Thank you

I would like to acknowledge the time, dedication and effort of all our staff throughout the year. They have continued to provide high quality teaching and learning programs with excellent results achieved across the school, as well as supporting the development of the personal and social skills of all the children, making PVSPS a great place to belong, learn and thrive.

As families, your support of the staff and your children throughout the year has been appreciated and has contributed to improving student learning. Thank you for your support as classroom helpers, as well as at events and activities throughout the year. The partnerships forged and strengthened continue to build on the success of our school for all children.

The efforts and collaborative participation of families, parent helpers, School Council, parent fundraising team and students, including our Junior School Council, bin monitors, gate monitors and our School Captains and Vice Captains, has been highly valued and appreciated by myself and the staff.

To our families who are relocating, we wish you all the best as you settle in to new homes and schools and thank you for being part of our school community during your time with us.

We welcome our new Prep students and new students in other year levels along with their families to our school in 2017.

We are looking forward to the new year and the continued learning opportunities that it will bring for all.

To our forty-four Year 6 students, congratulations and best wishes as they complete their primary schooling and move on to secondary school next year.

Congratulations to our recently elected 2017 School Captains - James W and Elizabeth W and Vice Captains - Jimmy Kassis and Sophia P.

I wish all our families and students a safe and happy festive season and summer break. We look forward to the new year.

Sue Spurr, Principal
2017 dates

Term 1

Wednesday January 25th 2017 - Parent payments and booklist collection 9.00am - 12.30pm & 2.00 - 5.00pm. Please note: The school will be closed between 12.30 and 2.00pm. Uniform sales will not be available at these times.
Thursday January 26th 2017 - Australia Day public holiday
Friday January 27th 2017 - Parent payments and booklist collection 9.00am - 12.30pm & 2.00 - 5.00pm. Please note: The school will be closed between 12.30 and 2.00pm. Uniform sales will not be available at these times.

Wednesday February 1st 2017 - Students in Years 1 to 6 commence
Thursday February 2nd 2017 - Prep students commence
Monday March 13th 2017 - Labour Day - public holiday
Friday March 31st 2017 - Final day of Term 1. School day ends for students at 2.30pm.

Term 2

Tuesday April 18th 2017 - Term 2 commences for students
Monday April 24th 2017 - Curriculum Day (pupil free day)
Tuesday April 25th 2017 - ANZAC Day - public holiday

Staffing
We say farewell to:
Andy Parthenopoulos as he takes up a position at Borondara Park PS.
Tess Brennan who is relocating to Ballarat and taking up a position at Alfredton PS.
Felix Lloyd after stepping in to fill a short term position in Year 1/2 this semester.
Wendy Bainbridge after stepping in to fill a short term position in Prep this semester.

We welcome back from leave: Zoe Davis

We welcome these staff to our school for 2017:
Lucy Clyde (teacher)
Tara Gray (teacher)
Rosie Fiumara (teacher)
Linda James (teacher aide)

Leave:
Souad Kabalan is taking long service leave for the first five weeks of Term 1. A replacement teacher has been arranged for this time. Patty Andrews is taking long service leave for all of 2017.

Professional Learning Community

Prep to Year 3 PLT—Team leader Kathryn Potts

Prep/Year 1 - Veronica Smith, Kathryn Potts, Lucy Clyde, Zoe Davis
Year 2/3 - Richard Breen, Souad Kabalan, Bruce Kelsall, Tara Gray

Year 4 to 6 PLT—Team leader Ameera Hassanein

Year 4/5 - Michele McKay, Anthony Gray, Maria McLaverty, Rosie Fiumara, Zoe Davis
Year 6 - Ameera Hassanein, David Lewis

Specialist team

Italian - Maria Alagna
Science (STEM) - Rachel Griffiths
Visual Art - Michele McCulloch

Zoe Davis - Thursday (Prep/1) and Friday (Year 4/5)

Business Manager - Roberta Baseggio
Student Admin - Robyn Brown
Teacher aides - Inga Spyrou, Linda James
Leading Teacher - Rachel Griffiths
Assistant Principal - Anne Bashford
Principal - Sue Spurr