Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the year is always very busy. Teachers are completing the students’ semester 2 reports. These will be sent home shortly. Please take the time to celebrate your child’s achievements with them. Our school plan and annual report are nearing completion for 2015. Thank you to the families who completed the “Tell Them From Me” survey. We value your feedback. Thanks to all of the staff who worked hard to help our school to continually improve the learning opportunities for our students.

The high school students recently enjoyed the swimming carnival and primary students are attending special parties and events. Some of our mums enjoyed a stretch and relaxation class and our “men-folk” grew outrageous moustaches and raised funds in ‘Movember’, supporting men’s health initiatives.

New students are having orientation visits and year 12 students are having transition visits to their new services. Graduation was a wonderful night, celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 school leavers and wishing them well for their futures. We are so proud of all of you!

The end of the year also brings us to the time to say goodbye to some members of staff. My thanks go to all members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities. Our leavers include teachers Natalie Mierczak, Sam Widmer, John Kiraz, Leanne Woods, SLSO Noha Youssef and Lauren Di lenno from the office. They have all made a significant contribution to the lives of many students, families and have been wonderful colleagues with whom to work. To all our staff this year, a big thank you for the contribution you have made.

With only a few days left of this school year I take this opportunity to wish you well for the holidays and hope that it is a safe and happy time with your family and friends.

School resumes for students on Thursday 28 January 2016.

Until next time,

Anne Flint
Hi from J7

J7 has been enjoying an adventurous term out in the community. Hassan, Regina, Jenny, Salmaan and Mohamed travel by bus to Central Gardens at Merrylands every Thursday. They have been exploring the surrounds of their local environment as part of the history unit "Events that made Australia". For their exploration into the changes to everyday life in Australia post 1800’s, students engaged with flora and fauna, such as water features, kangaroos, emus and cockatoos.

They also interacted with built features of the local environment, including playground equipment and bus travel on busy roads, passing by shops, houses and many other buildings.

J7 has been practising walking safely by attending to community symbols for ‘stop’, ‘go’ and ‘wait’ throughout this year at school. In the community, students have an opportunity to learn to generalise their understanding of community symbols to walk safely in a new setting. All students have walked independently and stayed together as a group. They follow visual and verbal instructions to transition safely to different areas within Central Gardens. Well done to students in J7 for all the effort and enthusiasm they display each week during community access. The whole class represents Holroyd School proudly and positively in the community and they each thoroughly enjoy the adventure and peace of the outdoors.

One of our students, Ben, stays at school while the class goes on community access and he has been working on a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) project in the classroom.

Ben chooses from a range of cartoon characters that display positive behaviours, such as ‘keeping hands and feet to self’, ‘being kind to friends’ and ‘staying in own space’. He independently researches one character per week on the computer, watches clips and saves images of his chosen character onto a USB. Ben prints off the pictures he has saved and creates a poster of each character, incorporating PBL symbols and his own photos into a work of art. Ben is always excited to participate in this special work activity and enjoys admiring the many posters he has created. Well done to Ben for displaying maturity and independence in his work and having a positive attitude towards his learning.

We wish our students a safe and joyful holiday and all the best for 2016!
Hello from S21

This term our class has been participating in a number of sporting activities. On Monday we have fun playing and splashing around in the pool before our structured swimming lessons. During these lessons, we develop our swimming skills, gain water confidence and learn about water safety. The lessons prepared us for the recent swimming carnival where we used our skills to compete in races against our peers.

On Friday we use our movement and action skills as we participate in weekly sporting lessons. Our favourite activities include bowling, soccer and basketball. Taking part in these activities enable us to refine our existing skills as we learn new skills.

Earlier this term our class was given the opportunity to visit George Bass School and participate in their Soccer Gala day. We enjoyed representing our school while we utilised our soccer skills to compete against other schools. At the end of the day we celebrated our achievements as we received certificates, medals and trophies at the presentation.

In addition to these activities and events we also enjoyed being part of the red team at the Athletics Carnival. Throughout the day we tested our running ability as we took part in various running races. While we waited for our turn to compete, we supported and cheered for our friends in the red team.

We have had a great year and hope that everyone enjoys their holiday. Imad, Nicholas, Kalan, Abinom, Sinclair, Carol, Brad and Katherine
Greetings from J10

J10 comprises of 4 girls and 2 boys. This term Eric left for another school and Harshnoor is leaving as well. She has enrolled in a support unit and we wish her all the best in her new school. Eman has joined our class and it’s been amazing to see Eman adjust well to a new school environment.

Each week we have been busy taking part in a range of learning activities. Our favourite activities are swimming, water play and mini gym. We always try our best to listen to our teachers and follow the school’s PBL rules while having a lot of fun. Last term we worked on our concert item.

Recently, the class took part in the junior school’s athletics carnival. The class enjoyed dressing in green to support their team. They all put in a fantastic effort and participated in different races.

On the 2nd of December our class will be attending the Children’s Christmas party at Rosehill. We are looking forward to a fun filled day with lots of exciting things to participate in.

We have had a fun and eventful year and are looking forward to a well-earned break.

Until then,
Aahnaf, Eman, Kyarah, Khyber, Harshnoor,

The class put together a wonderful performance with J3 which involved dancing and moving to the song ‘Old McDonald’.

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Students from J10 enjoyed the Variety Christmas party.
Congratulations to our Year 12 Graduands.
We wish you every success for your future.

Calvin             Tara
Sheraz            Luke
Fatma             Michael
Tony              Fawaz
Lan               George
Youssef           Caglar
Assad             Ayman
Michelle
Senior Swimming Carnival
Last day for students this year is Wednesday 16th December

We wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday break.  
Students return to school in 2016 on Thursday 28th January
The simplest way
...to disguise vegetables.

Can’t get the kids to go near the greens? Disguise is a great way to get them eating veg, without the protests!

Here’s how:

Grate vegies into meat dishes: carrot, zucchini, capsicum and celery work well in bolognaise sauce, meat patties, meatballs, shepherd’s pie and tacos.

Add chopped vegies: to quiches or omelettes – try mushroom, tomato, capsicum or zucchini.

Blend vegies in to sauces: puree sweet potato, pumpkin or cauliflower.

Add extra vegies: mushrooms, capsicum and pineapple are great on pizzas.

Add in other root veg to mashed potato: pumpkin and sweet potato are favourites.

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