

Important Dates

- * Friday 15/12
Term 4 ends
- * Wednesday 24/1
Cut off for holiday
Flexischools orders
- * Monday 29/1/24
Public Holiday
- * Tuesday 30/1
- Staff Development Day
No students at school
- Flexischools Orders
Collection from
Clothing Pool
- * Wednesday 31/1
Staff Development Day
No students at school
- * Thursday 1/2
- Students Years 1-6
return to school
- Clothing Pool open
8:30am to 9:00am
- * Tuesday 6/2
Kindergarten
Commence

2023 - That's a wrap!!



We acknowledge Darkinjung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is built and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is the final newsletter, I would like to take the time to say thank you to you all. I often talk of how amazing our staff, students, parents and families are and never have I felt it more so than I have this year. 2023 was not the year I planned for myself personally, but I am forever grateful for the unwavering support and understanding I have received from everyone. It made my recovery so much easier knowing that the school was in capable hands and that the partnerships between home and school continued to ensure ongoing success for our beloved school.

Congratulations to the last of our home readers for 2023. Well done everyone!

100 nights - Billie W. (3F).

200 nights - Patrick M. (1Y)

300 nights - Harrison F., Kenley M. and Oscar D. (KM), Zali W. (KS) and Mackenzie M. (1Y).

End of Year Celebrations

Over the past 2 weeks, we have had many activities to celebrate the successes of the year. Our Presentation Day assemblies were a wonderful time to acknowledge some of the achievements of the year. A huge thank you to Mrs Young for her organisation of the assemblies and Mr Curry for setting up the hall for all our end of year assemblies.

Our end of year class party events have taken place with students from K to 6 enjoying a range of activities having fun with their teachers and friends. Thank you to all the staff who coordinated these days to ensure they were days to remember.

On Wednesday we celebrated students' commitment to learning and being safe, responsible, respectful and proud with our end of year reward day. Such a great day was had by those students who had earned 120 dojo points having fun on inflatable obstacles and dancing at the foam party! Thank you to the SRC for their idea and to Mrs Carr, Mrs Tomkins and Mrs Temple for organising it.

Hopefully you have all enjoyed the photos that have been shared on Facebook.

Year 6 Festivities

Our Year 6 students are very lucky to have such a team of dedicated teachers who go above and beyond to ensure their final days are spent making memories to last a lifetime. Last week, we commenced the celebrations with a graduation assembly where we heard funny and heartfelt speeches from the Year 6 teachers and then continued on to a night of dancing and celebration at the Year 6 Farewell. Such a night of fun! Year 6 activities then continued with the end of year party at bowling, the Big Day In, Reward Day, a talent quest, a water fight and of course culminated in our tunnel of tears this afternoon. A huge thank you to Mrs Atkinson, Mr Dawkins, Mr Thompson and Ms Andrews who spent many hours planning and preparing for these events. To our Year 6 students, I say thank you! It is now time to head off on your next adventure – dream big, work hard and make us all proud!

Staffing News

At this time of year we always lose some staff members as they go off to start new adventures. As you are aware, Mrs Temple has been successful in gaining a position as a school counsellor in training commencing 2024. Mr Talty will also be leaving us and he has been successful in getting a position at Henry Kendall High School. Unfortunately, Mrs McNeill, Mrs Daley-Pepito and Mrs Beswick will not be returning as class teachers next year, but we do hope to have them continue to join us as casual teachers throughout the year and hope that they can return in some capacity in the future.

Furthermore, we say goodbye for now to some of our SLSOs as well. Unfortunately, the role of SLSO is dependent on funding so sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Delaney, Ms Rayward, Mrs Williams and Mrs Bosworth for now. Hopefully we will see their bright and sparkly faces back in our classrooms in the future.

We would all like to thank all of these staff for all of their hard work making a difference for our students.

It is exciting to announce that we will have a new staff member joining us! We welcome Mr Ryan Emerton to our school. Mr Emerton has been successful in gaining a permanent position at our school via the transfer system and will be working in our Support Unit.

Admin building refurb – delayed

We have previously told you that our Administration building was getting a much-needed facelift over the Christmas school holidays. Unfortunately, that has been delayed. The new timeline is for it to commence in the April school holidays next year.

Starting date and arrangements for 2024

Staff return for Staff Development Days on Tuesday 30th January and Wednesday 31st January, 2024.

The **first day back for students in Years 1 to 6 will be Thursday 1st February, 2024**. Kinder students will commence on **Monday 5th February, 2024** but will attend their Best Start Assessment the week before.

Our first day of school arrangements will be the same as they were this year. **All students will line up with their bags in the 2023 class lines.** Students 2023 teacher will take them from lines. Students will remain in 2023 classes for Day 1 until new enrolments are processed and 2024 classes are finalised. If our numbers reflect our current planning we will be able to form our 2024 classes on the Friday.

Support Unit students will line up in their 2023 class lines and will move together to the Unit where they will form their new classes during the morning.

Demountable

As you may have noticed, we have had a demountable flagged for removal for sometime. It has currently got temporary fencing around it. We suspect that it will be removed during the holiday break. It is quietly likely that a second demountable will be removed also during the holidays.

Merry Christmas!

I would now like to say I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday spent with family and friends. Thank you for an amazing 2023, enjoy the break and we will see you back here in 2024.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Lyndal Coleman
Principal



From Mrs Young

I would also like to wish all our students and families a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break.

This year was full of unexpeted events and has been challenging on many fronts, but with the support of our entire school community, we have made it through!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff who have taken on relieving roles this year and who have gone above and beyond to support both myself and each other. I look forward to an amazing 2024 with Mrs Coleman back at the helm!

Vicki Young
Principal (Relieving)



OFFICE GOSSIP

From your office staff, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends and a safe and happy break.

Congratulations Year 6 you made it! For a large majority of you, we have been with you from when you started with us in Kindy with your oversized backpacks and watched you grow into the amazing young people you are today. We will miss your smiles, laughter and cheeky personalities and we wish you well with your journey in high school.

Kris, Cathie, Kristen & Leanne
Your Administration Team

