ANOTHER YEAR ENDS

Yesterday we witnessed the final events for our graduating year seven students. In the morning their graduation ceremony was a delightful even that showcased what a great group of children they are and what a wonderful community we live and work in. The team effort to make this event such a memorable one involving students, parents and staff was nothing short of outstanding. I thank everyone for their contribution in allowing these students to graduate in style.

And it that wasn't enough the dinner dance was an exceptionally fun filled and enjoyable social event, a befitting way to conclude their primary school years. Lots of dancing, a lovely meal and a ‘last dance’ with a mum or dad finished the night well. Again thanks to the team of workers who made sure this was so successful.

This morning Mrs Oliver with help from Mr Wills put together a final musical using the choir. It was a great way to conclude the year. It was funny, entertaining and demonstrated the musicality of our talented students.

Having finished the year I would like to extend my thanks to the whole school community for another personally satisfying and rewarding year.

The P & C have been extremely supportive with the provision of financial support, events and activities for other parents and of course events and support for students.

Your School Council has also been an active group working with the staff to ensure we have appropriate planning and accountability measures in place. They assist in the review of various policies and reports. Their work is important and appreciated.

Our significant band of volunteer parents in many different categories are invaluable and I thank them for their ongoing support. Several of these parents will be leaving the school this year as their last child graduates. For their many years of support I thank those parents for their dedicated efforts and look forward to a continuing relationship with those staying on.

Thanks also to our student body for being such delightful learners with whom to be involved. As educators our lives are made so much more enjoyable by the fact that these children want to learn and give it their best the great majority of the time.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to a wonderful band of dedicated staff members. There is no doubt in my mind that every one of them is committed to the very best for our students in what ever role they undertake. I am not going to identify individuals as I believe it is the very fact that they work as a team in the best interests of the school that makes this place so special. That being said I would like to say farewell and best wishes to Ms Walshe, Mrs Davis, Mrs Kenny, Mrs Lau, Mrs Gagner, Mrs Van Rensburg, Ms Ang and Ms Hyde each of whom have fulfilled fixed term contracts this year and thank them for their work.

AND SOTO NEXT YEAR

School resumes for students on Monday February 3rd 2014. We will have little change to the make up our teaching staff apart from the addition of Mrs Combe who joins us from Bateman Primary. All existing permanent teachers return as do permanent non-teaching staff. In addition we retain Mrs Hamley (kindy), Mrs Kovacic, Mrs Bateman, Mrs Dowell, Mrs Stringer and Ms Ames for another year.

Class lists will be posted on the glass notice boards in the last week of January but even then will be subject to change if we have significant enrolment changes.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR to all and your families. I trust that you will have a safe and refreshing holiday period and look forward to having you all back in 2014.

Geoff Anderson