Dear Parents and Families,

Staffing for 2017
We welcome two new teachers who have been employed after lengthy application reading and rigorous panel interviews: Mrs Louise Plunkett and Mrs Kate Mitchell. We say goodbye to the talented Ms Adele Benjamin as she goes to Belbridge Primary School in 2017 and we say ‘best wishes for a beautiful baby’ to our valued maths coach Ms Jacqueline Casey, as she takes maternity leave. There will be 6 grades in 2017
Prep: Ms McKinlay
Grade 12A: Mrs Plunkett
Grade 12B: Mrs Mitchell
Grade 3/4: Mr Skinner
Grade 4/5: Mrs Light
Grade 5/6: Mrs Maslen
Indonesian: Pak Ridgeway
P.E and Sport: Mr Morley
Grade Support and Welfare: Mrs Hall
Literacy Intervention: Mrs Harding
Educational Support Staff (office and classroom) will be announced at the beginning of the 2017 year.

Students have had the first two hours today in their new classroom with their new teachers. It was an exciting morning. Additional transition and orientation will be provided to students who require it.

I thank the 8 members of the community who answered my plea for a solution to the problem of daily late comers to the classroom. All 8 were unanimous in their dislike of starting at 9:15 (as are staff and Principal). I am pleased to report that many parents do seem to be making a greater effort to ensure their children are at school by 9am. I do appreciate your efforts. Being on time benefits your own child/children as well as the learning of other children. Being on time symbolizes I value education

END OF YEAR REPORTS
End of year reports will be sent home by Thursday December 15. If you have any questions after receiving your child’s end of year report you are welcome to ring and make an appointment at a mutually agreeable time, either with me or the classroom teacher.

Kind Regards, Pamela Heane

2017 BOOKLISTS
All students should have received their book lists for 2017 by now. The booklist is due back by December 12. If you have any queries regarding the booklists please call into the office.
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
2017 BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN
Due to Departmental changes in regulations we have developed a new enrolment form. All families current and future will need to complete a new enrolment form.

Before School Care Hours
7.00 am to 8.45am ($9.00 per session)

After School Care Hours
3.30pm to 6.30pm ($18.00 per session)

Before School Care
If you need before school care please make sure you book in before the day, by contacting the office.

After School Care
If you are requiring a permanent booking please see the office, even if you have a booking from last year.

Casual bookings can be done through the office. Please be mindful that this year we have had a number of days that we have reached our capacity.

LAST WEEK OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Please note, if you have any bookings during the last week of school, we ask that payment be made on the day of service. This is for both permanent and casual bookings.

A reminder also that there will be NO BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE on the last day of Term, Tuesday 20th December.

Accounts for Before & After will be sent home this week and are DUE Next THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH
This Thursday we host the annual Senior Citizen’s Luncheon. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to assist on Thursday. The students in Junior School Council (JSC) have raised the funds through the sale of icy poles to sponsor this event. Parents and staff donate and/or cook food for this event. And the Little River Hotel also assists with the donation of the meat and the cooking of the meat. We thank everyone for their combined efforts and generosity.

Thank you to our wonderful parent body who have maintained positivity and good manners even when things don’t go entirely to plan. It is the support and assistance of school families that in turn make it such a pleasure for the staff to give their very best to the students each and every day that they are at school.

I wish you a happy and a safe, Christmas and New Year.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
END OF YEAR BBQ – GRADE 6 GRADUATION
Attached to the newsletter is an order form for the End of Year Graduation.

This year there will be a choice of pulled pork roll, chicken schnitzel roll, veggie burger and a sausage in bread. Coleslaw and cheese are available at no charge. Order forms and money should be returned to the office by Friday December 9th.

PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Parents and Friends this year are drawing a Christmas Raffle at the end of year BBQ/Graduation. Donations for the Christmas Hamper can be anything Christmas themed, decorations, non-perishable food items or any other item. Donations can be dropped into the box provided near the office.

Thank you

TENNIS NOTES
Anyone interested in becoming a tennis member can do so by contacting either Gary Rees on 0402 016 794 or Kylie Trotter on 0417 596 853.

Current membership rates are $20 for a junior, $40 for a senior or $60 for a family for a year. For anyone who is not a member hiring rates are $10 per hour. The key to the courts can be obtained at either the service station or the hotel.

Coaching occurs on Monday evenings between 4.30 and 6. With Jason O’Neill - 0409 198 548 court lighting is also available.
Parents and Friends will be catering at the end of year BBQ on **Wednesday 14th December 5.30pm**
If you would like to place an order for the BBQ please fill in the order slip below and return your order and money to school.

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