FAREWELL

As often happens at the end of the year, we will be farewelling a number of staff and to all of these people, we as a community, thank you for touching the lives of children in so many ways.

Heather Gray arrived at Maramba in 1998 and next year is going to Cranbourne East Primary School. Mrs Gray has seen many students through their time in Year 2 and 3 over the years. She has also been responsible for the coordination of our student report writing process and ensured that things ran smoothly in getting the reports out on time each year. We have appreciated her experience, calm approach and passion for the job.

Diana Appleby has been at Maramba for 13 years, mainly teaching in the Prep and Year 1 area. She is leaving us to take up a position at Berwick Chase Primary School. Over the years Diana has led the Year 1 team to ensure the children in her area were given every opportunity to succeed. She made it her priority to make the learning enjoyable and engaging, whilst pushing her students to go that extra mile to succeed. We wish her well at her new school where we know she will once again be able to influence children around her in a positive way.

Our chaplain Debbie Beales is moving on after 8 years. Debbie has provided an understanding ear and a steadying hand to many of our students and their families and she will be missed. Debbie facilitated a range of programs for our students including developing their social skills and equipping them with strategies to deal with grief and family issues. We have very much appreciated having Debbie as part of the Maramba community and wish her luck for the future.

Beth Tyrell completed a teaching round here a few years ago and has had the opportunity to begin her teaching career here, doing PE a day a week and then sharing a Year 4 class with Ms Wendy Houlihan. She has made the most of this chance and has been successful in finding a full time position at Black Rock Primary School next year. This has been a great start for her and we are proud of the fact that we have been able to help her into such a rewarding career.

Lisa Lazer will be taking family leave in 2016. This year, Lisa moved back to Foundation (Prep) after some time in Year 2. Lisa’s positive outlook, quiet manner and sense of humour has endeared her to the whole community. We wish her well for the birth of her second child.

Finally, Jane King has worked in the Foundation area as an integration aide for most of the year. The teachers and students have appreciated Jane’s assistance across all areas of the program. We will continue to keep in touch with Jane next year as a member of our school community.

2016 SCHOOL DAY

All students return to school on Friday 29th January 2016. Next year, we will have a slightly different timetable to better enable our teachers to plan a robust curriculum for their students. Therefore the school day will finish at 3:25pm.

FINAL DAY REMINDERS

Our final assembly is at 12.20 where we will introduce our new leaders to the school and farewell our Year 6 children. We look forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

Tomorrow we will be dismissing at 1.00pm and all children will be directed to cross at the front of the school in Maramba Drive. We are doing this as Casey Council will not be manning crossings at this time and this is a 40 speed zone. All teachers will be out on duty and directing children to a safe crossing spot but cannot man the crossings. We appreciate your support with this matter and look forward to personally wishing you a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Darren Wallace and Sue Peterken

2016 Student School Expenses

The 2016 Student School Expenses notice has been distributed to students today.

The school office will be open for payment of student expenses on:

Monday 25th January 2016

9.00 - 1.00pm and 2.30 - 7.00pm
Year 3 and 4 celebration day.

Years 3 and 4 celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas tabloid sports morning.

Diary Dates

Friday 18th December
- End of Term,
  Assembly: 12.20pm, dismissal 1.00pm

Monday 25th January 2016
- Student school expenses payment day

Friday 29th January
- Term 1 begins

Monday 15th February
- School photos

2016 School Photos

2016 school photos will be taken on Monday 15th February. Further information will be distributed next year.

NARRE WARREN SCOUT GROUP

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

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