

**Our School Vision:** To work in partnership with the community to create a happy, collaborative and safe school environment, where we are all empowered, valued and supported. We will provide an inclusive, challenging and quality education to ensure that all students achieve their full potential

Mrs Anna Ruhle; Principal

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Mr Sebastian Naselli; Assistant Principal

School Council President; Anita John

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

**Wishing you all a safe and an enjoyable Christmas break, from the Staff and School Council of Tullamarine Primary School.**



**Have you downloaded the [Compass Parent Portal](#)?**

**All student reports are now on Compass—if you haven't downloaded Compass you won't be able to view your child's report.**

**Please Note: Students commence school on Thursday 30th January, 2020.**

Dates to Remember	Grade Levels	Time /Date	Additional Information
Last day of the school year	All grades	Friday 20th December	<b>1:30pm dismissal</b>
First day of 2020 school year	All grade levels	Thursday 30th January	<b>9:00 am Sharp</b>
First assembly for 2020	All welcome	Friday 31st January	
First newsletter for 2020		Tuesday 11th February	
2020 Curriculum Days		<b>Wednesday 22nd May, Wednesday 14th August,</b>	

## Farewell to the 2019 School Year

We have had a busy and productive term and finally the end of term 4 has arrived. There have been many events and achievements this year, particularly by our students who continue to approach their education with passion and enthusiasm. It goes without saying that our school and student successes are further enhanced by the ongoing support from our dedicated staff, families and wider community.

On behalf of the Tullamarine Primary School Community, I would like to thank the staff, (which includes the teachers, aides, office staff, canteen manageress, gardener/maintenance worker, cleaners and childcare workers), for their outstanding commitment, dedication and tremendous work throughout the year. Our wonderful staff and students work diligently throughout the year to make Tullamarine Primary School a successful school!

To every member of the PFA, we extend our sincere gratitude for tirelessly organising all the fundraising activities, for the purchase of valuable resources and equipment to enrich our students' learning environment and the support they have given to all school events. To our many parents, friends and grandparents, who have supported the school in classrooms, on excursions and incursions, in the canteen, with the newsletter, at special events, with school banking, and in fundraising activities, your contributions have been invaluable and we sincerely thank you.

To our School Council and its sub-committees, you have successfully continued to oversee numerous school improvement projects. Thank you! I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Anita John, our retiring School Council President, for all of her work as President over the last couple of years. She has taken on the role as President effectively and I thank her for her ongoing support of Tullamarine Primary School. I encourage all members of the community to consider becoming a member of the School Council in 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell our Grade 6 students. Their level of maturity clearly indicates they are ready to move on to secondary school. We wish them the very best with the next stage of their education.

To those students and families leaving Tullamarine Primary School, we thank you for your contribution to our great school and we wish you every success in your new school community.

I would like to say a sad farewell and good luck to a few staff members;

Ms Nadia Lopez has gained a position at Moonee Ponds Primary School. She has been with us for 12 months and will be sadly missed.

Miss Jessica Sassano leaves us at the end of this year to take on a position at Lalor Gardens Primary School. She has also been with us for one year and will be sadly missed.

Miss Adriana Iacono has picked up a position at Aitken Creek Primary School after spending 12 months with us. We wish her all the very best.

Mrs Nimmi Alexiou has received a permanent transfer to the Western English Language School. We wish her all the best.

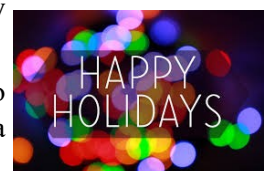
Mr Damien D'costa is leaving us at the end of this year to take on a 12 month position at Beverly Hills Primary School. Mr D'Costa has been with us since 2013 and has been a part of the Tullamarine PS community. We wish him all the very best.

We also say a sad farewell to Ms Alex Antoniou who has accepted a 12 month position at Carlton Gardens Primary School. Ms Antoniou has been a teacher at Tullamarine PS since 2014 and has will also be sadly missed. We wish her all the best.

After 32 years as a member of staff, Mrs McPherson will be retiring from education early in 2020. Mrs McPherson has touched the lives of an extraordinary number of Tullamarine Primary School Children over the years. Every year when we take new Foundation parents around the school for tours there is always a parent who remembers Mrs McPherson from their time here at TPS. She will be returning to us for the first week of next year but will then be taking leave and retiring officially. We will celebrate this milestone when we return in 2020.

Each of these teachers have been highly valued staff members and they will be sadly missed by all members of the school community.

As a staff, we look forward to continuing our work with our School Community in 2020 and to your continued support. Wishing all of our Tullamarine Primary School staff and families a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday!



## A Farewell to our Grade 6 Students, By Mrs Ruhle (Graduation Ceremony Speech)

A great man, named Nelson Mandela, once said that 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' How true this is.

Our students are growing up in world that is rapidly evolving and their education, which they are now half way through, is preparing them to take on the challenges of the future and to enable them to lead and live in a world that will be an exciting place to be. Education is no longer the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think. We have done our very best to equip you with this training and now it is up to you.

Your time at Tullamarine primary school has come to an end, which is both exciting and sad. There is also some nerves about what Secondary School will be like. You have all had some great times along the way, and maybe you had some tough times too, but we have faith in you all and believe that you are now ready to step into the next stage of your lives.

I ask you, as you prepare for this next stage, to do a few things. I ask that you;

- Have a positive attitude – remember that life is what you make it
- Laugh often
- Be honest and work hard
- Be yourself and be confident!
- Be kind to yourself and to others
- Live your life with passion and set goals to work towards
- Do the right thing, even if no one is looking.
- And finally, don't be in too big of a hurry to grow up. These are some great times in your life. Don't rush past them



There are great things coming for each of you, and just as your parents are proud, each one of you should feel proud of yourself.

I would like to thank our wonderful staff. Grade 6 graduation is not just about our grade 6 teachers that have taught these students this year, but it is about the collective effort of ALL of you. Everyone, including the integrations aides, office staff, and teachers in the school believe in always doing what is best for the students. The kindness and care you have each shown for the students as individual people is the reason that we have seen these students blossom into leaders. Thank you for always going above and beyond for our Tullamarine PS kids.

Parents;

We give you back your child. The same child that you entrusted to us when they started school.

We give your child back a bit older, a bit taller and a whole lot smarter!

It has been our pleasure and privilege to watch them grow and learn day by day.

Over the years we have lived, laughed and learned.

We have become like a family.

We will always be interested in your child, their future, wherever they may go, whatever they may do and whoever they may become.

We look forward to the day when we hear their names linked with great accomplishments.

Thank you for sharing such special children with us.

I want you all to know how important you have all been to Tullamarine Primary School. Remember that it is up to you how far you will go. If you don't try you will never know! Congratulations, follow your passions, and I wish you all the best of luck in your futures.

## STAFFING FOR 2020

**Foundation:** Miss Melissa Sacco (leader), and Miss Melanie Thomas

**Grade 1/2:** Mrs Karen Mackintosh (leader), Mrs Ngairé Smith, Miss Megan Chadwick and Mr Dennis Mazzella

**Grade 3/4:** Mrs Melinda Loudon (leader), Miss Anjelica DiGrande, Mrs Nelly Gunday and Ms Sky McDonald

**Grade 5/6:** Mrs Anne Micallef (leader), Mr Mauro Zaffina, Mr Michael Thompson and Miss Tara Amici

**Performing & Visual Arts:** Mrs Donna Rowe-Campbell

**Physical Education:** Mrs Anne Zupan

**Languages Italian:** Mrs Teresa Zaffina

**STEM:** Mrs Katie Lancaster

**EAL Teacher:** Mrs Anna Glavan

**Education Support Staff:** Mrs Vicki Wright (Business Manager), Mrs Renate Pistrutto (Offie Manager), Mrs Caroline Rayner, Mrs Kerrie Broadbent, Mrs Rachael Hardeman, Mrs Holly Meikle, Mrs Jenene Smith, Mrs Deanne Saburido, Mrs Nadia Gagliardi and Miss Georgina Farquharson

**Canteen Manager:** Karen Priest

## **BRIGHT FUTURES 2019**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Bright Futures Award at last Friday's assembly. Each of these children have achieved outstanding results in different areas.

**Mathematics** – Zephyr Bennett, Billy Hardman, Toby Patterson, Charlotte Massmann, Zi Yu Dong, Matilda Hutton, Jack Young & Ashti Jay

**Reading** – Lea Al Haj, Anaya Asim, Lily Franklin, Lana Elgharbawi, Marcus Vito, Myla Calatzis, Chloe Kajajo, Deanna Massmann, Kaity Rogers, Nicholas Stavrou & Sophie Stavrou

**Writing** – Kyrow-Dallas Heremaia, Judi Kummungkun, Isaac Saville, Mariam Najib, Chanelle Tuccitto, Ella Krohn, Alexandra Homatopoulos, Areeba Shaah & Sofie Langit

**Humanities** – Monet Zivkovic, Jack Denkji, Daniel Busuttil & Samuel Butler

**Science** – Johnson Patterson, Kaia Harris & Phillip Homatopoulos

**Civics and Citizenship** – Adelyn Mancuso, Bella Walsh, Pepe Fiti Soonalole, Jakob Nowell, Chloe Legaspi, Beau Aylmer, Zakea John, Sienna Basaranowicz, Ammika Hammond & Gabriella Calatzis

**Italian** – Billy Hardman, Kaye Serong, Sandra Faalili & Marie-Belle Sada

**STEM**— Noah McPherson, Osvaldo Lorusso Ahmed Elgharbawi, Constantine Mitchell & Emith Kadupitige

**Physical Education** – Izabela Benkovsky, Bailey Johnson & Aidan Al Haj

**Athletics** – Angie Scott, Jake Warden & Brody Bateson

**Interschool Sports** – Adam Kajajo & Elyas Alshammas

**Visual Arts** - Ethan Ilano, Zoe Jay, Shekyna Tuilagi, Allora Bennett, Monique Zec & Deia Lloyd

**Performing Arts Music** - Riya Prasath & Loura Alshammas

**Performing Arts Dance**– Amanda Reither, Marco Bazerghi & Chloe Russell

**Performing Arts Drama** - Tristan Woods

**Hume City Council** – Kaia Harris

