THE

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TIMES

From the Principal—John Culley

2018

This year has flown by and we have lots to celebrate at Mahogany Rise. It has been an outstanding year for the students who have been working consistently hard throughout the year. Their end of year reports will be



distributed on Friday 14th December so parents will be able to see the growth that your child has made over the last 12 months.

To help you understand your child's report we have parent/teachers on Monday 17th December. This is a really good opportunity to hear from the classroom teacher about what has been achieved over this year and to begin to have some understandings about what the next steps will be for 2019 for your child's education.

Staff Movements

We are sad to announce that Mr Shanks will be moving at the end of the year. He has accepted an important job at Monash Hospital working with students who are attending a special program. It is a good move for Mr Shanks but it will be a big loss for us as we have come to see Mr Shanks as part of the Mahogany family. On another note it will be good to not see the depressed look on Mr Shanks face each Monday during the football season when St Kilda suffer another humiliating loss!

As staff move I am pleased to announce the appointment of a Leading teacher- Mr Michael Smethurst and a Teacher Ms Ashley Sneddon to come and work with us next year. More details will follow in the next newsletter.





Assembly

Our assemblies run on a fortnightly basis.

They will be held on Monday afternoons at 2:30pm and it is an open invitation for parents and friends to come along.

This terms assembly dates are: Week 10: 19th December



Melek (1/2H) Kaya (2/3S) Jasmine (5/6S) Kooper (1/2H) Andrew (Prep) Jensen (Prep)

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Europe Trip

The students have all recovered from the overseas learning experience and each of the students has a good news story to relate from their experience. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and the students who attended certainly made the most of the experience.



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End of year events

There are quite a few events on the calendar for the end of the year so keep a lookout for those. The following is a list of those events:



Friday 30th November - White Ribbon event 4-6pm

Friday 7th December – Outdoor movie night – Monterey Secondary College

Monday 10th December – Project O launch 11.45 Monterey Secondary College

Tuesday 11th December – School Council Xmas breakup 6pm

Thursday 13th December – Pines Xmas concert, 4pm Baptist church Frankston North

Friday December 14th – Xmas Long lunch for students, 12pm

Friday 14th December – Year 6 student's graduation dinner, 6pm

Monday 17th December – End of year award ceremony, 2.30pm

Monday 17th December – Parent/Teacher interviews 3.45- 6.30

Tuesday 18th December – Year 6 Graduation 6pm, Monterey Secondary college

Friday 21st December – Xmas raffle drawn 1.15pm at Final school assembly school finishes at 1.30pm

Swimming

It is pleasing to report that our swimming program has gone off without a hitch and the students have enjoyed the experience. It is a crucial activity for students to be a part of as learning to swim is something that every child needs to do.

Well done to all the staff who have organised it all and for the teachers and ES staff who have been in charge whilst it has been happening. A great team effort.



Attendance

This year we have smashed all of our attendance records since I have been at this school. Our Average for 2018 has dropped to 14.2 absent days per student. Our average over the last 4 years has been 18.3. A huge drop. Our unapproved

absences have dropped to 7.5 per student and our average over the last 4 years was 11.05. This represents a massive win for the whole school community as every day at school provides a learning opportunity for each student. It is difficult to learn if you are not attending school.





What has been happening in 2/3S

It has been a very productive term for Grade 2/3S! We have been exploring persuasive language and writing persuasive pieces. The students discussed the importance of



I think Mrs Smith should get a hero award. Firstly, Mrs Smith helps people who fall over and get wacked and punched. Secondly, Mrs Śmith takes good care of kids who are hurt. Thirdly, she helps me do my work and gives people huge hugs when they are sad. Finally, she's everything to me. As you can tell Mrs Smith is the best teacher in the world. By Maddison

recognising their own heroes. Some of our amazing writing is below.

We have been very eager to learn all about addition and subtraction. Many of the students love the hands on of Mathematics and using the laptops and iPads.

The students have been very excited to start the whole school intensive





swimming program. We will be attending PARC every day this week learning about water safety.

My hero is my mum because she helps me when I am angry and helps me when I hurt myself. She makes me smile so that why she should get the award. By Sky



Mum is my hero because she makes meals for everyone in the house secondly she drives me around even when she doesn't wont to thirdly she works when she doesn't wont to for these reasons are why my mum should get the award By Kai

She cares for me she keeps me warm with her love, I love her the same way and I respect that and I will never forget that I love her so much all the time it does not matter where we are, I will always love you mum. By Dom



Book Fair

A big thank you to the parents and students that supported Mahogany Rise through the buying of books during book fair.





