



Principal's letter

Our year is nearly finished and as I look back on 2018, I'm so incredibly proud of all that the staff and students have achieved together. Students have achieved their goals, overcome some fears and have shown determination in many areas. We have 4 students graduating from Furlong Park to go to secondary school, 3 of them have been here for all of their schooling. I'm sure in the future they will look back at Furlong Park with fond memories of wonderful friendships, dedicated and caring teachers, adventurous excursions and camps and a place where they were able to "access the world through language and learning", which is our motto.

I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a wonderful and safe holiday. I hope to see many of you at our End of Year Party on Thursday 22 December at 11am.

Lee Bullock
Principal



FREE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Lets Ride Membership

The Let's Ride Program is helping to develop bike riding knowledge, skills and confidence among Aussie kids. Now it's time to keep riding and get involved with the cycling club closest to your location. Giving children the opportunity to follow a fun cycling pathway and lots of exciting membership benefits.

Cycling Australia offers a complimentary 3 months membership for all Furlong Park Students who have completed a Sporting Schools Let's Ride/Race program this term.

Go to: <https://letsride.com.au/download-zone/>

Your download Zone Password: TERM4parents

Term Dates 2018

Term 4 – 8 October to 21 December 2018

Upcoming Events 2018

Every Monday – 9am – Assembly – All welcome

Every Thursday 9:15am – 10:15am – Free Auslan classes - All welcome

Every Friday 3pm – Classroom presentations

Tuesday 11 December – Move up day to new classes. Seniors go to their new secondary school

Tuesday 18 December – Year 6 graduation dinner

Thursday 20 December – End of year party
11am – 2pm. Buses leave at 2pm

Friday 21 December – Last day of school – finish 2pm

Monday 28 January – Public holiday

Tuesday 29 January – Pupil free day

Wednesday 30 January – Pupil free day

Thursday 31 January – First day back to school for school aged children

Wednesday 6 February – First day back for 4 year old program

Sunday 24 February – Bunnings sausage sizzle at Sunshine

Deaf sports awards

Congratulations to the student who received awards for showing good sportsmanship at our Deaf Sports Day. These children were encouraging others and were responsible all day. They represented our school beautifully.

Don't know what to do on the holidays?

Check out the event at <https://deafchildreinaustralia.org.au/events/>
The details of their summer holiday program will be up soon!



City Council has asked students from seven local primary schools to decorate a 1.2 metre high letter from the word “welcome” as part of the We are Brimbank campaign, showcasing cultural diversity and community pride.

What was the E for?



Furlong Park School for Deaf Children was fortunate to be one of the schools asked to be part of this project. Students were very excited to take part and through their weekly visual arts classes, they turned the letter ‘E’ into a unique 3 dimensional piece of art, representing our school community.

The “**welcome**” letters will tour Brimbank during early December as part of Brimbank’s program of festive fun, including a range of craft activities and performances in Deer Park, Keilor, St Albans, Sunshine, and Sydenham.

Other participating schools include: Deer Park West Primary School, Hillside Primary School, Jackson Primary School, Keilor Primary School, St Albans Primary School, Sunshine Primary School, and Sydenham Primary School.

Come along and join in the fun of the festive season with craft, music and performance activations – all at no charge.

You can see the welcome sign and vote for your favourite letter at:

Deer Park

Monday 10 December, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
– coincides with library’s Christmas Show
Deer Park Library, 4 Neale Rd, Deer Park VIC 3023

Sydenham

Thursday 13 December, 3.30pm - 6:30pm
1 Station Street Watergardens Town Centre –
outside Library

St Albans

Friday 14 December, 10am-1pm
Alfrieda Street Pop-up Park, St Albans

Sunshine

Saturday 15 December, 10am-1pm: outside Sunshine Library, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

Keilor

Sunday 16 December, 5-7pm: Overnewton Castle, 51 Overnewton Road, Keilor (as part of Carols at the Castle, visit carolsatthecastle2018.eventbrite.com for tickets and event details).

COME ALONG AND VOTE FOR FURLONG PARK!

Andria Mavrikakis

Visual Arts Specialist

PBS

Congratulations to those who received their 10 stickers for good learning, caring for others, being safe and responsible.





Senior school camp

Last Monday morning, 12 excited students (and five enthusiastic teachers!) set off for 15 Mile Creek Camp in Greta South. The journey was three hours long, including a fun lunch break at Euroa playground. When we arrived we met our amazing camp teachers, Amy and Bre (and later, Andy) and settled into our new home for the week. We were surrounded by wonderful new adults (from the instructors, to the kitchen staff, and everyone in between) who worked hard to develop their Auslan skills and visual communication, which we all really appreciated.

A big focus of the week was to develop our personal strengths, with students commonly identifying their use of determination and bravery when facing new challenges. It was fantastic for the teachers to see big beaming smiles at the end of each activity and students labelling themselves as “very proud” of their achievement.

The excellent activities we did included canoeing, the flying fox, hut building, bush walking and bike riding. We also spent time learning about the rich history of the area, with a focus on infamous bushrangers, Ned Kelly and Harry Power. We even climbed through a cave where Harry Power hid from the police in the 1800s.

We would like to thank Deaf Children Australia for their generous donations which helped our families send their children to this rewarding experience. We would also like to thank the staff who attended, including Jo R, Maria, Trudy, Shelley and David Little (who graciously volunteered his time).

Mohammed:

My favourite activity was riding the bikes because I got to ride really fast.

Amelia: *I liked the flying fox because I felt a little bit scared but then happy.*

Fadila: *My favourite part was the flying fox because I liked the feeling of the air, and I also liked cooking marshmallows.*



Thai Bao: *I liked the flying fox because it was fun.*

Nicholas: *The best part of camp was the rock climbing and the funny Auslan stories.*

Antanhe: *I enjoyed canoeing because I liked the feel of the water.*

Fatuma: *I liked the night bushwalking and eating toasted marshmallows.*

Ewan: *I liked climbing to the top of the tower and abseiling down again.*

William: *I liked the flying fox because it felt like I was flying in the air.*

Ryder: *I appreciated all the different fun activities including woodworking and also the food.*

