



# Pigeon Mountain School News

**JULY 2018**

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**Dear Parents,**

**We are quickly heading towards the half-way point of 2018 and in a few days will have completed our first 2 terms of the year. We are very proud of the students who have been preparing for their Cross Country run this Tuesday (or Thursday if the weather caused us to postpone). Running may not be everyone's favourite pastime, but 'giving it a go' is an important part of school just as we encourage reluctant readers to keep giving their best, or writers to take risks with their learning, RESILIENCE is a value which stands us in good stead for later in life!**

**We hope everyone enjoys the upcoming break, and we have fingers crossed that the weather takes a turn for the better! Remember – school closes at the normal time of 3pm on Friday 6th July, and reopens for Term 3 at 8.50am on Monday 23rd July.**

*Ian Dickinson, Principal*

**P.S. DON'T FORGET - the Cultural shared lunch on Wednesday 4th July to celebrate all the different cultures that make up the Pigeon Mountain School community.**



*From the Principal's Desk*

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**Today our roll is 557. New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School. Welcome to - Daniela Antonio, Demetra Burlacu, Lupe Miranda Corte-Real Vantacich, Kindness Saumani, Liam Browne, Lucas Wildener von Fruhauf, Daniel Gao, James Chan, Anderson He and Davy Chien.**

## **B**.O.T. NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the **26th July 2018 at 7pm**. Parents are always welcome to attend.

## **P**.T.A. NEWS:

The next PTA Meeting is on the **25th July 2018 at 7.30pm**. Please consider joining our happy and enthusiastic team.

**SCHOOL DISCO - 17th AUGUST**

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - The 2018/19 Entertainment Book is available from the office at a cost of \$70.**

**CALENDAR ART -** Calendar Art paper is being sent home today, together with a newsletter on how to create pictures for calendar art. If you have any queries or require more art paper, please call Shorelle on 02108794743. Please read the instructions carefully as there are some dos and don'ts, and return the art work to school by **Wednesday, 25th July**.

**S**AFETY Please note - our playground is 'Off Limits' before and after school for safety reasons. Our supervision of playground equipment only takes place at morning tea and lunchtime, and we do not allow children to play before and after school in order to avoid accidents that might occur.

## **E**NROLMENTS:

If you have (or someone you know has) a 4 year old who will be turning 5 this year, we'd like to remind you of the importance of completing enrolment documentation as early as possible. This enables us to plan for the arrival of your child- remember that our FREE 'Off to a Good Start' programme gives pre-school children a fantastic start to their time at Pigeon Mountain.

## **F**AREWELL:

We are sorry to say farewell to 2 teachers who are leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Angela Carter has been at our school for 6 years, and is moving to Willowbank School. Angela lives close to Willowbank, and is taking the opportunity to reduce her daily journey time. We are grateful for the impact Angela has had with her Year 1 and New Entrant students, as well as her leadership in the area of eLearning and Digital Citizenship. Angela will be replaced by Esther Kim, who is joining us from Kingsford School from the start of Term 3. Elly MacDonald is leaving education altogether to take up a role with her family's interiors business. We have had the pleasure of Elly's presence at school for one year. She is being replaced initially by Tracee McKenzie for 4 weeks, until our permanent replacement Annamarie Webber joins us from her role as Team Leader at Robertson Road School.

## **E**VACUATION - FRIDAY 29th JUNE:

Anyone collecting children on Friday afternoon last week, would have noticed that we had an activation of our fire alarms at precisely 3pm! This was caused by a defective sensor in the hall, which was later relieved of its duties and replaced. We would like to thank our community for their patience and calmness in evacuating the buildings, and gathering at the evacuation point at the field end of the Tigerturf.

