



VIRGINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 9

Thurs 13th December
Year 6/7 Graduation

Graduation Ceremony
6:00 – 8:00pm

Year 6/7 Graduation Disco
8:00 – 10:00pm

Friday 14th of December
Students visit new classrooms
10:00 – 10:40am

Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 2:15pm

2019 Term 1, Week 1
Tuesday 29th January
First day back for 2019

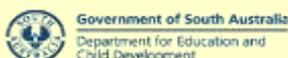
*We hope you have a wonderful
break with your loved ones, stay
safe and we look forward to seeing
you in 2019!*

Good luck in High School year 7's



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Dear Parents/Caregivers – Thank you,

This is the final newsletter for the school year and we wanted to begin by thanking everyone for their support over the year. As a school we highly value the important role you play as the primary educators in your children's lives.

It was great to catch up with many families at our concert. It was a fantastic night and one our students look forward to throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who attended, and thank you for your understanding with the night being postponed. It takes a huge amount of work in the lead up to and on the night when having such an event. Once everyone has left, pack up continues well into the night. Thank you to all who volunteered and gave up their time to make the night happen and provide such a great opportunity for our children to perform.

On behalf of Voula and myself, we would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas break. Whilst we are busy celebrating this year, behind the scenes for over a term now we have been busily planning for next year. Our school is built upon the foundations of continuous improvement and being uncompromising in aiming to provide the very best level of education and care for all of our students.

If you are able to, could you please fill in a short survey (no more than 15 questions) in relation to our school.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/Pey95Zhx/LogIn>

Welcome back – thank you and farewell!

I'm pleased to announce that we will have Jason Coleman, Christina Tsonis, Rachele Bexis, Elliana Valente and Belinda Burt back with us again in 2019. We are also looking forward to having Jenna Negruk, Georgina Kosteriadis and Rhiannen Spano join our teaching team. I would also like to welcome back Marie Lionello who will be returning from maternity leave, it's great to have you back!!! As I am writing this newsletter, it is fantastic that we have been able to announce all contract appointments before the end of the school year. I would also like to farewell, acknowledge and thank Laura Alchin who leaves to take up a permanent appointment at Unley Primary and Halena Mudge. Your contributions have made our school a better place.

A special thank you, congratulations and best of luck to Beck Boteju who leaves us after having completed her Early Childhood Degree and embarks on a slight change of career direction by moving to the Early Years/Kindy space. Beck has been at Virginia for 12 years and has formed some amazing relationships over this time. She has had a special impact on the lives of many and we sincerely thank her for her dedication and hard work. Best of luck and stay in touch Beck!

To all staff, I'd like to thank you for all of your work throughout this year. The level of professionalism, commitment and passion our staff display to the craft of teaching and the care of each child allows our students at Virginia to flourish.

To everyone involved in our school, students, staff and parents, it is a privilege to be Principal of Virginia Primary. I love coming to work every day and am very much excited about next year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.



Graduating Year 7's

There are certain well-celebrated milestones in one's life; birthdays, graduating from High School, 18th and 21st birthdays and the list goes on. Our Year 7 students are about to embark on another major milestone in their lives. They will be farewelling us and moving onto high school. They have spent the best part of their lives at Primary School honing their academic and social skills and growing into the fine young individuals they are today. I am, and as a school are very proud of our graduating Year 7s and we wish them all the best as they move into the next very important phase of their lives.

Good luck Year 7's, persist when things aren't easy, find humour in the lighter side of life and work interdependently (work in teams). Follow your dreams, but also know that hard-work makes dreams come true – work hard! Make the most of all opportunities available to you as you move on with your education, as a school we look forward to hearing of your successes in the future!

Class Structures

Next year we will be running with 14 classrooms. As mentioned, this year we are in a fortunate enough position to be able to announce all of our contract positions. Classrooms for next year are as written below;

Preschool		Rhiannen Spano/ Belinda Burt
R	(Room 1)	Krystal Butler
R	(Room 2)	Anita Matricciani
R/1	(Room 3)	Katrina Kontos
Yr 1	(Room 4)	Christina Tsonis
Yr 1/2	(Room 5)	Jessica Luckman
Yr 1/2	(Room 6)	Mary Spencer (3)/ Jenny Gordon (2)
Yr 3/4	(Room 9)	Jenna Negruk
Yr 3/4	(Room 10)	Sabrina De Silva
Yr 4/5	(Room 7)	Belinda Haley
Yr 4/5	(Room 8)	Rachele Bexis
Yr 4/5	(Room 11)	Elliana Valente
Yr 6/7	(Room 12)	Georgina Kosteriadis
Yr 6/7	(Room 13)	Jason Coleman
Yr 6/7	(Room 14)	Cathy Lock
Vietnamese		Thi Hien Danh
Science/ P.E		James Yates
JP P.E		Marie Lionello
Arts		Sue Graham

Reports/ Classroom notification & visits

Reports should have also come home today. Within the report will be a slip notifying families of which class their child will be in during 2019. Children will visit their new classrooms tomorrow (Friday) to meet their teachers and classmates. We believe that preparing children to be ready for the new year will allow us to "hit the ground running".

2019 Enrolments – Will you be at VPS in 2019..?

Class placements have now been finalised. As it currently stands, our enrolments will again increase next year as they have been for the previous few.

It would help our planning if you know of any changes for next year (if you are moving etc.) could you please let the front office know as soon as you can.

Also, if you know of any families considering enrolling at Virginia for next year, could you please let them know to contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help.

Premier's Reading and Be Active Challenge

Nearly 98% of our students received Premier's Reading and Be Active Challenge medals. Our school was again one of the top 50 high achieving schools for the Be Active Challenge and as a result have won \$1000. On Thursday children will receive their medals with their reports. I would also like to congratulate all of our students for all their efforts throughout the year in keeping active and practising their reading!

Grounds and Facilities work

By the time you return in 2019, there should be a new bike/ scooter rack installed by the Preschool fence and the area outside the library should be redeveloped with a newly turfed area as well as picnic space opposite.

There will also be a major IT upgrade taking place with new server cabinets, upgrade to wireless and additional laptops and iPads being prepared.

Social workers students

In 2018 we trialled having social worker students complete their practicums here. The program was an absolute success, mainly due to the commitment of Zawadi, Danielle, James and Shi Kieh. Thank you and we wish you all the best.

Volunteer of the year

A few weeks back we sent out a poll/ nominations for volunteer of the year. We have many amazing volunteers who all do an amazing job of contributing to our school. This year, Sarah Peterson was nominated as Volunteer of the year. There is no job too big or too small, whether it be kitchen garden, canteen, excursions or celebrations, Sarah is always willing to help and busily working behind the scenes. Thank you Sarah, thank you to everyone who voted and thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for making our school a better place!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!!!!!!