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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to term 4 and a very warm welcome to our many new students and their families to our school community.

Great care has been taken over the last 7 years to involve parents in our school community and I have continually stated my belief that it takes a community to raise a child. Parents role modelling is critical in how children also engage with staff. Whilst the majority of parents do engage positively with the school some parents are choosing to do otherwise and it is with great sadness that my staff are being abused in our kiss and drop area or being yelled at in the classroom in front of the students or being abused in the front office. I will now send a legal letter in which I can restrict parent’s access to the school if their behaviour is abusive or inappropriate. I look forward to finishing the term in a positive light and with my staff being excited about our Xmas Twilight night in which we rejoice as a community in the positive outcomes we have achieved in the best interest of our students.

A child’s engagement with their school and learning is highly dependent on how their parents view and act in our school. We also look forward to seeing everyone at our Xmas Twilight Community Night on Thursday 30th November and please remember our school closure on Friday 1st December, 2017.

Term 4 is a time when we consolidate our planning for 2018. We will endeavour to meet the parent requests re their child’s class placement. You will be notified by the end of this term possible class and teacher for your child in 2018. We will have a 3 week grace period in term 1, 2018 where classes or teachers may change but this will happen in negotiation with the parents and will only be in the best interest of the child.

In term 4 we also celebrate our year 7 students and the final stage of their primary year’s journey. It is a very busy term for them. Our year 7’s will be attending City School for a week which incorporates our partnership with Flinders University. The year 7’s will be able to gain a greater understanding of what it is like to be on campus and courses are available to them in the future. Finally their graduation on Tuesday 12th December, we wish our year 7’s a great last term at Christie Downs Primary!

It is expected that the new building will be completed over the holidays and by the beginning of the new school year Sea Star Unit classes will move into our new building whilst Sea Star is demolished.

Christie Downs Primary School is an inclusive and innovative school which I am very proud to lead. I hope you all have a wonderful term and Christmas holidays.

Thank You

Gail Evans

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**LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

Principal: Gail Evans
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Senior Leader 1 Disability Unit: Leanne Jacobs
Senior Leader 1 Curriculum Coordinator: Arran Stierman
Counsellor: Jo Swift

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Class Placements
Staff have started planning class placements for 2018 and this will continue over the next few weeks. They will be considering students' friendship groups, learning styles and academic needs when grouping students. The first 3 weeks of 2018 will be a transition period for students to settle into their new class.

Year 7 Transition to High School
Year 7 students will start participating in transition visits to high school soon if they have not done so already. Over the remainder of the term parents and families may be invited to transition meetings with staff from the high school. If you have any questions regarding high school transition or the high school process please contact me at school on 8382 3266.

Year 7 Graduation
The year 7 Graduation is being held on Tuesday 12th of December. Students have been preparing and practising their speeches in preparation for the Graduation as well as developing PowerPoint presentations about their time at Christie Downs Primary School. If you have any further questions regarding the Graduation please speak to your child’s teacher or phone the school on 8382 3266. We look forward to celebrating this occasion with the students and their families.

Leanne Jacobs – Senior Leader Disability Unit

Community Night
Preparations are underway for this year’s Twilight Christmas Community Night. The Community Night will be held here at Christie Downs Primary School on Thursday November 30th. The night will begin with a variety of stalls with products made by the students. There will also be activities for students and their families to participate in. The stalls and activities will be followed by a performance in the gym. Keep an eye out for more information that will come home with your child in the coming weeks.

COLOUR RUN 14TH DECEMBER 2017
Exciting news!! After a great year we would love to finish this term with a colour run. A super fun day for parents and children to enjoy as well as raising lots of money for our school. This is a great way to end the year.
Sponsorship forms accompany this newsletter so please start collecting sponsors, the child with the most could win a prize. There is also an online sponsorship page that you can use at; www.schoolfunrun.com.au
If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to speak to any of our fundraising committee or your child’s teacher.
Thank you,
Ally – Fundraising Committee.

2017 Outdoor play areas
The outdoor creek has been completed in term 3 with students accessing the area during outdoor learning time and also the teachers using the space for an outdoor classroom. Below are some photos of students exploring the area.

2018 already looks like a busy time with the Junior Primary classes transitioning to the new building during the year, along with a brand new nature play space for both main stream and disability classes to use.

The Building Mob crew will continue to construct high quality furniture for the site to use and also some outdoor playground items (including a performance stage).

Have a great term!

Todd McGrath
Senior Leader 1-
Engagement for Learning and Wellbeing.
New Building

The new Junior Primary unit building works are progressing nicely and the rammed earth walls are completed and looking fabulous. The structural steel has just been erected and the building is really starting to take shape. Completion of the new building is on track for the 19 of January 2018, With Stage 2 and 3 completed by Easter 2018.

Building Mob

In 2017 the students involved in Building Mob completed a ‘How to Make a Picnic Table’ book. Along with 3 more natural timbered picnic benches. Here are some photos of the products created by the students in the lessons.

Todd McGrath
Senior Leader 1 - Engagement for Learning & Wellbeing

ENGAGEMENT FOR LEARNING AND WELLBEING

I would like to congratulate the School Captains, Bryan and Hayley for leading the Student Voice throughout the year. The Student Council members have worked very hard to make a difference at our school for their student peers. Thank you to Lucas, Brodie, Viemira and Yish! You have set the standards very high for the 2018 Student Voice team. I wish you continued success at High School and beyond.

Congratulations to the Graduating year 7 students! I look forward to seeing you at the Graduation and listening to your fabulous speeches. Remember to follow your dreams for they will take you far!

Also…remember if you can’t be yourself...be Batman…Always be Batman!

Thank you to all the students and staff who took part in the Wakakiri performance, ‘Victims, we know them so well’. What a fantastic experience for our students to be onstage at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre! Next year we have the whole school performance at the Hopgood Theatre to look forward to. Wakakiri will be back in 2019! Community Night is the next fun event to look forward to… I wonder whether Santa will make an appearance… keep your eyes peeled!

The front garden is looking amazing thanks to the hard work of our students and the brilliant Brett! Grottos have been creatively made using steel and the natural elements found around school. Students are encouraged to add to fresh leaves and sticks to each grotto to keep them looking lush. Our students have learnt lots of skills whilst working with Brett. Future plans for the front garden include a bamboo musical structure and a bamboo water feature.

Crazy Hair Day was a fun day with some fabulous hair creations! The students raised $95 towards important research towards finding a cure for Leukaemia. Let’s beat that amount next year! The challenge has been set.

Very important guests at the Crazy Hair Day! I’m still not sure who they are!

Road Monitor Training will take place early in term 1 of 2018. Students who are in year 6 and 7 will be offered training by the South Australian Police. It’s a great honour to be a Road Monitor. Please encourage your children to use the crossing! Thank you to the 2017 Road Monitors who braved all weather conditions to ensure the safety of all those people who used the crossing.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the Values Badges! The badges will be featured again next year. Pictured are few winners wearing their badges! Superheroes! Students were awarded badges for attendance, living our school values and being all round champions! I am very proud of our students.

Thank you to everyone who came to our breakfast Club this year. A heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, Kickstart for Kids and Breakfastbellies for providing our students with breakfast goodies.

The first step to success is attendance! Please ensure your child attends school every day. Please contact the school if your child is absent for three or more days. I am very happy to talk to parents about strategies to help kids come to school! Please call or come in for a chat.

I am very happy to be returning to Christie Downs Primary School next year in my newly titled role as Student Wellbeing Leader. I look forward to working with our students and our community!

Jo Swift
Counsellor
At Christie Downs Primary School the term Whole Child Learning is commonly used to describe the philosophy underpinning school practices. Adjectives such as “safe, engaged and supported” are frequently used to describe the culture within each classroom. This does not mean that students are deprived of a strong foundation in reading, writing and math, but rather acknowledges that historically schools have had a narrow definition of student success constituted within a narrow curriculum.

At our school a student’s success is measured by individual academic growth set against a backdrop of state and national educational achievement benchmarks. Measuring academic achievement in the form of Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) Standards of Educational Achievement, such as NAPLAN, are important and necessary. However, these measurements are not to be interpreted in isolation. Here, the adjectives that describe the characteristics of the classroom at Christie Downs Primary School: safe, engaged and supported, must also be acknowledged. As when a child feels safe and connected to school they are more likely to attend school. Through attendance children are then able to access the challenging academic programs offered at this school. Likewise, when a child is engaged in learning they are actively participating as recipients of knowledge and as meaning makers. And, when a child is supported in their learning they are then willing to take risks with their learning as they understand that the journey to acquiring a new skill involves persistence, resilience and a commitment to not “giving up”. Structuring the best curriculum, maximising its delivery, managing the complexities of timetabling and resourcing, and then complementing aspects of the curriculum with a strong well-being program, are fundamental to Christie Downs Primary School’s aspiration to provide a Whole Child Learning education.

As Senior Leader of Curriculum I am responsible for ensuring that we achieve the best learning outcomes for all our students. We continually revise our curriculum to ensure that it is current and relevant and addresses the capabilities addressed by ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority). Additionally we are adaptive and responsive to the diversity of our student demands including increased social-emotional and learning difficulty needs.

I firmly believe that Christie Downs Primary School (CDPS) Students should be given every opportunity to extend themselves and be the best they can be. Since joining the CDPS team I have experienced this value across the school where harmonious classrooms are characterised by intentional, structured teaching, shaped by students’ own learning goals and targeted activities to meet and challenge the students learning needs. I look forward to sharing and celebrating the efforts of our professional and caring staff throughout 2018. Thank you to the leadership, teachers, support staff, parents and most importantly the students at Christie Downs Primary School for making my first year at our school a memorable one. I am both honoured and privileged to have been of service in the position of Senior Leader-Curriculum this year.

Arran Stierman
Senior Leader- Curriculum

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CURRICULUM NEWS

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