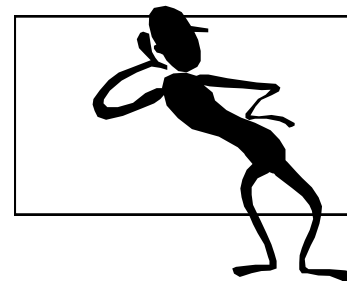


# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Monday December 18th 2017



## DATES TO

### REMEMBER:

#### DEC

Tues 19th

Class parties.

Wed 20th

Step up day.

Thurs 21st

Curriculum Day  
Michael Ymer PD

Fri 22nd

Last day—dismissal  
1:30pm

#### **2018**

#### **JAN**

Mon 29th

Book collection day  
9 to 11am

Tues 30th

Term 1 starts

#### **FEB**

Fri 2nd

School

Photos



### **2018 BOOK PICKUP**

Thank you to all parents who have returned their book orders for 2018. Please remember to mark Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January on your new calendars. Book pick up from the school between 9:00am and 11:00am.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Thank you to everyone for your support and attendance at the Christmas concert last Wednesday. A big thank you must go to the students who worked hard at learning their songs and musical pieces and to Mrs Freeman for all her hard work and organisation on the day.

### **CONDOLANCES**

Everyone at Baxter Primary School was saddened by the news that Linda Harvey passed away last week. Our thoughts are with Ashley, Kaylee, Justine and all their family and friends at this difficult time. Please contact the school if you or your children require any support with this situation as we have many support links we can help you with.

### **CURRICULUM DAY**

Don't forget this Thursday the 21st December is our final Curriculum Day for the year. This is a student free day.

### **END OF TERM**

On the last day of term students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1.30pm. Due to this early dismissal time the Shire will not be supplying staff to monitor the school crossings and the 40km speed limit will not be in action. For these safety reasons we require all students attending on Friday to be collected from within the school grounds by a parent or authorised adult to supervise them across the road. There will no bus running for students who regularly catch the town bus. If your child usually catches the bus please make other arrangements for them to get home on this day.

### **BAXTER BROWNLOW**

Congratulations to Beth and Ben our Middle School Brownlow winners.

### **CLASS PARTIES**

Grade parties are tomorrow. Please bring plates of food to your child's own classroom before school, ensuring that any plates you send along are named to enable us to return them to you at the end of the day. We hope to get a variety of foods to enable the children to have some healthy food as well as party food on the day.

All students will also need to bring their own paper plate and disposable cup. Fruit snack, snack and a water bottle are also needed.

### **STEP UP DAY**

Wednesday is step up day where all students will visit their grades and teachers for 2018.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

Bookings for Term 1/2018 are now open.

All activities are open to P—6 children

Book now at the office for weekly or daily usage.



## **CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2018**

Caroline McFaul:- Foundation in Room 5

Hannah Bolwell:- Grade 1 in Room 6

Lori Frowd:- Grade 2 in Room 8

Rosalea Andrews:- Grade 3 in SLC Rm 1

Liz Taylor:- Grade 4 in SLC Rm 2

Matt Hardy:- Grade 5 in SLC Rm 3

Stephen Baxter:- Grade 6 in SLC Rm 4

Specialists:

Art-Rebecca Thomas

PE-Jodie Baxter

Music/LOTE-Victoria Freeman

Chaplain -Sonia Cann–Milland

Integration Aides

Julie Olver in Yr 3

Mell Kupsch in Junior school & Yr 3

Linda Street in Yr 4 & Yr 1 Reading Intervention Program

Jeanette Paulding in 5H and 6B

Kate Howard part time middle school

## **TIPS FOR STEPFAMILIES FO CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE HOLIDAYS**

- 1: Organize time for yourself and your partner to rest and reduce stress.
- 2: Be as organized as you can with room for compromise and change.
- 3: Do not conflict with biological parent in front of children.
- 4: Let all children know what the organized plans are, where they will be on what dates allowing time for them to adjust.
- 5: Where appropriate have activities organized that involve extended biological/stepfamily.
- 6: Where possible let them suggest what they would enjoy over the holidays.
- 7: Staying in touch with their school friends is valuable for them at both parents home; sleepovers, phone calls and facetime are possibilities.
- 8: Be aware of your children's thoughts and emotions with new changes over this period; such as introducing a new partner and their children into Christmas day and holidays, access visits and change of traditions.
- 9: Time and involving stepchildren in the Christmas chores promotes connectedness and belonging
- 10: With children's input introduce new traditions and family habits, continue some old traditions agreed upon together.
- 11: Stepparents/parents organize one on one time with both biological and step children.
- 12: Have real expectations, do not over commit for Christmas day/holidays

