmas. We presented a special item about the '12 Days of Christmas' featuring Australian animals. Everyone got busy making decorations for the hall and each student had an Australian animal to colour. Some students read lines from the story to share with the parents and special guests.

Each student received an award for their academic achievements by Niki and this was a very proud moment shared by all. We would like to thank all the family members who attended to make this occasion special. The staff and students of the Middle School would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.



Senior School News

The Senior School graduation assembly was held in the hall on Friday week 8 followed by a graduation dinner at Café Primo on Monday evening week 9. Graduates were awarded their certificates & medallions while individual category awards were also presented. We congratulate all of our graduates and wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives beyond Errington.

"Outstanding Senior School Student" Award:

Jonny Deed

Errington Environmentalist Award: Mitchel Harris
The Raymond Family Shield, "Industry Skills Award": Cooper Hanby

"The Creative Arts Award": Kate Caldicott-Chan & Tahlia Warwick

Minda Inc Senior Swimming Award: Daniel Fleet

Senior School Sports Award: Tahlia Warwick

William Kibby VC Veterans Shed "Community Spirit Award": Nicholas Daly

"The Raquelle Caglusio Old Scholars Award":

James Davis

The Senior School Team would like to thank our families and our Errington School Community for their support during 2018. We wish you all a peaceful Holiday Season.



Fundraising

A special thank you to all the generous businesses and individuals who kindly supported the school throughout this year. Also thank you to parents who purchased tickets through our raffle and attended our sports day barbeque. A total of \$1428.55 was raised from these two events. This money will go towards enhancing the educational outcomes of all our students at Errington. To end the term, sub-schools hosted celebratory lunches for our students. This was made possible by generous donations of produce from Vili's, Hungry Jacks and McDonalds.

Health and PE

Premier's Be Active Challenge

Once again Errington has been recognised as one of the state's top 50 schools for the awards this year. Congratulation to all the students on reaching their Be Active goals. Well done all.

Sports Ability Day

Thank you to everyone involved in helping our students participate in their events this year. Again it was great to see so many parents come along as well and get involved on the day. And of course we cannot forget the students; great work to all of you for the positive way you approached all of the task on the day.

City of West Torrens Summer School Holiday Program

The consent for all youth (10-17) activities can be accessed via the link below as well as a PDF version of the program brochure

https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/CWT/news_and_events/Council_news_and_events/Council_News/Get_with_the_program_SUMMER_201819

Bookings for activities can also be found via the above link