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DIARY DATES:

- Friday 11th of December
Last day of Term - Early Dismissal 2:05pm
- Wednesday 20th of January
Front Office Open for Family enquiries
- Wednesday 27th of January
First day of School 2021



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of the year. This year our community showed it's resilience and everywhere I looked I could see the kindness of people. We often say It Takes a Village! This has never been more evident than in 2020. We all worked together and ensured our students were unconditionally supported at school, online and sometimes a little of both. I am particularly proud of our students who demonstrated our school values in a quickly changing environment.

This term has been full of ups and downs but we have still been able to shine through and have a lot of fun and at the same time, keep our focus on teaching and learning. Sports day was a huge success, congratulations to the Green team for winning the day and a special mention to Blue for winning the Team Spirit award. All students had a great time, participated and had fun!

Unfortunately our annual concert could not go ahead as usual but students didn't give up that easily! Small group performances went ahead and each class showed off their moves to their peers. I congratulate the students and staff who worked hard to keep our concert alive in 2020. I am looking forward to doubling our efforts for 2021.

Sadly we will be saying good bye to our Year 7 students as they graduate into high school, we wish them every success in the next chapter of their journey. The graduation ceremony and dinner will be an grand event! COVID has limited family numbers, however, the event will be recorded and shared directly with families. We are adapting to our new normal and I thank families for their understanding and patience. We congratulate also our transitioning IELC students who are entering mainstream for the remainder of their primary years.

We farewell staff who are moving to new adventures and thank them all for their many contributions to Ingle Farm. We wish families who are either finishing with graduating students or moving homes all the very best. Stay tuned for the start of the year for introductions and welcomes.

Students will visit 2020 classes later this week and where possible they

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will meet their new teachers. 2021 classes and teacher/s will be sent home Friday after school with End of Year reports. We do have an early closure on Friday, 2:05pm and a casual day (no gold coin required).

I hope that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer break with many celebrations. The new year may bring new challenges but I know that we will work together to succeed and come out of it stronger and more resilient than ever. Stay safe, have fun and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Warm regards,



Vanessa Mortimer

Principal.

ROOM 4 SPORTS DAY

We were blessed with wonderful weather on Thursday the 3rd of December for our Tabloid Sports Day. Students from R-7 participated in this action-packed day. Room 4 students voted for their favourite events. The most popular event was the water cup relay, followed closely by the noodle relay. Students were led by their house captains to perform the chants for their teams. The house captains should be proud of their efforts for the day. Congratulations to Yerta for winning!



FLMD PROGRAM

In 2019 Ingle Farm Primary School commenced First Language Maintenance and Development Program (FLMD) funded by the Department for Education. The First Language Maintenance and Development program is intended to support primary schools to provide language learning programs that would respect, maintain and develop home languages and cultures of young learners who come to school as speakers of languages other than English.

At Ingle Farm Primary School, FLMD is offered to students who meet the Department of Education's eligibility in the schools' target languages: Arabic, Indic, Iranian and Tagalog. This program supports our school with the provision of additional languages to maintain and extend the home language of Reception to Year 7 students, from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The focus of FLMD is to align with the school's Site Improvement Plan [SIP] and support students during guided reading by teaching English reading skills through the use of their first language. The aim of the program is to support eligible students to;

- respect, develop and maintain their first language.
- develop language and literacy skills with the support of Teachers and BSSO'S [Bilingual student support officers]
- foster a sense of self-identity

CHRISTMAS PARTY INCURSION

The Primary Special Class (Room 16) and Speech and Language Class (Room SL5) held a Christmas Party Incursion funded by the Ladies of Variety. Students participated in a variety of festive activities to celebrate Christmas, including: visiting the Year 7 Market Day stalls, a jigsaw scavenger hunt, cupcake decorating and watching Dr Seuss' The Grinch. All students received a gift bag filled with sensory items to support self-regulation and self-management. The incursion provided a great opportunity for students to form friendships with other students of different ages and classes. Both Room SL5 and Room 16 enjoyed the day and provided verbal feedback about their favourite part of the day:

"My favourite part of the day was buying posters from the Market Day stalls." – Dimitri (Room 16)

"I enjoyed finding the jigsaw pieces and putting them together for the scavenger hunt." – Binhart (Room 16) "I liked decorating the cupcakes." – Toby (Room SL5)

Elise Donato and Linda Clark
Primary Special Class



A YEAR OF HARDSHIP AND JOY



FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THE FARM



It's time to enrol for kindy!

Children who turn 4 before 1 May 2021 are eligible to start preschool next year.

We have begun planning for next year so it's vital your child is enrolled by the end of this term.

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