From the Principal

Farewell our Old Faithful Playground
This week we say good bye to our old ‘big kids’ playground. This playground was installed more than 20 years ago after many years of fundraising from the previous generation’s parents and friends. It will be removed, repaired and rehomed on church grounds to provide entertainment and exercise for more children into the future.

A brand new playground is on its way. Our current P&F have raised the funds. Students have voted on the design. The SRC have chosen the colours. And installation is expected mid-January. It will bring some extra excitement to the start of 2017.

Travel Asia Expo
Last week the Year 5/6 students ran a travel expo, spruiking fantasy holidays to destinations throughout Asia. They welcomed ‘clients’ from their families and from the Year 3/4 classes to consider booking a travel package they had designed including fully budgeted accommodation, food, attractions and travel.

The Expo was the culmination of weeks of work learning about Asia while developing digital literacy, numeracy and literacy skills. It was a great authentic learning project. Thanks to all involved.
Acting Principal for Term 1 & 2 2017
I’m heading back to Uni for the first half of next year to build some new skills. I’ll be working with Charles Sturt University studying effective Maths and Science education in rural areas.
I am pleased to announce that the Department has appointed Mandy Elliot as acting Principal during my absence. Mandy is an experienced principal and will make a great captain for our crew from semester 1 of 2017. She will be at school next Wednesday to be introduced at school assembly and to begin the handover process. Welcome Mandy!

A Bit of Bollywood
Our performing arts program fosters skills in music, drama and dance. At this week’s assembly our prep students showed off their Bollywood skills combining all three elements – gorgeous costumes, great moves, and groovy tunes.

Transition
We had a fabulous Transition Day last Tuesday. We have 41 preps for 2017, and all seem to be settling well. We also had several new students join us at other year levels too. And all our students stepped up into their next year level to work with their new teachers. From early indications, 2017 is shaping up as a great year, with more than 200 children as part of our Chisholm Street family.

End of Year
A reminder that the last day of school is Tuesday 20 December, when students finish at 1.30pm. Reports will be ready on Compass the week before on Tuesday 13 December. Hardcopies of the reports will be sent home on Friday 16 December.

Candy Canes
Finally, lots of children are exchanging cards to celebrate the holidays. Some are slipping candy treats into the envelope. We are asking students to take these sweet treats home with them rather than eat them at school time. Fruit and healthy food are far better for fuelling learning.

Have a great week,
Steve

Student of the Week

Hugo FH—for using persistence and resilience

Layla 3/4A—for always being a loving and kind friend and allowing others to join in.

Zarah 1/2D—for being organised, trustworthy and resilient. And a great friend!

Charlie 5/6L—for his ongoing leadership and great work ethic.

Preston FL—Preston’s peers like the way he uses getting along skills.

Isaac 1/2G—for showing confidence when speaking in front of others.

Blake 5/6S—for his ability to step up and be a leader!
**Assembly Performances**

December 14—Band

**First Aid Room Roster**

Friday, 9 December—Paul
Friday, 16 December—Anne D

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**Music News**

The choir did another superb job performing at Christopher Robin Kinder on Thursday. Big thanks to the parents who walked us down there. We cannot do these outings without your wonderful support!

Anika has learned the national anthem and played along at assembly this week. What a massive achievement! Well done Anika. It is so lovely to have such a musical assembly.
General Information

Learn to Save with Piggy!
Every time you make a deposit into your savings account on a School Banking Wednesday you receive a stamp. Collect all 6 stamps for the school term and you will be entitled to a reward! Your stamp card will be issued when you make your first deposit. Call Wangaratta branch on 5721 9499 to find out how to join school banking.

Wangaratta Primary School Cookbook
The school Cookbook will be available to purchase for the remainder of the week and also a few days next week at the front of the school and also at the school office. Cookbooks are $25.

Thursday 8th December 6—8 pm Free Christmas Family Night
Bring the family along for a great night of fun.
- Santa’s little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided
We have kids craft, sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, our local SES bringing Santa from the North pole and more.

Orientation Week Sale 20% off school wear
From 6th to 13th December 2017
Let us outfit your child in their required school uniform.
Polo, Shirt, Dress, Short, Skort, Jacket, School Bag and Accessories.

Benalla Art Gallery Summer School Holiday Workshops
All workshops are $10 for members, $12 for non members. Bookings essential 5760 2619 or gallery@benalla.vic.gov.au

Christmas Celebration Wesleyan Church Grounds—Saturday 17 December at 5.30pm. Cnr Parfitt and Great Alpine Rd, Wangaratta
Jumping castle, face painting, nativity photo booth, cookie decorating and other fun activities. Also free BBQ, drinks and supper.

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2 bucket school hats with names Ella Fischer and Brady Fischer. Please check and if found return to 3/4D.

YMCA School Holiday Program.
School holiday fun and water safety education. 5 lessons in 5 days. 9-13 January, $65 per child.
For further information contact the Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre on 5722 1723

Summer Camp Cave Hill Creek 9 –13 January
Have fun, make friends, outdoor adventures for 8-14 year olds. Book online at www.cavehillcreek.com.au or phone for further information on 53497381