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THIS WEEK – Term 1 Week 4

by Felicity Preston, Principal

Tara Gannon

This week we officially say a tentative goodbye to Tara Gannon who is expecting her baby in a few weeks. We wish Tara all the very best as she enters this new phase in her life.

Swimming Carnival

We had a sensational swimming carnival yesterday at Engadine Leisure Centre. Well done to the teachers on the carnival organisation team for such a great event. Sooooo many kids went in races, I think more than ever before. Sportspersonship was at its best too. The cheering was great - especially from the Year 6 Freeman girls! I had two highlights. The first was the faces of some of the swimmers in the relays when they realised they would all be receiving a ribbon (1st, 2nd or 3rd as we only have three Houses). The second highlight was the impromptu teacher and parent race, heralded by our teacher Miss Rachael Morrison and joined by Mr Scott Taylor, along with the parents who volunteered (were coerced ;) : Ryan Shearman, Jason Holley, Grant Madsen and Kate Hervey. Thank you to the many parents who helped out with time-keeping: Lisa Gregory, Kylie Brennan, Kara Hall, Kate Hervey, Jo Scarfe, Matt Harvey, Holly Robbins, Sarah Parkin, Carla Symons and Ryan Shearman. Thank you also to Guy Davies for being the official photographer. Scroll down for some **pics** of the day. Ribbons will be handed out in the Week 6 Assembly.

75th Birthday reminder from the P&C

A reminder that we have set a date for our 75th Birthday week - Term 4, Week 2 (October 20-24) and will include a P&C Night Market on the Friday night. If you would like to be part of this parent group, or can lend a hand if you are good at event coordination or management, please contact the P&C Fundraising Coordinator, Jen Surplice: jensurplice@gmail.com

Bios

More Bios are also below. This week we feature Megan Oldfield, our Learning and Support Coordinator and resident artist! We also feature some of our non-teaching staff - our newest recruit, Lara Faour, our School Administration Officer, and four of our SLSOs: Bec Gun, Jo Reily, Will Arnold and Jared Goldthorp. Next week will feature Tracy Condos, our Business Manager, and the rest of our SLSOs: Cathy Morgan, Belinda Spears and Jo Gannon.



NEXT WEEK

No major events next week but good luck to our PSSA teams - Girls Touch Football and Boys Tball / Softball - in Round 3.

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Megan Oldfield



Learning and Support teacher; RFF & Art specialist

Qualifications: Bachelor of Education (Habilitation), Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Special interests: I love providing students with opportunities to learn skills and express their creativity - especially within visual arts - and learning about how to best support students as a whole person.

Personal interests/hobbies: I love reading, reformer pilates and being outdoors with my family & friends.

What I love about teaching: I love seeing little faces light up when they've persevered with something challenging and they discover the joy of hard work resulting in success.

Lara Faour



School Administration Officer

Qualifications: Diploma of Children's Services

Special interests: Student wellbeing, Problem solving, Event planning and Community engagement.

Personal interests/hobbies: Spending time with my family, being outdoors, fashion and travelling.

What I love about teaching: I get to interact with a diverse range of people including students, staff, parents and the wider community. I enjoy the variety of tasks, the ongoing learning opportunities and being a helpful presence within the school.

Bec Gunn



School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Qualifications: Certificate III in Education Support, Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy

Special interests: Expanding my qualifications for the Inclusive Education Support Unit and Auslan

Personal interests/hobbies: I love to spend time with my son, family & friends. I like to keep active and enjoy weekends away camping.

What I love about teaching: I love to make a positive impact on students and the learning environment to achieve their goals. I love to encourage students to try new things as they grow and learn.

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Jo Reily



School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Qualifications: Certificate III Community Services, Certificate IV Community

Special interests: Children with additional needs, supporting them and building relationships. Literacy.

Personal interests/hobbies: Walking for health, camping and outdoors, travel.

What I love about teaching: I love building connections with children and staff. I love helping the kids to be the best they can be.

Will Arnold



School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Qualifications: Certificate IV in Education Support

Special interests: I love writing and phonics and being able to help students improve in the foundations of reading and writing brings me a lot of joy!

Personal interests/hobbies: I love to be out in nature as well as play board games!

What I love about teaching: What I love most about my job is because of my experience being dyslexic and school not being easy for me I required additional support in my time as a student. It really means a lot to me that I can help students be successful in the classroom and be able to give them the same kindness and support I was given as a student!

Jared Goldthorp



School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Qualifications: Certificate IV in Youth Work, Certificate IV in School Age Education & Care

Special interests: Disability Support programs and Play-based learning

Personal interests/hobbies: Music production, collecting vinyl records and vintage clothing, sewing.

What I love about teaching: Seeing the students' proud faces when they accomplish a new skill.

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