



**Plympton International College**

普林顿国际学校

*Centre of excellence for R-12 learners*

学前班 - 12年级学生的卓越教育中心

## Newsletter

**December 2017**

## Diary Dates

### 2018 start dates

#### Term 1

29/1/18 to 13/4/18

#### Term 2

30/4/18 to 6/7/18

#### Term 3

23/7/18 to 28/9/18

#### Term 4

15/10/18 to 14/12/18

### February

8/2 Year 12 Seminar Day

13/2 Acquaintance  
Evening

13/2 Governing Council  
AGM

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As we come to the end of the year, it gives me great pleasure to look back on the many achievements of 2017. Students, parents and staff have worked together to bring some innovative programs that have put our Plympton International College on the map.



Some highlights of the year have included:

- Implementation of the Chinese Bilingual program & establishment of sister schools in Shandong
- Extension of the intervention program in both Numeracy & Literacy
- Middle School Debating winning against many other schools
- New uniform items to develop a sense of pride
- ICT wireless upgrade, BYOD and new technology across R – 12
- Building and play area upgrades in Junior school
- Hosting many VIPs including the Premier of SA and Minister of Education, Port Power/Team China and Chinese leaders of education.
- New Out of School Care Program (OSHC)
- New STEM building designs & Science Week
- Senior secondary & career development courses
- Primary and secondary music and drama performances, including the primary disco.
- Increased community involvement including new Governing Council sub committees & fund-raising
- Primary sports workshops, R – 12 Sports Day, after school sports sessions & Tai Chi
- Lunchtime activities including Chess Club, Computer Coding, Art & Craft and Sports

For more information and about the College and your child's involvement, including some great photos, please consider purchasing our 2017 Year Book. These can be ordered through the College office.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

## Farewells

At this time of year, it is always a time of mixed emotions as we congratulate staff who are moving onto new positions or who are retiring:

We wish the following staff all the best in their retirement:

George Kouts, Tech, English & HASS Teacher  
(12 years at PIC/WL)

Sabrina Walker, EALD Teacher/Leader for  
(16 years at PIC/WL)

Carlotta Omenzetter, Home Economics Teacher  
(13 years at PIC/WL)

Maria Alexopolous, Maths Teacher  
(11 years at PIC/WL)

On behalf of staff and students, I thank you for your huge commitment and wish you well in your retirement.

Congratulations to:

Sarah Bennett, Student Wellbeing Leader has won a STEM Co-ordinator position at Roxby Area School.  
Di Whitaker-Lockwood, Special Education Teacher has also won a Primary Co-ordinator position at Roxby Area School.

Jordan Pfeiffer has been appointed as Music Teacher at Plympton Primary School

We have a number of contracts still to be filled and we will hopefully let you know early next year as more information is available from DECD Human Resources.

I would like to take this opportunity of thank parents, staff and students for their support throughout 2017 and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Linda Richardson**

## House Teams 2018

A proposal from staff, students & the Sports Committee was passed at the last Governing Council meeting to extend the House Team system in 2018. New house colours will be Red (红), Blue (蓝), Green (绿) and Yellow (黄). Names are still to be decided and staff, students and parents will have input into this early next year. Due to the imbalance of numbers, gender and age groups, students will be reallocated and information on their new house team will be distributed during the first week of the school term. The new house system will enable students to obtain points for across curriculum and extra curricula events as well as academic, effort and behaviour. Certificates and end of term rewards will be presented at house team assemblies.

## 2018 Enrolments

The planning for 2018 classes is underway, and we would like to ensure we have correct information about students.

If your student will not be attending Plympton International College in 2018, please notify the office and collect a leavers form as soon as possible.

Also, if you are wanting to enrol a student, please contact the office to make an appointment ASAP to ensure there is a place available.

This information is essential to support us to determine staffing and class structures for 2018. Thank you.

## Uniform Additional Hours January 2018

Thursday 25 th January 2018 9:30am to 4:00pm

Monday 29th January 2018 8:15am to 10:00am

Tuesday 30th January 2018 8:15am to 10:00am

## Normal Uniform shop times 2018

Tuesday 8:15am to 9:00am

Thursday 3:00pm to 4:00pm

## Do you have a passion for sport?

## Do you love helping kids? Then WE WANT YOU!

### 2018 Volunteer Sports Coaches and Managers

Plympton International College is aiming to offer our Primary students a selection after school and weekend sporting opportunities in 2018. In order to do this we need dedicated and organised parent volunteers, who can offer their time and expertise to prepare and run these teams. You don't need to be experienced in these sports.

Coaches and Managers will need:

- To gain student interest and be the main point of contact for the sport.
- Have great communication skills and ideas.
- Be able to provide a training session once a week and be available for game times
- Have or obtain all volunteer certificates – DCSI clearance, RAN Certificate, Induction for Volunteer certificate.

Some of the sports we are aiming to offer are:-

#### Term 1 & 4

T-Ball – Reception to year 5

Kanga Cricket

#### Term 2 & 3

Soccer – divisions – U8, U9, U10, U11 Senior Primary.

Netball - TBA

If you are interested in making a difference for our students and are able to volunteer your time for any of the above sports or know someone who would be great at it, then please send your expression of interest in an email to [dl.0907.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0907.info@schools.sa.edu.au) asap (particularly for the Term 1 sports).

If there is a sport you wish to coach and it is not listed, then please state this in your interest letter.

**Ms Claire Simon**

**R-6 Sports Manager**

During Semester 2 of 2017, some of our students enrolled in Stage 1 Community Studies. The main focus for this subject is for the student to plan a community activity that will have some impact on the community. Dimi in year 11, decided that she would like to organise a fund raising event for the Breast Cancer Foundation. This was a really big learning curve for her, but she accomplished it with great success. In her learning she had to follow the financial processes of the college and gain permission from Governing Council to hold the event. She needed to advertise the event. And in the end run it. It was a lot of work and there were some changes that needed to take place too which Dimi found frustrating. However, what a fabulous achievement when it all happened successfully in the end.

Dimi raised \$291 for the Breast Cancer Foundation and a representative from this organisation came to our school to collect the cheque and to present Dimi with a big thankyou and the opportunity to be photographed with the Breast Cancer Foundation's big cheque. Dimi you really did well with all of this! The money you raised will help the research plans for investigating a cure for Breast Cancer.

If any students would like to consider Community Studies as a future subject of interest this is just one example of the types of community activity that you can do. For more information, go to: [www.sace.sa.edu.au/](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/) community studies

**Sarah Bennett**



## Student Pick-Up / Drop-Off

Both the Errington Street and Myer Avenue car parks are fully occupied by the staff of PIC and Errington schools. **The dropping off and picking up of students in the Errington or Myer car parks is not permitted at any time. (This is in line with DECD Policy).** Many parents park along Myer Avenue and Gardner Street and then walk their children the short distance to school. Thank you for your support of our students' safety and well-being.

## Results of Parent Poll: Materials and Services Charges 2018

In October/November 2017 four Parent Polls were undertaken in accordance with Education Act 1972 and the Materials and Services charges Administration Instructions and Guidelines, regarding the legal collection of the "Prescribed Sum" within the Materials and Services Charge for 2018.

The results of each poll were in favour of legal collection with an overall approval of 74%.

The Principal has reviewed the Poll results on behalf of the Chief Executive, DECD, and approved the "Prescribed Sum".



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GrasshopperSoccerSouthernAdelaide

## Awards

Prishay came to us as part of the Plympton/Errington Peer Mentoring program. The program has been running now for 8 years and is primarily aimed at encouraging year 10 Plympton International College students to step and volunteer at Errington one day a week. Over 200 students have been involved in this program since early late 2009.

Prishay has been volunteering this year in a primary class and has been an exceptional member of the Primary team. He has shown a maturity beyond his years, demonstrating initiative and a willingness to help wherever he can. It has been a pleasure to see him develop over this year with all members of staff having nothing but praise for his work. Prishay is now beginning to think seriously about a career pathway related to his work at Errington once he completes year 12.

Prishay received the Outstanding Peer mentoring Student Award for 2017.

Well done Prishay!

## Sam Hele

## Errington Special Education Centre



Well another year has flown by and with it the anticipation of the awards for participants of the Premier's Reading Challenge 2017.

Participants in the Challenge will receive their certificates or medals on the last day of school and this will be acknowledged in the final assembly of 2017 which will take place in the Errington Hall at 1.35pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join the last day celebrations of 2017.

## Sarah Bennett





## Governing Council

Stay safe everyone & enjoy your break.

It's been a most productive year with lots of change, when we come back we'll see STEM changes taking place and we'll be finding out what other improvements will take place with our \$3M building improvement grant.

We'll be welcoming lots of new families and throwing out the welcome mat to join our Governing Council and committees to help shape our school.

It really is a commitment and team effort to boost school spirit & to keep things running smoothly.

To all of our Governing Councilors, committee members, staff, students, parents and special volunteers, Thank You for the hard work and amazing efforts. We have had a most productive year and we've achieved some great things. See you next year and we can do it all again.

Regards and best wishes to all.



## Samantha Malliotis

Governing Council chair

## Chinese Language Teachers Association of South Australia Languages Awards Night

On Friday, 1st December, the CLTASA held their annual language awards night in Bonython Hall at the University of Adelaide. These state wide awards reward and encourage our students' Chinese language learning achievements.

We send our warmest congratulations to our award recipients, Faye in Year 6 and Rottaneat in Year 8! A well-earned recognition for your persistence in developing your language skills and your enthusiasm for Chinese studies.

Our wonderful Junior School 'Chinese choir' opened the evening with a cheerful Chinese rendition of We Wish You A Merry Christmas! A huge thank you to our families and students from Reception to Year 6 for your commitment to representing our school and supporting the language awards evening.

Our performance has received lots of positive feedbacks from parents, students and principals attending the language awards evening. We acknowledge that it is the good will and support of our school community that made this possible and we greatly appreciate the generosity of families who support their child/ren of participating in this special event.

## Erik Ma and Amelia Yong

### Chinese Teachers



