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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Carers and School Community

I sincerely thank all of you for a wonderful year at sunny SNPS! It has been a very different year but together we have come through the other side stronger.

The staff and students have all earned a well-deserved break. The students have worked hard all year improving their academic grades and building their friendships and resilience. The staff continue to go above and beyond in the best interests of the students and one another. I cannot thank our incredible Green Team enough.

Farewell and a big thank you to staff leaving. Best wishes to Lauren Edwards, Amanda Henley, Ally Johns, Carla Priddle, Joe Martin, Hollie Robertson and Bridgette Van Soest. The schools the staff are moving to are all very lucky as these individuals are exceptional people, teachers and EAs.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break. See you in 2021.

The following words are from our Gerry Parsons our School Board Chair and Lynda Langlands our P&C President have written the following on the next two pages for us to share:



At the beginning of 2020 I was honoured to be voted in as chair of the SNPS board. You may ask yourselves why? And I get it, my kids have moved on they are grown why still be involved. I wanted to be here because I loved the journey that my kids had and I really love where Katie and her team are going with education. MacqLit MiniLit – I sometimes wish my kids were back at SNPS having this amazing education.

I'd like to thank my predecessor– Rowena Purdy for all her time, dedication, and hard work to our school board. I'd also like to thank the outgoing Board members for their dedicated contribution over the past few years. Nicola Lake, Ginny McMaster, Jen Dickinson, Dan Allen and Jo McGowan. I'd also like to formally welcome Cr Lou Lockyer and David Lawrence to the Board and thank them for their interest in making SNPS an even better place for the students.

I'd like thank the fabulous staff of SNPS – Who could have predicted what 2020 brought us? Certainly not Confucius nor Socrates. But our fabulous staff jumped into action when COVID19 hit and provided the best possible outcome for the children. I thank not only our dedicated teaching staff but the school cleaners – who were amazing stepping up to increase the cleaning regime to ensure the children's safety.

The school board this year not only supported the school with the handling of COVID19 and the online learning, but are behind the school with the rebuild of the staff room and administration area. We also participated in the school review, answering questions from the Reviewers about the school. You will be pleased to know that South Newman Primary School came out with its next review now not due for 5 years which equates to 10/10. Student performance data is a major feature of what we discuss at each Board meeting and this has a huge impact on what decisions within the school are based on.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to a better 2021 as I am. If you'd would like to take a more active role in your child's future and education we will be recruiting new board members early next year and I encourage you to nominate.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year and 2021.

Thank you,
Gerry Parsons

Hello Everyone

Firstly, as the current president of the SNPS P&C committee I would like to thank Krystal Starr for all of her hard work and continually improving our canteen and offering our children great options. I would also like to welcome Jackie Hanson to our canteen staff this term and we look forward to seeing what amazing specials Jackie comes up, with for next year.

2020 has been quite a year like no other with COVID. While we consider ourselves extremely lucky here in Newman, for once being very grateful to be isolated from the rest of the country! Fortunately, our children have had a relatively normal school year, however, we would like to acknowledge how swiftly our teaching staff and admin flew into action preparing our school for the possibility of remote learning. The professionalism that was shown in communicating with parents was incredible and eased any concerns at such an unpredictable time.

Due to COVID we were unable to conduct a few of our regular fundraisers such as Lapathon, Mothers and Father's Day stalls, we're looking forward to bringing it all back in 2021.

On a positive note we were able to hand over a \$25k donation to contribute to our new Nature Playground. We are aiming to work towards another donation in 2021 for the next stage of this exciting addition to our fantastic school.

We would like to make a special mention to Michelle Woolcock for her contribution and dedication to our P&C committee over the years. Michelle's continual guidance and assistance even after stepping down from her executive role was beyond what was expected and very much appreciated. Michelle will be missed in Newman and we wish her all the very best on the exciting new Coastal chapter in her life. Thank you Michelle.

To Katie, Jen and Sonia, we thank you for your guidance and leadership this year. Congratulations on the spectacular results from the school Review that SNPS received this year. Our school is extremely lucky to have you 3 ladies at the helm.

Finally to our graduating year 6 students, congratulations and we wish you all the best for your secondary school journey.

From our P&C committee we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing some fresh faces on our committee next year.

Kind regards
Lynda Langlands

WEEK 8

ASSEMBLY ITEM



The Year 3's from Room 12 finished off the year with a fantastic performance from Marry Poppins.

MERIT AWARDS

Room 1	Liam Ryder	Kyrell Dhu	
Room 2	Oscar West	Jersey Allen	Roman Mills
Room 3	Lorenzo Tiraa		
Room 4	Tynan Bakes	Hazel Parker	
Room 5	Shaeleigh Robinson	Georgia Willock	Zaiyaan Feldman
Room 6	Joshua Olman		
Room 9	Brax Purvis	William Turner	Mwenya Kalunga
Room 11	Clayton Donation		
Room 12	Haileigh Lockyer	Peter Oliver	Teena Tanham Avah-Marie Oakley
Room 13	Kai Levesque	Riley Jones	
Room 14	Blake Langlands	Savannah Reutenss	
Room 18	Nyah Widders		
Science	Pippi Langley	Annabelle Rawlinson	

YEAR 6 GRADUATION



**GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK
TO OUR GRADUATING YEAR 6'S!**

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICAL!



End of Year Celebrations

