### Dear Families.

This week we have been lucky enough to have a State Wide Transition Day, with our Grade 6's experiencing Secondary School and our 2021 Preps experiencing Primary School.

Today each class were fortunate enough to meet their 2021 teachers. All students are excited and looking forward to next year!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our transition and step up time today. Our 2021 Preps are ready for school and have loved their day!

Letters will be sent home during January to provide information about teachers, classes and procedures for return to school.

### Classes are as follows:

Miss Williams – P/1

Mrs Judkins - 2/3/4

Miss Darby – 5/6

Ms Elrick – Art and PE

Mrs Z – Learning catch up support

Miss Halket – Learning catch up support

We will continue to have the wonderful support of Tricia King, Michelle Mitchell, Brian and Les. We are also welcoming a German language program for 2021 to ensure GDPS remains aligned with Department of Education requirements.

#### Readers:

This Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December will be the last night for home reading. Please ensure all readers are returned on Friday for stocktake.

### Reports:

Reports will be handed out on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at the end of the school day.

### Taking home books and other items for end of year:

As the end of the year closes in, we ask that families consider sending in a supermarket "green bag" in children's bags to use for bringing home school items. Books and other items can make schoolbags extremely heavy for children and this is an easy way of sending things home. Please do not be alarmed if books are partially filled, as many were used for only a short portion of the year due to Remote and Flexible Learning.

### Reading Eggs and Mathletics:

Children will continue to have access to these programs over the school holidays, however we will be unable to provide support for issues until the 2021 school year resumes.

This will be our final newsletter for 2020. I want to thank all families for their support over this year. I wish all the best to our leaving families, and look forward to seeing new and returning families back in 2021.

Have a safe and happy end of year, Tamara Halket, Principal

<b>TERM 4 2020</b>	DATES TO REMEMBER	TERM 4 2020	DATES TO REMEMBER
15th Dec	Class Disco's/Party— Free Dress Day No COST	16th Dec	End of Year Celebration Day 7- 8pm
18th Dec	Last Day of School—Finish Free Dress—1.15pm	<b>TERM 1 2021</b> 28th Jan 2021	First Day of School for Students

## NOTICE BOARD

- Donations wanted for Christmas Raffle ASAP please. Thank you to all who have donated so far:)
- We have a huge pile of lost property, mainly jackets, at the moment. Please come and check to see if there are any of your child/ren's before the end of the year.
- We still have some new pants and shorts available for free only in larger sizes.
- Year 6 Students will be selling icy poles each day at lunch time. 50c each

#### DISCO

Next Tuesday the 15th of December each grade will be having time in the Disco (library) for their class party. It is casual clothes day and party snacks will be provided at no cost to families. This event is kindly supported by Tucker Night



# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

### **Junior Room**

Welcome to week 10 in the Junior room.

Oh my goodness we have had a lot of fun this week, with Nugget our elf getting up to lots of fun within our class-room.

We have also enjoyed exploring our Santa's Workshop in our room.

This week Santa dropped off a reply to our Santa Letters!!! They were soooooo cold and we couldn't contain our excitement for the rest of the day.

We have continued to enjoy lots of Christmas themed maths fun and writing prompts.

This week we will be doing a procedure on how to decorate a Christmas tree and we are continuing to travel around the world to other countries seeing how they celebrate Christmas.

Our passports have been stamped as we visit Australia, Brazil, Canada, England...and later this week France, Germany and Mexico!! This has been a lot of fun learning about the traditions, seasons, what Santa is like and the food.

### **Middle Room**

- Last week everyone in Grade 2/3 received a letter back from Santa. Everyone was very exciting to receive a reply from Santa after writing their Christmas wish lists and posting them off at the end of November.
- This week in class all children were lucky enough to receive a book donated by the tucker night ladies. Thank you so much Tucker Night. Everyone was very excited to take home their own book.
- We have a classroom Fairy who has been slowly moving in and leaving awards for Children taking risks with their learning and putting in a fantastic effort.



### **Senior Room**

In the senior class in week 10 we have started to prepare for Christmas with all learning having a festive theme!

Last week we completed our study of the book and movie "Nim's Island" with a tropical party. The children enjoyed eating all sorts of interesting foods: fresh coconuts, seaweed, strawberries and pineapple. We played underwater bingo and completed treasure





