



# Middle Indigo Primary School

## NEWSLETTER 12/11/2019

### Language Classes

This year Middle Indigo has been blessed with the services of Heather Payne, teaching French classes on a Thursday. Heather is an incredible educator and we have been very lucky to have her with us this year. The students took to her from the very start and have achieved so much under her tutelage this year. We have celebrated many French festivals and even ran a French restaurant on one of the weeks in the mid-year.

Heather announced early on that this would be her last year of teaching. She has family commitments and an active retirement plan to attend to. We will miss her energy on Thursdays and her insights on education. The students will miss her teaching and I am sure will react to the sound of the bell for the rest of their lives.

Next year we welcome Sok Yi to Middle Indigo. Sok Yi (pronounced Soki) is a Beechworth based teacher of Chinese. She is also a classical guitarist who plays in a duet who also teaches guitar. Sok Yi will join us from week two of term one. The Victorian Curriculum places a deal of importance in language education. Chinese (Mandarin) is the predominate language of Australia's largest import and export trading partnership. It is a language with much relevance to Australia and our region. So nǐhǎo Sok Yi and welcome aboard.

### Transition

Prep Transition begins tomorrow through to the second last week of term. We have five new students making the big transition to school.

A big Welcome to Anika Rowlings, Luke Sheridan, Dusty Brosig, Mac Williams and Leon Elkins.

I hope everyone in our school community will make them all feel very welcome at our fantastic little school.

13<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9:00 to 11:30 am

20<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9:00am to 1:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> Nov - 9:00am to 1:30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Full Day      10 Dec – Full Day

### Indigo Creek Fishing Club

We had a surprise visit this morning from John and Ray from the Indigo Creek Fishing Club. The Club has kindly donated \$500 to Middle Indigo School as a result of the raffles they run at the Barnawartha Pub on a Friday night.

The club comprises locals from Barnawartha. They head out all over the North East to fish in our beautiful rivers and dams. They have a great rivalry with the Black Dog Creek Fishing Club up the road. We have it on good authority that the Indigo Creek Fishing Club is two fish up on the Black Dog Creek crew. Standby for further updates soon as the fishing season opens up.

It is great to see local clubs supporting small schools in this way. Fundraising is difficult for small schools, particularly paddock schools with little to no 'town' infrastructure to push communities along.

Thank you Indigo Creek Fishing Club.



Dom with John and Ray from the Indigo Creek Fishing Club and a check for \$500.

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## Graduation Night

This year we have six students departing for high school. Noah Rowlings, Justin Sheridan, Bryce Leek, Isaac McLean, Cooper Savage and Tristan Irons. We will celebrate their time here at Middle Indigo with a Graduation night on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at 5:30pm.

The event will take around one hour and is open to all in the community. The six boys have been a big part of our school over the past seven years and we aim to send them off with a great evening.

## Christmas Concert



Yep, that time of the year is fast approaching. Our annual Christmas concert is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December from 5:00pm onwards. The two classes have been practising some Christmas songs on the guitar and keyboards and belting out the songs with their big voices. The Junior School Council will be putting on a BBQ with sausages and burgers and a quirky selection of refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to the Christmas Concert and we definitely encourage getting dressed up in your best Christmas finery and flashing lights.

It is also rumoured that a certain 'heavy' chap may appear on the evening as well?????

## Flyaway Gymnastics

As part of our Sporting Schools program, we will be participating in the Flyaway Gymnastics program every Thursday for the next four weeks. Students will be transported to Albury from 11:30am for a one hour class at the Flyaway Gym centre.

Students will need to have a good pair of socks (clean) for the gym play. The centre can be a little dusty at times so if your child gets asthma or hay fever they will need to bring their inhalers with them.

## School Works

It has been a busy week at Middle Indigo for the tradies. We have had builders, plumbers, and electricians in to make the school more fire safe. This involved the removal of a number of items deemed fire hazards by our good friends at the CFA.

We have removed all gas heaters and the gas hot water service from the school. The swampy cooler on the roof of the main building has also been removed. The old air conditioners in the Principal office and the senior class have been removed. The openings above the windows in the library have been covered up and made fire/smoke safe.

These renovations have required us to upgrade the hot water to an electric system. We have also ordered new reverse cycle air conditioners for the library and the small office.

These works, though fairly unexciting on the face of it, make the school as fire safe as we can. We have further upgrades happening in the near future to our pumping equipment, to advance our fire standards further.

Additionally, we have the tree loppers coming in to remove the gum tree just behind the senior class. This was identified by the CFA as a hazard. The tree works will happen on a weekend for safety reasons.

Transition Dates – see article [Transition](#)

## Important Dates

13<sup>th</sup> Nov to 10 Dec - Prep Transition (see above)

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Council

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Grade 6 Graduation evening 5:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Concert – 5:00pm till 8:00pm

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Swim Day – Yack Pool

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Water Fun Day \ Last day of School Year

# Indigo Creek Fishing Club

**Christmas Ham Raffles  
Hams Drawn**

**Friday 22/11/19  
Friday 13/12/19**

**At Star Hotel Barnawartha  
from 6pm both nights**

**Come and support your local  
community fishing club and win  
a yummy ham for the festive  
season**

