



## **MOORAK PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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**Preschool: L Baudinette    Reception/ 1: J Doll    2/3: K Mason**

**3/4/5: P Paltridge    5/6/7: H Baron    NIT: K Marlow & J Nunan**

**SSOs: T Henley, C Wallace, T Ashcroft, J Reid, V Gabriel, K Ellis    Finance: K Wright**

**ICT: S Grovesnor    Governing Council Chairperson: Adrian Ferguson**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday 29th January**  
School Resumes

**29th January - 2nd February**  
Swimming



### **Book Collection Dates**

An information letter together with Materials and Services invoice will be sent out during the holidays. Book collection dates will be :

#### **WEDNESDAY**

24th January

1pm – 3pm



#### **THURSDAY**

25th January

9am – 2pm

### **From The Principal**

We have come to the end of another fantastic year here at Moorak. It has been a huge pleasure for me being part of the special school community that we have here. It has been especially wonderful working with the students and watching them grow and celebrate all their achievements. Well done to the students, staff and families for the part you have played in making Moorak a fantastic place to be!

A school achieves more when it has the support of the whole school community and I have to say that we are very fortunate to have a community that wants to be involved and who wants the best for everyone at the school. Special thanks go to Governing Council and Parent Club members and their leaders for their hard work, dedication, passion and willingness to make a difference to students' lives. Please give your support to these worthwhile committees in 2018. They are an essential part of enriching the lives of students at our school. Thanks also to all our volunteers who help in classes and around the school. You make such a difference to the students you work with and we look forward to your help again next year.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays, and look forward to the year ahead.

### **Graduations**

We farewell and wish our Year 7 students, Bailee, Sophie, Deegan, Tinisha, Henry, Breeana, Tai, Saxon, Chelsea, Ruby and Rhianna well in their new journey in life, and every success in the future. We have watched them grow and mature as they have faced new challenges, embraced new experiences, discovered new talents, acquired new skills and developed positive attitudes and values that will hold them in good stead for their future education and for life.

The students and staff would like to thank Henry and Bree for the great job they did leading the school this year as Captains. They worked well together and were excellent role models for the students. Well done.

This week we also saw the Preschool students graduate and move onto their respective schools. We wish them all the best as they continue growing and learning.

### **Farewell**

At the end of this year we say goodbye to Jenna Nunan. Jenna has worked alongside Helen in the 5/6/7 class and with all the students as one of our NIT teachers. We thank Jenna for all the hard work and dedication she has put in over the year and wish her all the best as she moves into the Upper Primary class at Compton Primary in 2018. We also farewell some of our students who are moving to new schools next year. We say goodbye to Amber and Jye Ferrari, Ella and Eva Castleman, Claire Schembri and Lily Brook. We wish them all well in their futures.

## 2018 Leaders

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2018.

School Captains: Josh Harfull and Ned Haywood

Vice Captains: Thomas Bellinger and Alex Ferguson

We wish them all well in their respective roles and know that they will be fantastic role models for our school.

## STAFFING IN 2018

As Jenna is leaving us in 2018 Helen has kindly agreed to work full time in the Year 6/7 class to ensure continuity for the students. In the last couple of days our Preschool was informed that due to a change of category we will need to have 2 teachers in the Preschool as well as the SSO for 2018. As this is short notice I am still in the process of employing someone for this position. We welcome Tara Gladigau to our staff who will share the Non Instructional Time teaching with Kylie. The staff for next year is as follows.

**Principal:** Peter Mitchinson

### Teachers

Preschool: Lauren Baudinette and Teacher TBA

Reception / Year 1: Jodie Doll

Year 2/3: Kim Mason

Year 4/5: Penne Paltridge

Year 6/7: Helen Baron

Counsellor: Lauren Baudinette

Non Instructional Time: Kylie Marlow (Monday and Tuesday) and Tara Gladigau (Thursday and Friday)

### Ancillary Staff

Finance / Administration Officer: Karen Wright

Student Support: Tracey Henley, Christy Wallace, Tatum Ashcroft, Vicki Gabriel, Jo Reid, and Kate Ellis

ICT Support: Steven Grovesnor

## New Families for 2018

Next year we welcome Dominic Midwinter, Milla Von Duve, Chloe Naismith, Sienna Simons, Paige Cameron, Iesha Chisholm and all our new Preschool students.

## Swimming 2018

In the first week of 2018 the Reception to Year 7 students will once again participate in swimming lessons. Lessons will start on the first day back at school on Monday 29th January. Swimming sessions for the week are as follows:

- ◆ 10:30 - 11:15am: Reception / Year 1's
- ◆ 11:15 - 12:00: Year 1 & 2
- ◆ 10:30 - 12:00: Year 3-7

Please ensure that you have returned your child's swimming permission and medical forms to the school.

## PARENT CLUB NEWS – Term 4

### Thank You

On behalf of the Moorak School we would like to thank those who have helped out with Parent Club this year. There are lots of things that happen behind the scenes & we are very grateful for all the hard work & commitment shown throughout the year. All help has been greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from the Moorak Parent Club. We wish you & your families a fun & safe holiday!!!!



# NIT

## 5/6/7

Over the past two terms, the 5/6/7 class have been working hard developing their skills in the area of design and technology. They have designed a new school garden, created and cooked a healthy snack recipe and adapted an inner school garden, focusing on sustainability.

Many students made 3D models of their gardens, which are amazing, and have been displayed in the library. Others utilized technology well by filming their information or creating graphical designs of their gardens on the computer.

All children did a fantastic job of their healthy snacks. They were not only creative, but the food was healthy and tasted awesome!! I'm very proud of their efforts and enthusiasm.





# Our 2017 Graduates

