



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 1 - Week 9

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Dates To Remember

****SITE CLOSURE****
Monday 1 July

Pupil Free Day
Term 3 - Friday 30 August

Uniform Shop
Monday 22 July

From Leadership Team

Mid-Year Reports

Teachers have been busy writing reports using evidence and their professional judgements, to capture the entire learning achieved by your child during their first semester of school this year. I have had the pleasure of reading children's reports and gaining a greater understanding of their growth and development.

One of the areas I take particular note of is a child's **effort levels**. Children receive a grade for achievement and effort within each subject area. I personally believe that an equal emphasis should be placed on both effort and achievement. Effort is something that all children have control and ownership over and we should all celebrate children demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning by giving it their best go!

I'd like to thank our teachers for their efforts with writing these reports and encourage you to celebrate your child's/children's achievements and talk to them about the importance of setting personal learning goals for the remainder of the year. Mid-Year Reports will be sent home with children next Thursday. Please speak with your child's teacher/s should you need clarification or additional information.

Staff News

Austin Harris, one of our computer technicians has concluded his time at Ridgehaven Primary. Austin has supported our digital needs for approximately ten years and was working on site each Monday. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Austin for his outstanding and personalised support and service to our school and wish him every success and happiness with his future endeavours.

Lynn Cornwall, our exchange teacher from Canada, concludes her time with us at the end of term 2. Lyn has been a pleasure to have on staff and has made many valuable contributions to our school during her 12 month journey. We wish Lynn every success and happiness on her return home. The students have enjoyed having Lynn and are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Glen Hughes back in term 3.

Ms Ganzis will be on study leave in term 3, with Ms Olivia Burrow to teach Room 2 during this time. Olivia is an enthusiastic and dedicated early career teacher who is looking forward to working with room 2 and within our wider school community.

Joe Blefari, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Foweraker

Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience

From Leadership Team continued

Footy Colours - Friday 5 July

This is a friendly reminder that the last day of term 2 is Friday 5 July and finishes at 2.00pm. Children are encouraged to wear their footy colours on this day and bring in a gold coin donation as a PFC fundraiser. This footy colour's day was a student suggestion made by Ella as part of her involvement on the PFC.

Teaching and Learning

During our pupil free day on June 7, we met with the other six primary schools from our TTG Partnership and worked within professional learning communities. In these PLCs staff;

- Planned a mathematical teaching and learning sequence of 4-5 lessons
- Followed the learning design process outlined in the TfEL (key Department resource)
- Developed a common rubric for assessment
- Planned a common assessment task they will collect in preparation for term 3 moderation

Thank you to the staff for their commitment and involvement in this day.

Term 2 Highlights

I recently asked children what their highlights have been throughout term 2. Below I have included some of their responses:

- Playing with my friends (Jay-Dee)
- Craft time and designing our tree houses (Samarth)
- Casual day (Portia)
- Nature Play area (Jake)
- Making new friends (Aliza)
- Production auditions (Sam)

The children's responses highlighted the fact that school is much more than a place that has teaching and learning as its core business. Providing children with opportunities to engage in extra-curricular activities, develop positive friendships and be a safe and engaging place, are just as important.

Some of my highlights have been;

- Some Observing children trying their best with their learning
- Children's efforts at sports carnivals
- Working closely with our school's Governing Council and various sub-committees
- Our preschool Bush Kindy initiative
- Construction commencing on the nature play
- Children opening doors for adults and other children
- Students demonstrating leadership qualities through formal and informal ways
- The commitment of staff to work together in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Children smiling and enjoying their time at Ridgehaven
- Reading positive comments in student's Mid-Year Reports
- Our staff engaging positively and actively with our reading focus
- Our pre-schoolers joining us for their first assembly
- The collective efforts of many to ensure a successful school disco & election bbq fundraiser
- OSHC doing a fantastic job and recently purchasing new computers and iPads
- Our SSOs (and their quiet achievements)

I'm looking forward to the varied and exciting opportunities next term will bring, in particular the build up to our Production in week 10!

I hope the children enjoy some down time over the upcoming break.

Thanks,

Joe

Assembly Merit Awards

| Name | Room | Value / Key To Success |
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| Jackson | Preschool | Being a kind and caring friend to others, and for being a curious and confident learner. |
| Zoe | Preschool | Gaining confidence and demonstrating persistence. |
| Zara | Preschool | Being a kind friend, for using her initiative and for always being a helpful member of Preschool. |
| Laila | 3 | Showing care and respect to her peers at all times. |
| Boston | 5 | The responsible way you conduct yourself in the classroom every day, and for the persistence you are showing to improve your handwriting. |
| Ava | 5 | Working hard and showing excellent persistence to sound out sounds when writing. |
| Jayde | 7 | Consistently giving her best effort in all learning tasks with fantastic results. |
| Ivy | 7 | Giving her best in all learning tasks and displaying resilience when tasks are challenging. |
| Amelia | 10 | Working hard in all areas of learning. Outstanding effort!! |
| Fletcher | 10 | Improving in resilience and working hard to complete set tasks. |
| Sophie | 12 | Having such a fantastic attitude to learning. Your efforts in building literacy skills have positively impacted your reading, writing and spelling! |
| Kai | 12 | For his positive, uplifting nature. He is always going out of his way to be a kind, considerate and helpful member of our classroom. |
| Avryl | 15 | Always having a great attitude and being kind to classmates and helpful in class. |
| Jake | 15 | For staying focused on his math investigation and striving for "the A". |
| Addison | 18 | Consistent effort in literacy and working with challenging texts – great effort! |
| Brenna | 18 | Improved focus and participation during literacy rotations – keep up the good work! |
| Lottie | 19 | Being amazing! She has identified her areas to work on and is working so hard to improve. She is such a good role model for all her classmates. I'm so proud of the efforts and am pleased with the progress this is bringing. |
| Martina | 19 | Showing wonderful work in the area of literacy and demonstrating her high-level skills in all areas of this subject. She has been amazing in discussions and has produced work of the highest standard. Great effort Martina. |
| Arshia | Japanese | Settling into Japanese lessons well and trying hard to use Japanese greetings. Well done! |
| Brodie | Japanese | Always trying hard to use new Japanese words and phrases. Well done! |
| Toby | P.E/ Drama | Completing all tasks to a high standard in Drama and P.E. |
| Poppy | MULTILIT | Congratulations on completing the MULTILIT program. |
| Jack | MULTILIT | Congratulations on completing the MULTILIT program. |

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop has relocated to the front office.
Office staff will run the uniform shop between 2.30-3.30
on the following dates:

Monday 22 July

2019 Pupil Free Days

Term 3 - Friday 30 August
Term 4 - Friday 22 November

2019 School Closure Day
Monday 2 September

Look what has started...



...our Nature Play area!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS


A big thank you to all those families that have supported our Fundraising by purchasing either a [Entertainment book](#) or a digital membership. If you do not wish to purchase the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child on Thursday 13th June can you please return it to the Front Office [ASAP](#). Congratulations to the family that has already won one of the **Golden Tickets** that has given them a **FREE** membership. There is still another **Golden Ticket** waiting to claim a **FREE** membership so please check your book now to see if you are the lucky winner.




Check out our totem poles that we made during **Reconciliation Week**. They are located outside the preschool and contain handprints from many of our pre-schoolers and JP students. A big thanks to Dave for helping us with our art project.




COMMUNITY NEWS



SIMPLY FOOTBALL



MEGA COURTS INDOOR SPORTS



STREET SOCCER

WHO: U/9 to U/13
WHERE: MEGA Courts
WHEN: Friday 19th July 9:30am to 12:30pm
COST: \$30 / player
CONTACT: Adrian 0402 418 580

Basic Rules:
4-a-side (No Goal Keepers)
Team loses a player when conceding a goal



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SQUASH CLINICS

- * Tuesday 9 July 3-4pm
- * Thursday 11 July 3-4pm
- * Monday 15 July 10:30-12pm
- * Wednesday 17 July 10:30-12pm
- * Friday 19 July 10:30-12pm

- * Free for first visit
- * \$7.50 per session after that
- * Nationally accredited coach
- * All equipment is provided
- * Bookings essential



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