Dear Parent and Carers

It has been another amazing year with many different highlights for each of us. Over the past two Friday evenings 140 students, staff and family members celebrated the achievements of our 10 graduating students. Last Friday night over 250 of us celebrated our 2015 end of year Christmas party. Both events were very successful and I wish to thank all of you who supported these nights.

It is a varied learning journey for each of our graduating students, their families and their teachers. Our school will never celebrate OP scores nor will we ever rank our students against each other. Our school is about identifying the many important skills, attitudes and behaviours that will help our students maximise their personal independence, maximise their community awareness and participation, and maximise their social and personal confidence - To help them Live to Learn and Learn to Live. On behalf of staff I wish our graduating students and their families our best wishes and continued support as another phase of life and learning arrives. Each of our graduating students have added significantly to our school community and we encourage you all to visit us throughout the future years. Congratulations!!

Last Friday we came together as a school community to acknowledge the many great things that happened throughout our 2015 school year. I would like to thank our parents, grandparents and community friends for the way you contribute to making this a great school. I also wish to thank all of the staff for another year of hard work. Their have been many highlights at both a school and individual level. I hope that your child’s report reflects a great year of learning and development. Please use the picture reports to help communicate with your child about their school programs and progress.

As we farewell this years graduates we welcome more students next year. Increasing enrolments in 2016 means two more classrooms and more changes to the ways in which we will need to organise classes and sections. Once again new growth brings a diversity of perceptions and expectations of what we think could or should happen. Working out class groups is our most difficult task each year. For parents and staff we become quickly distracted by the pressures of change and different choices that could be made. Please be reassured that careful consideration goes into class groupings and that we believe we have put together groups that are inclusive and supportive of the needs of all students.

We have many new students and staff coming into our school for 2016. We will all need time to adjust and to learn new routines, individual and group needs. We still have a lot to learn about new students and we will reassess classes throughout the beginning weeks of next year. If changes are necessary we will make them in consultation with parents.

Farewells and Thankyou!!!

I would like to wish all of the following people our best wishes as they leave this school community to begin new and very different experiences. Thank you for your contributions to our school.

Our Graduating Students:
Kevin, Tim, Jamie, Nathan, Andrew, Eamon, William, Liam, Connor, Tim

Students transferring to other schools:
Christian, Jai and Georgia

Staff (retiring or redirecting):
Steven, Kerrie, Carlene, Bev, Emily, Lisa, and our therapists Alice and Kathy

Our two wonderful Danish students;
Known as Line G and Line P

A special thank you to Chris Booth who is stepping down from her great work as MyTime Coordinator. Congratulations and welcome to our new MyTime coordinator for 2016 Manuela Dieckelmann.

We will be welcoming lots of new and wonderful in 2016. I will save these introduction for the start of the school year.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. I look forward to working with you again in 2016. School begins for students on Wednesday 27th January.

Regards Wayne

Please Note
School begins for students - Wednesday 27th January.
YMCA is our outside of school hours care (OSHC) provider beginning on this date. For enquiries please call Jenny Dodd on 3354 0405 or 0437 916 546.