

**From John and Silvia .....****Final year events**

Thank you everyone for being part of our fantastic Torrensville Primary School community. It has been a year of constant change and uncertainty, however we have survived and are almost at the end of 2020. Your support, thoughtfulness and thanks are greatly appreciated.

To our Graduating Year 7 students and to families leaving our community, we wish you the very best for the future. Unfortunately, restrictions prevent adults from entering the school yard, however we will be going ahead with the following events:

Tonight the Year 7 Graduation. As this is at a private venue we are limited to 150 attendees (including the 44 graduating students). This has meant that other than year 6/7 teachers, Principal and Deputy, no other staff can attend. Our apologies to the community members who can't attend.

Monday 7th November is our Music Concert. Students who have been part of Instrumental Music Strings or Learning Through Music, will perform in front of our whole school. With parents unable to attend, we will record and share the link for families to watch at home.

Thursday 10th December students will visit their 2021 classrooms and meet their teacher (if known). At the end of the day students will receive their end of year report and letter informing them of their class placement. We have spent the last few weeks endeavoring to meet parents requests and are now at a stage where we are unable to move any children once the classes are announced.

Friday December 11th is Casual Day, no donation, and farewell assembly to staff and students leaving our community. Dismissal will be at 2:10pm.

**Staffing**

Next year we will be welcoming a new teacher, Caroline Swinburne to our school. We are awaiting final staff names for 2021, so in case they do not return next year, we would like to thank the following staff: Agapi Zisakis, Emilie Court, Riley Gibson-Smith and Archie Davis.

We are definitely farewelling a few staff this year, one of which is our amazing Sue Lang. After 42 years of service, and 15 years at TPS, Sue is retiring from teaching. On behalf of our entire school community, thank you Sue for your contribution and commitment to public education. You have been an important person in the lives of so many of us.



Congratulations to Elese Wolstencroft and Billie Tanner, they have both won positions at other schools, we wish them well. Congratulations also to Billy Creeper who has been appointed to Yorketown Primary for 2021. After 3 years supporting one of our students, Alyna, Simone Donohoe will be looking at a career change. All the best Simone.

**Languages Achievement**

Congratulations to Dylan, from room 3, who has received an Award of Merit for year 3 Italian from the School of Languages. A wonderful achievement Dylan!

**Thank you to our Volunteers**

Thank you to all of our volunteers that have given their time this year to listen to reading, assisting students learning, going on excursions, being part of the sustainability team, the list goes on.

Special thanks to our Governing Council members in what has been a challenging year, and particular mention to Brett Nethercott and Kate Kendall for being fantastic Breakfast Club volunteers. They not only donate their time every week, but also food items. Sorry we can't have our usual morning tea to personally thank you all.

**New School Year**

The 2021 school year commences for students on Wednesday, January 27th. We hope to see easing of restrictions by then. We will keep you all informed via our Skoolbag app and class Dojo regarding access to our site and arrangements for the purchase of school uniform. Just a reminder that if you are planning on still being on holiday when school resumes, please let us know. You may need to complete an exemption form.

Have a special, safe and happy holiday period with your families, we look forward to welcoming everyone in 2021.

**Important reminders:****Monday 7th Music Assembly**

The event will be filmed and the link shared with the community.

**Friday 11th December**

Casual day and last day of term 4, students dismissed at 2:10pm.

**Please note there will be no Breakfast Club next week.**



## Room 5 inquiry learning

Nanberry by Jackie French was the topic for our inquiry component this term. Nanberry was a young Aboriginal boy who lost all his family to small pox and nearly died himself. This all happened in 1788 when the First Fleet arrived in Australia with soldiers, convicts, and a couple of doctors on board. One of the doctors found Nanberry nursed him back to health and adopted him. When Nanberry grew up he became a sailor and after many years and adventures he decided to return to Australia.



I liked painting on our canvas about our Nanberry Inquiry. *Paige Penno*

Reading Nanberry was inspiring because it was about an indigenous boy who was saved by the first fleet colony. *Archie Bastians*

I liked learning about the history of the Aboriginal people. *Ella Obst*

I enjoyed reading Storm Boy and comparing it to Pannikin Pinta and working on our inquiry using Blooms Taxonomy. *Star Hermano*

I enjoyed writing a narrative about Nanberry and also doing our inquiry about Footsteps in the Sand. Learning about coastal regions was interesting. *Jack Clifford*



## 'TOGETHER WE GROW'

Congratulations to Room 20 and 21 who entered the Bunnings Competition 'Get Ready for Spring Project'. This fitted in well with their Inquiry Unit 'What is a garden?' The art work from the students 'Together We Grow' won the first prize, a \$150 Bunnings Voucher. The students chose to spend the money on some pots and plants to put on the Early Years deck. Thank you to Bunnings Mile End, Activity coordinator Dina and Greenlife for the opportunity to be involved in this project.



## School Basketball

Congratulations to both Torrensville Basketball teams, our year 4/5 and 6/7.

A fantastic year! Thank you to Stephen Potter who generously gave up his time to coach.

Susanna Makris



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## Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed in the STEM fibonacci area Wednesday lunch time next week. Please ask your child to have a look through for any lost items.

Un-named items will be given to Salvos at the end of term.

## Girls Wellness School Holiday Activity Program

Do you want your daughter to build skills in confidence, self-love and independence? During the January school holidays Girl Guides SA is hosting a Girls Wellness Activity Day aimed at helping young women develop confidence, resilience and independence. The event is open to all girls aged 8 - 12 years old.

During this fun, uplifting and action-packed day, your daughter will:

- Build her confidence, gratitude and self-love
- Learn about the importance of protecting the environment
- Learn to cook healthy and delicious snacks
- Relax with yoga and meditation on the beach
- Make DIY face masks and lip scrubs using natural ingredients
- Create vision boards, affirmation boards and mindfulness jars to help her relieve anxiety and develop mindfulness strategies
- Contribute to the community through community engagement initiatives

Date: 12 January, 2021

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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**WHO'S in CHARGE?**

Does your child hurt or intimidate you?  
Do you feel you are losing control?  
Do you want to handle conflict better?

**Reclaim respect and calm in your family**

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

This is a **FREE** program.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

Next group: Tuesdays starting 9 February 2021 for 8 weeks, 9:30am to 12noon  
At: The Lights Community & Sports Centre, Upstairs Community Function Room  
Cnr East Parkway and Hampstead Rd, Lightview

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