

The Entrance Public School

NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 14	Stage 3 Onward & Upward – Walking & Wheels at Picnic Point Lakeside Carols – Kindy 12pm Stage 2 Class Parties
Fri 15 Dec	Year 6 Mingara Visit LAST DAY FOR 2017 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
2018	
Mon 29 Jan	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tues 30	Students in Years 1-6 Start School
Mon 5 Feb	Kindergarten Students Start
Tues 20	P&C Meeting 9.30am

KINDERGARTEN 2018

If you have a child or know of a child that may be starting at The Entrance Public School in 2018, could you please contact the office ASAP for enrolment information.

**Preschool Enrolments for 2018**

If you have a child who will be turning four years old before the 31st July, 2018 and you would like to enroll them in our preschool for next year, please collect an application form from the front office. Our Garawa Pre-school is run by the Department of Education and fees have been heavily subsidised to cater for the needs of our community.

Last year our pre-school was awarded **exceeding** by the National body for the quality service they provide.

We have vacancies in both our groups; Channel operating every Monday and Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays, the Lake group operating Thursdays and Fridays and the alternate Wednesdays.

Priority must go to children who live in The Entrance Public School area and will be attending kindergarten at The Entrance Public School in 2019. Preference must also be given to students who have a disability, come from a low socio-economic family situation and/or are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. A birth certificate is also required for proof of age.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Week 10 and Term 4 is nearly finished, I would like to wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday and a very Merry Christmas. Congratulations to our students and staff who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their learning over the past year and deserve a holiday. Good luck to our Year 6 students as they move into their next stage of education, I am sure they will continue to enjoy learning. All the best to the families that will move over the Christmas holidays.

Thank you and a huge congratulations to our wonderful P&C led by Natalie Browne who have had an enormous impact on the programs and resources that enable The Entrance Public School to provide outstanding opportunities for our school community. This year they have helped with our new playground equipment, the digital signage, the 21st century

learning program, the breakfast club, developing the 2015-2017 school plan and countless hours at school functions.

Please also be aware that over the last few days of school, the police will have a greater presence in the area especially around the school in the mornings and afternoons. I urge all motorists and pedestrians to continue to obey the road safety laws to ensure the safety of our students and school community, especially in the Kiss and Ride zone.

**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THIS YEAR IS
FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2017**

**AND STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6 RETURN
ON TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018**

Choosing school shoes: Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach your kids to be waterproof: As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays: Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

Mark Rudd
Principal

**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The end of the 2017 is almost here and I cannot believe I have been at TEPS for almost a whole year! It has been an incredible four terms and I love calling The Entrance Public School my home – it is an AMAZING place to work. I want to thank all the wonderful students who greet me every day, who always have big smiles on their faces, a story to tell me, or work to proudly display. Thanks to all the parents who make up such a great part of our school – and for your support as well. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you.

The staff at our school is simply outstanding. To Mr Rudd, Assistant Principals, Instructional Leaders, our Office Staff, Classroom Teachers, SLSOs, Support Staff – I have appreciated your consistent hard work and effort you bring to our school every day to improve the outcomes of every student. A big thank you for all your support and making TEPS a great place to work and learn.

Presentation Days

Many thanks to Mrs Bayfield and Mrs Duncan who have ordered trophies, flowers, printed certificates, programs and organised the K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Days. Your 'behind the scenes' work is very much appreciated. And a HUGE thank you to Suzie from the preschool for doing an incredible job running the preschool whilst Erin is enjoying her new baby boy! Suzie, your leadership is appreciated immensely. Our 4 presentation days were wonderful – the students were beautifully behaved. Congratulations to all our award winners and I encourage all students to continue to work hard and achieve their personal best next year. Thank you to our 2017 School Captains for running the K-2 and 3-6 days.

Cyber Safety

Over the holidays our kids are online more often and I want to remind our parents of a few points that I feel are beneficial if your child is online:

- Be a parent to your children, not a friend. Put in place rules around the use of technology – even if they don't like it!
- All technology that enables young people to contact others should be out in the family area where its use can be monitored.
- No technology that can take photos should be allowed in bedrooms or bathrooms.
- Monitor closely who your child is friends with through the range of social media and apps they are using. If it is not someone they know, delete them.
- Check the restrictions on the phone itself. There is a lot you can do to keep your children safe.
- If another child is bullying, or being mean to your child, BLOCK or DELETE them.
- Talk to your children often in regard to their use of the internet, highlighting risks involved.

Finally I would like to wish every member of our community a safe and restful Christmas and holiday break. See you all in 2018!

Nicole Heazlewood
Deputy Principal

PaTCH NEWS



Congratulations to our six PaTCH participants who received their certificates last week. These school community members completed their requirements of attending professional learning and practical in-class sessions with Instructional Leader support. Well done ladies and gent!

PaTCH (Parents as teachers and classroom helpers) is a program to train and accredit volunteers to support children in developing literacy and numeracy in classrooms. PaTCH provides parents and community volunteers with the skills to work in supporting the teaching of reading, writing and early number. We are aiming to run more sessions in 2018 so keep your eyes opened in the upcoming school newsletters if you are interested.

Karen George and Sue Anderson
Instructional Leaders

K-6B

K-6 B NEWS

Fun and learning really do go hand in hand in K6B. When children are engaged in activities which they find interesting and relevant they are more likely to learn important core skills, which they will need for life beyond school. In fact, they are learning without even realising it. For example, when cooking children are learning to follow a procedure, communicate and interact with others effectively, apply a range of maths skills in measurement, number, counting and fractions to name but a few. Shopping allows children to learn about money, prices, measurement, social interaction, reading and following a shopping list, as well as important road safety skills. At bowling last week we were calculating our scores and at the Obstacool Course, well that was just pure FUN!!! So, remember through the school holidays to look for learning opportunities in everyday activities, such as setting the table, counting steps as you walk up or down, counting and sorting the mail, writing lists/notes together, playing board games and of course keep up that home reading.

We look forward to seeing everyone back for another great year in 2018 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable school holiday break.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly:

Jahmin – being an energetic and talented dancer

Ryan – participation in stage sport and dance

HOME READING AWARDS

Huge congratulations to Ryan for achieving his 300 night (Golden Treasure) Home Reading Award. Amazing effort!

Mary Best & Deb Eastment
Support Class Team

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

K It is hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter for the year and your gorgeous children have finished Kinder. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been a part of their first year at school. They have all grown up so much and it is always exciting for us to see how much they have learnt this year. You should all be very proud of them and they should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Upcoming Events

13th December- Christmas Fun Day

14th December- Carolling at Lakeside Plaza

15th December- Last day of school for students

Congratulations to the following students who have received their **Home Reading Awards**:

KA:

150 nights Chloe, Tyler

175 nights Chloe

200 nights Jameel

KQ:

125 nights Aaron

KW:

100 nights Ruby

150 nights Phoenix

KD:

125 nights Michelle

150 nights William, Kyra

175 nights Kyra

200 nights Bailee



A big thumbs up to everyone who received an award at our mini assembly. Keep up the great work.

Stephanie Ainslie, Nicole Quye, Kurt Walker and Donna Andrews

STAGE 1 NEWS

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Stage 1 teachers would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Hope you have a safe and enjoyable school holiday break full of family, friends and joy.

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Congratulations for the following children who received a class award at our Stage 1 Assembly. Our clever home readers are included as well.

2K:

Class awards:

Kirra – Improved editing & proofreading skills in writing

Kendall – Using good strategies in reading

Value awards:

Kadee – Demonstrating great 'Getting Along' skills in class

Lenix – Improved 'Getting Along' skills & resilience

300 nights: Hannah

2P:

Class awards:

Georgie – Being an independent learner

Isaiah – Writing an engaging Dreamtime story about the rainbow serpent

Value awards:

Addison – Being a kind friend

Khan – Trying hard in the playground to get along

2L:

Class award:

Jade – Huge effort in reading

Trey – Huge effort in writing

Values award:

Ty – Being a great helper in the classroom

Kingston – Always giving 100%

1M:

Class awards:

Kim – 100% effort everyday

Callum – Beautiful Christmas craft

Value awards:

Scarlett – A kind, hard worker

Noah – A hard worker and amazing friend

1K:

Class awards:

Sierra – A great effort in reading

Ziggie – Working hard to make his writing more interesting

Value awards:

Eliza – Always being a kind member of 1K

Tiayah – Always having a positive attitude

150 nights: Michelle

225 nights: Genna

275 nights: Caleb & Ziggy H-S

1B:

Class awards:

Candy – Fabulous editing of her writing

Ayla – Working hard to improve her writing

Value awards:

Keiralea – A great year in 1B

Ashton – A great year in 1B

175 nights: Ava

Regards

Stage 1 Team



STAGE 2 NEWS

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Well this brings us to the final newsletter for 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and interest that you show in your child's educational journeys. The students have experienced and achieved so much throughout the year, and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable break. A very special thank you goes out to the hardworking and dedicated teachers of the Stage 2 Team; Ms Bayfield, Ms Ambrose, Mrs Hindson, Mrs Kirk, Ms Wilson, Mrs Canobie, Ms Brummell & Miss Cooper, that go that extra mile, day in day out, to provide our students with quality learning experiences and so many memorable moments.

REPORTS

These were sent home with your child on Monday 11th December. These reports outline your child's achievements and areas for development of Stage 2 outcomes, in all Key Learning Areas. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any part of the report, please contact the office to make a suitable time to meet with your child's classroom teacher, during this week.

PRESENTATION DAY

Congratulations to all those Stage 2 students who were acknowledged on Monday 11th December, for their wonderful achievements this year. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came along to share in their success. You make the day extra special!

STAGE 2 ONWARD & UPWARD REWARD DAY

Today, Wednesday 13th December, all those Stage 2 students that have demonstrated consistent Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best throughout the term, enjoyed a 'Beach Activities Day, in recognition for their effort. The children were well behaved and enjoyed the day out. Special thanks to Ms Bayfield for organising this event and the ice-blocks for the students.

**Stage 2 Teachers**

Mrs Haslam (4N), Ms Ambrose/Ms Brummell (4A), Mrs Bayfield/ Miss Cooper (4B), Mrs Canobie (3C), Mrs Kirk (3K) and Ms Wilson (3W)

STAGE 3 NEWS

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Before this year ends I'd like to thank you all for your amazing support. There have been so many of you who have helped make this year fantastic! From helping to organise Fete Days, Onward and Upward Rewards Days and the Farewell, you really have gone above and beyond.

Well done to all Stage 3 students who received all 4 Onward and Upwards Awards! Obstasplash was a massive hit! It was a great way for these guys to cool off after such a hot day. We hope to see more kids make it next year.

Stage 3 have their Term 4 Onward and Upward Rewards Day on Thursday. Another Walking and Wheels to Picnic Point. I know we will have a great day!

Year 5 News

Congratulations to all of our Sports Captains and Vice Captains.

Swans	Seagulls	Pelicans	Ospreys
Candice C	Chelsea E	Ashleigh C	Justine C
Brendan W	Lucas B	Hamish S	Reeve S
Madalyn W	Stevie D	Caitlyn L	Hope R
Dylan J	Jay B	Kadin H	Jayden A

2018 camp is booked!

We're off to Canberra on the last week of Term 2! We don't have information on costs just yet but the dates are for the 4th July to 6th July (3 days and 2 nights). Camp is always so much fun! This is an early announcement to get organised as there will be limited places available. More information will be communicated early next year.

Year 6 News

It has been a great 2017! I have been lucky enough to teach most of these guys over the past two years and they've all grown into such mature students. I encourage our students to take every opportunity that is presented, make lots of friends and participate in all aspects of high school life with an open mind.

I am writing this newsletter article Pre-Farewell but I'm sure that you all looked fantastic and the night was magical. A massive thank you to Miss Dawson and the Parent Committee lead by Christie Pryor. What an amazing job you have done!

Year 6 Fun Day and Breakfast is on Friday!! Hooray!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Kind Regards,

Miss Martinez

cherryl.martinez2@det.nsw.edu.au

S3 Relieving Assistant Principal



If your child is entering into Year 3 or Year 7 in 2018 you will need to re-apply for their Opal Card as they are not automatically sent out for these years.

For those children in the other Years who now hold and Opal Card these will automatically be sent out from the Transport Department.

The LaST News (Learning and Support Teachers) Books in Homes

Thank you to our parents and carers who were able to attend the Book Giving Assembly on Thursday. There were lots of happy faces as children were presented with their book packs.

A big thanks must go to Mingara Recreation Club for sponsoring 100 students from The Entrance Public School. We must also thank our role model for the assembly - Beth Spencer who is an author. Beth spoke about her love of books as a young child and told of growing up on an isolated farm where access to books was limited. She continued her story of how the discovery of libraries changed her life which eventually led her to become an author.



Beth Spencer our Books in Homes role model with KA and some of our school leaders.

Sue Densmore
Learning and Support Teacher

BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge thank you to Coles, The Entrance who donate a fruit box each week, and to Killarney Vale Bakery who kindly donate bread each day to feed our kids.

CANTEEN NEWS

I would like to say 'thank you' to all our fabulous volunteers for all your help throughout the year, without you there would be no canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thurs 14th Dec Razaan, Judith
Fri 15th Dec Kylie, Sue, Kathy

Cheers,
Emma Brophy
4333 5174



The Community Links Worker from TEPS

will be available each day during the Christmas school holidays to link families into services and support for:

- Food
- Housing
- Advice and Information
- No Interest Loans (NILS)
- Family Support Referrals
- School Holiday Activities

Feel free to call or text Natasha Harman from TEPS on **0498 624 476**.

Please leave a message if the number is unattended and Natasha will call you back asap.



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**Thursday
14th
December**

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on

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10.00 am to 12.00 noon

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