



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2017 Planning

As the year draws to a close, we review our achievements and start initial planning for 2017. Staff and School Board are already in the process of reviewing data and information in relation to meeting our school and class targets. This analysis includes: student report results, NAPLAN data, survey information, attendance, behaviour records and teacher records.

Currently we look to have 50 students enrolled for 2017, so we will have the three classes in the same formation as this year.

Junior Class	Middle Class	Senior Class
K – 7 PP – 6 Yr 1- 8 Total =21	Yr 2 - 6 Yr 3 - 7 Total = 13	Yr 4 – 6 Yr 5 – 5 Yr 6 – 5 Total = 16

Miss Jessica Ashby will continue to teach in the Senior Cass. In the Middle Class there will be tandem teachers, Mrs Carly Radford will be teaching for 3 days and Mrs Melinda Nelson for 2 days. We are in the process of recruiting a teacher for the Junior Class, as Miss Wright has decided to return home to Albany. We will endeavour to ensure each class is well supported with Education Assistant time and this timeframe will depend on the student needs and the final funding available.

Dates to Remember	
29 Nov	Kindy Orientation & Transition Early Close
1 Dec	Leaders Assembly
9 Dec	Cervantes School Concert
13 Dec	Kindy Graduation 2pm Early Close
14 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
15 Dec	Beach Party Last Day

## CYBER SAFETY

Paul Litherland visited the school last week to talk with students and parents about being safe in the online world. It was unfortunate that not many parents took the opportunity to learn more about this pertinent issue.

Paul spoke with the students about their digital footprint and ways to minimise its effect. He encouraged them to take 3 seconds to stop and think about the photo or comment they are posting and assess if they are keeping ourselves and their information safe. Within Australia there is close to 100 million photos posted to Facebook and Instagram per day. These photos are telling people exactly what we are up to, where we are, what we like and don't like and even what we are wearing. This is can be an amazing resource for the wrong type of person and as a result you are putting yourself at risk.

Safety Tips when online:

1. Turn off Location Services when posting online
2. Avoid showing links to your location (home, school or work)
3. Become familiar with 'Trackware' and how it works
4. Never use the 'remember my password' button
5. Open your FB in one browser, while surfing on another
6. Watch out for 'shoulder surfing' (people looking over your shoulder at passwords)



Some useful online resources to help parents:

Your Sphere- numerous articles on the digital world <http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com>

Wikki How- a website with heaps of tricks and tips <http://www.wikihow.com>

Common Sense Media- great unlimited resource center <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/>



# End of Year Celebrations

**Assembly** on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** will be hosted by the Student Leaders.

**The Concert and Graduation Night** will be held on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December** at the Cervantes Community Recreation Centre. All students K- Year 5 need to wear school uniform and be at the CCRC by 5:50pm for a 6pm start. Year 6 students can wear smart casual clothing. The P&C ask that all parents bring a plate of supper to share after the concert.

**Kindergarten Students' Graduation** will be held on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm.

The annual **Beach Party** is on the last day of school, **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending. Teachers and students will walk from school at approximately 9:10am. The first activity is the Sand Sculpture competition, followed by some games and swimming before the Apple Bob at 11:30am, for the graduating students. All students and parents are invited back to school at 12:30 for a Sausage Sizzle.

**Reports and Portfolios** will be sent home on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

## P&C News

The P&C committee invite all parents for morning tea after assembly this week to help celebrate their achievements for the year.

Natalie Dennis  
Principal



**TAYLORS DANCE  
CONCERT 2016**

Featuring a variety of  
**Jazz, Tap, Lyrical and  
Hip Hop routines with  
Special Guest  
Performers**

**Jurien Sport & Rec Centre  
Saturday 10th Dec  
5.30pm—7.30pm  
Adults \$10 Children \$5  
tickets at the door**

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## DANDY AFTER DARK! Stargazing Event

To celebrate Dandaragan's beautiful dark skies, the Dandy CRC applied for funding through Astronomy WA, to host an evening of Startling Stargazing!

Our application was successful and we have invited Gingin Observatory Astronomer, Brian Sture, who is also part of Astronomy WA, to visit Dandaragan to take us on a galactic adventure!

Brian visited Indonesia in March this year where he witnessed a rare solar eclipse. He will share his adventures with photographs and animation on how a solar eclipse occurs. He will then lead us in stargazing through telescopes, out on the oval along with fellow astronomers and their telescopes.

- ★ My Journey to see a Total Solar Eclipse
- ★ Night Sky Star Tour
- ★ Look through Telescopes

**Held at the Dandaragan Community Centre (HALL)  
Saturday 3rd December: 7.00—9.30 pm**

**\$15 adults, \$5 children.  
Bookings Essential.**

Call the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre  
on 08 9651 4071 to book.

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