From the Principal...........

Farewell

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final newsletter to the Dingley Primary Community. The last seven years have been a challenge because of the multiple building projects but also a wonderful reward for everything that we, as a school have achieved. I am SO proud of our school, its culture and what it stands for. We are a fully inclusive school that always keeps the child at the centre of our thinking.

It is with gratitude that I look back on my career. I am grateful for

- choosing teaching over industrial chemistry.
- having the opportunity to help young people achieve their potential, revealing or finding their best selves.
- knowing the more than 3000 children that I have been directly involved with during my years of teaching and principal ship. They are the reason why I stayed in the job for so long.
- the wonderful memories, fun, laughter and celebrations.
- being able to work alongside some amazing people and have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful staff as that at Dingley.
- making a difference (no matter how small) to the lives of so many.

I am delighted that I no longer will need to:

- write the newsletter every Thursday night.
- fix overflowing toilets.
- respond to emergency management phone calls.
- be on call through all holidays.
- deal with the far too many requests from the Department of Education.

I’m going to do a lot of things and very few of them conform to the notion of retirement as a time to do nothing. I will be training as a school reviewer, setting up my own educational consultancy, playing sport and travelling, all on my own schedule, along with my husband.

Thank you once again Dingley Primary School. You are the greatest!
My Final Assembly

Wow! Dingley is very good at keeping secrets. I knew that there was going to be a special assembly for me but I knew nothing about all of the presentations, books and presents that were presented to me on Wednesday. Thank you to:

- Level 1 for their book and Geelong poster.
- Level 2 for their proposals for my retirement
- Level 3 for their beautiful leaf messages and poems
- Level 4 for their wonderful message, teaching memorabilia and tablecloth
- Glee club for singing my alphabet song as written by Mrs Williams and her husband.
- Art leaders and Ryan K-M for the value stakes and vegie seedlings
- Julie Williams for coordinating the whole event
- Our wonderful school leaders for being the MC’s

The whole school for my beautiful gifts, I have been very spoilt. It was a wonderful farewell.

Christmas Concert

What a super night we had last Friday night with our Christmas Concert. The weather gods smiled upon us, the children smiled upon us and we had a Jolly Good time. Congratulations to Emma Butler, our music teacher for coordinating the night and the Parents Association for organising the raffle and food for the night. It was a wonderful way to end the year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

A Little Ray of Giving

Thank you to everyone who has placed a gift under the tree. More than 50 gifts were collected by Rotary last Monday. Ray White informed me that they had received more than 450 gifts from the Dingley community. This is true Christmas giving.

The winners of the colouring competition are:

1st Chelsea Head grade 3/4 C-Samsung galaxy tablet
2nd Sarah Mason grade 5/6D - sunbeam personal blender
3rd Zoe Meadowcroft grade PC- personal blender

Please go to the Ray White office in Dingley to pick up your prizes and have a photo (parents permission) for face book.

Year 6 Graduation

I was extremely proud of our Year 6 students at their Graduation last Tuesday. They all did an amazing job of speeches, digital presentations and performance. I wish them good luck for next year in Year 7 and for the future. We are very proud of each and everyone of you.

Student Leadership

At our last assembly next Tuesday, 12.30 pm, we will announce student leader positions for 2017. Our current year 6 students will also perform their graduation song. All are welcome to attend.
Congratulations

Last Friday night Sarah Mason was presented with her Community and Citizenship Award by the Member for Hotham, Clare O’Neil. Well done and well deserved Sarah.

Last Day of Term

Students will be dismissed at 1.30 next Tuesday, December 20th. Early dismissal notices should have already been returned to school. If you have not done so as yet please return on Monday.

Finally I would like to wish our entire community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with family over the summer break, stay safe and have lots of fun.

Gaye Peel
Principal

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ART NEWS

Our community Christmas tree is now up over the road in front of the library for all to see. Every student in the school has contributed one decoration to help make our tree look amazing.

I would like to take this opportunity to say to all the wonderful students and families in the school thank you for all your support and kind words over the year and wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Cheers

Mrs Hutchinson
Canteen News

There will be no lunch orders on Monday or Tuesday next week. Over the counter sales will only be available on Monday along with Slurpees for $1. The canteen will be CLOSED completely on Tuesday, no sales available at all.

Thank you to those who have helped in the canteen during the year.

Mary

From the Office

There will be no further payments accepted at the office after today. Also, please note that the office will close on Tuesday, 20th December from 12.30pm to allow us to attend the final assembly.

Thank you for your understanding. Enjoy your Christmas and the break, stay safe and we'll see your smiley faces in 2017. The office will re-open on Wednesday 25th January 2017 from 9.00am.

Merry Christmas

Michelle & Rachel
Mrs Peel’s Song

The Glee Club performed this song to Mrs Peel at her Assembly on Wednesday!

A- You’re amazing
B- You built the school for us
C- You care for each and everyone
D- Dingley loves you so
E- Every name you know
F- Fair is how you treat us all
G- Geelong you love so much
H- Hard work you showed us
I- You’re the one we idolize
J- Just one voice you say
K- Kindness is your way
L- Your legacy will live on
   M N O P- We could go on all day
   Q R S T- Alphabetically speaking, you’re OK

   U- Made the school grow
   V- Your values we all know
   W X Y Z

It’s been fun to wander through,
This alphabet was all for you
To tell you what you mean to Dingley!
RESPONSIBILITY
Chloe Scott 1/2E  Sarah Din 1/2E  Jeremy Chi 3/4A  Jordan Truscott 3/4A  Aiden Lynch 1/2B
Aditri Kunder 1/2B

EMPATHY
Roisin Holleran 1/2A  Harrison Vanstone 1/2E

RESPECT
Poppy Flinos PA  Karim Thomas PA

HONESTY
Mia Pham 1/2E  Matilda Gathercole PB  Savannah Merhi 1/2C  Bella Knox 1/2E

PERSISTENCE

RESILIENCE
Merry Christmas
&
Happy Holidays

Dingley Primary School 2016

From all the Dingley Staff
PARENTS ASSOCIATION  2016

Congratulations to all our 2016 PA members!
Kellie Lea, Kellie Armstrong, Bec Appleton, Beck Langford, Sonia Davis, Julie Foster, Mark Smith, Collette Wells & Clare Denver.

We nearly doubled our target of $20,000. Our official fundraising amount for 2016 is $35000!

We have all worked hard this year to achieve this. Thank you again for your time and energy.  
We now have the funds to start projects in 2017.

A special thank you and goodbye to Mark & Nat Smith.  Mark & Nat have been involved at DPS as parents for 10 years.  
You will be missed, and we wish you and your family every success.

Melanie Goffin  
DPS PA President
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**Bendigo Bank winner this week.**

- **No Winner**

**Information sent home this week**

- Level Representative
- Parents Association

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