



# Yates Matters

## Yates Avenue Public School



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### School Newsletter – 2019

Next year, the newsletter will only be available in hard copy *on request*. We are hoping the vast majority of families access the newsletter through our website, Twitter feed or Skoolbag app. This will result in a significant saving of school resources, as well as being an environmentally friendly initiative. Please contact the office if you require a hard copy.

### Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 farewell last night was a spectacular success. The students had a great time celebrating seven years of learning and reflecting on the many highlights during this time. Thank you to the students, Mr Baikie, the teachers and especially Miss Salvagio for organising this great night.



### Staffing News

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we are losing Ms Ward and Miss Lodewijks at the end of the year. Sadly, we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Kissane who, after 6 years of being an integral part of the Yates Avenue staff, has been appointed Assistant Principal at Condobolin Public School. Mrs Kissane, Ms Ward and Miss Lodewijks will be sorely missed at our school and we wish them all the best for the future!

### Last Day - 2018

Today will be the last day of school for students and teachers. The staff undertook additional professional learning after school during the course of the year, as an alternative to the two designated days at the end of Term 4.

### First Day – 2019

On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, students in Years 1-6 will arrive at school and assemble in the morning with their 2018 class teachers. When enrolment numbers are finalised, students will then move into their 2019 classes. Kindergarten students will start on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### And Finally.....

2018 has been a wonderful year for Yates Avenue Public School. Commencing our new vision for excellence and equity in teaching, learning and wellbeing, we have seen strong achievements for students across the school - many of which were recognised at last week's Presentation Day assembly. I would like to thank all of our talented and dedicated teaching and support staff for their tremendous work this year, shaping our students as the learners and citizens of tomorrow. On behalf of all the staff, I wish every student and family, a safe and happy Christmas. I hope you get the opportunity to take a break during the school holidays, and enjoy some time with family and friends.

*David MacSporran*  
Principal

## CALENDAR

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January – Teachers Return  
Wed, 30<sup>th</sup> January – Students in Years 1-6 Return  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February – Students in Kindergarten Start

## END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS



## P&C REPORT

This year has been a very successful year for the Yates Ave P&C Association. Its success has come from the generous support of the many parents and friends of this community. From the Tears and Tissues at the start of the year to the various Canteen Special Days, the P&C committee has worked hard to raise funds to support the school. Thank you to the many mums who worked together to make this year's Mother's Day Stall a wonderful success. The P&C committee has continued to ensure the smooth running of the uniform shop. Bronwyn Grout and Jackie Alevras have also been integral in updating the sports shirt as well as other improvements. Thank you to Jae Park for running the many Canteen Special Days throughout the year. A special thank you must go to Justen Nixon, former President, who successfully applied for the Community Building Partnership Grant which will see the school receive \$83,200 for undercover walkways to be built early next year. We also have partnered with Subway Carlingford to provide healthy lunches every Friday which will continue in 2019.

Sadly every year we have to say goodbye to a number of families from within the school community. Some of these have been active members of the P & C and will be missed. Thank you to Alison White, Nicole Bain, Larissa Halliday, Mrs Kim, Mrs Ro and Tracey Watkins for your support and time given to the school over the years.

For our final donation for the year, we have contributed \$3000 to go towards a data projector for the school hall. From all of us on the P&C Committee, we wish you and your families a very happy holidays over the well-earned break. Please consider volunteering with us in 2019. Your contributions and input would continue to support the students of our wonderful school.

**The P and C Annual General Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. All parents are most welcome to attend.**

Kathryn Bennett P&C Treasurer



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Zsuzsanna Olgay-Szabo Med (PE), runs the program, coach of multiple Australian Open and Junior Champions, Australian representatives in Commonwealth Games, World Junior Championships and World University Games medalists.



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