



Principal's Letter

The school year is drawing to a close and as I reflect on what has been an incredibly challenging year for us all, I'm just so proud of what the students, parents and staff have been able to achieve. We've all learnt to be more flexible, grow in our knowledge of how to best use technology and be kind and considerate of others whilst we ourselves might be struggling with living in a pandemic.

I hope that as you look forward to the school holidays, it is with excitement and that you have an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. I also hope that you allow plenty of time to switch off the iPads and get outside to enjoy the great outdoors after being cooped up for so long.

Each year we say goodbye to staff who are moving on from Furlong Park. We really value their contributions to our school community. This year we will say farewell to; Ed Arthur (teacher in Room 7), Sara Rose (teacher in Room 3), Lisa deVaux (Occupational Therapist), Tegan Mays (Educational Support). I wish all these staff members the very best in their careers ahead. For the past 17 years, we've had a contractor, Dennis Sprake, maintaining our gardens and buildings and we are very grateful for everything he has done. Next year, we will be transitioning the role to being on staff instead of having a contractor maintaining our facilities.

Marion Treiber has worked at Furlong Park since 1984 and will be retiring at the end of this year. Marion's dedication to the school is something to be admired. She has had various roles including Assistant Principal, Librarian and she would have to be our fittest member of staff as she can often be seen running around with the children whilst teaching them PE. For many years



she has coordinated the Deaf Sports Day, bringing together Deaf children from all over Victoria to meet and compete against each other in various sporting activities. She has been successful in gaining many grants for the school and has helped to improve our sporting

Term Dates 2020

Term 4 – 5 October – 18 December

Upcoming Events 2020

Thursday 10 December – Last day for EEP 3-year olds (Caterpillars) – Finish at normal time

Friday 11 December – Graduation and last day for EEP 4- year olds (Butterflies) - Finish at normal time or early pick up

Friday 11 December – Music Concert @ home 7pm

Tuesday 15 December – Year 6 Graduation at 12pm @ school.

Thursday 17 December – End of Year Party – finish at 2pm

Friday 18 December – Clean-up day

Friday 22 and Monday 25 January – school open for uniform purchases

Tuesday 26 January – Australia Day

Wednesday 27 January – School closed for Pupil Free Day

Thursday 28 January – First day of school for all school aged students and continuing students in the Early Education Program

Thursday 11 and Friday 12 February – 9am – 12pm – all new students to our Early Education Program

Tuesday 9 March – Friday 19 March – Swimming every day for all school aged children

facilities. I'm so grateful for the contribution Marion has made to Deaf Education and the positive influence she has had on the hundreds of Deaf children she has taught over the years. I'm sure you join with me in wishing Marion all the very best on her retirement. We certainly hope she comes back to visit us often and maybe even cheers on Furlong Park from the sidelines of our sporting events!

Warm regards,

Lee Bullock
Principal



Early Education Program Transition to School

The EEP Butterfly group recently had their school transition where they visited the classroom, met their new friends and explored the school playground. We are proud of how caring and responsible the current school students were at showing the 4 years old students around and equally proud of the progress made by the Butterfly group during this term. The EEP Team are excited for the 4 years old graduation which will occur on Friday 11 December!





ART! ART! ART!

WOW! What a year in Visual Arts. So much has been happening, here's a little snippet;

Students have been working hard to brighten up our school corridors. Art Leaders have been organising and running 'ART CLUB' during lunch times. Art leaders and school captains were involved in a Community Project called 'A little Ray of Sunshine' to spread positivity across the school community during COVID. Students proudly designed and chose the words for the banner 'BE KIND, BE SAFE, LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER.

Coming to you soon is the published book of all the banners created by schools, capturing the community spirit across Brimbank.



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