



Students' News Now!

Final Issue of 2016!

The end of a year is a time of reflection, resolutions and relaxation—a slightly different version of the three Rs than Reading, [W]riting & 'Rithmetic!

As 2016 draws to a close, I want to congratulate the Year 6 students who have worked hard on developing their writing skills and producing three issues of this, the first ever student-produced Goodna State School newsletter.

Particular mention should be made of Lockyer Lologga, who took on the challenge of editing it, on top of her already extensive extra curricular demands of School Captain, Pacifica dancer and band member. She has managed to lead a small group of intrepid reporters in the production of a well-written newsletter with very little guidance from me. This experience, combined with being a published author at the age of just 11, is

something I hope other aspiring writers will be inspired by. With hard work, good organisation skills and a determination, anything is possible.

"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be." - George Sheehan.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students an enjoyable holiday, in particular Year 6 students as you say goodbye to your primary school years. Whether you have been at GSS for one year, seven years or somewhere in between, and wherever you are headed next year, work hard, make new friends and don't forget what you've learned here. As one door closes, another opens. Enjoy—and be the best you can be!

The following staff are also moving onto new schools:

Miss Rutherford, Miss Wilkie, Mrs Carr, Mrs Roche, Mr Carlyon, Mr Harker and Mr Heilbronn.

Best wishes, be happy—and keep just a little piece of GSS with you!

Mrs Christensen
Proud Year 6 Teacher

Editorial

Welcome to our final edition of Students' News Now! for 2016.

We are all devastated that this year must come to an end, but that just means another group of Year 6s are lucky and privileged to continue *Students' News Now!* in 2017. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all of our readers for encouraging us to keep this going. Good luck to next year's committee. Read on to celebrate new beginnings with departing staff.

-Lockyer, 2016 editor of *Students' News Now!*



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Year 6 Graduation

Teachers cried, parents proudly took loads of photos, and Year 6 students sang at the 2016 Year 6 Graduation night on Tuesday 6th December 2016.

The Graduation night was a success! If it weren't for our lovely Year 6 teachers, Mrs Maybanks and her parent group, the night wouldn't have been such a sensation.

First of all, all the speeches were mesmerising. Some advice for next year's captains though...remember your speeches!

The students looked fabulous and proud, the



venue looked awesome and everything ran very smoothly. Overall, the night was voted a great success. Goodbye to all the 2016 Year 6s, you had some teachers in tears!



Camp Quality

Camp Quality's purpose is to create a better life for every child living with cancer in Australia. The organisation delivers national programs that build resilience and optimistic behaviours for all children (0-13 years) living with cancer in Australia. With almost 800 students in that age bracket, a few compassionate GSS students decided it was very appropriate and worthwhile to raise some money for Camp Quality. They sought permission to have a free dress day and promoted that to the whole school.

The community dug deep and we are proud to report that you donated an **AMAZING \$528.95 for Camp Quality this term.** We—and the many children with cancer—say "Thank you so much." Way to go GSS!!! There'll be more laughter—the best medicine—now!

For more information on Camp Quality see <https://www.campquality.org.au/>

There are so many worthy charities; what will the Student Council prioritise in 2017?

Whatever is considered, please dig deep and show your compassion for those less fortunate.



Goodbye Miss Wilkie

Taine interviewed one of our favourite teachers, Miss Wilkie, who is unfortunately leaving us next year.

As a child, Miss Wilkie attended Coorparoo State School. She had lovely teachers, and wanted to be just like them. Then Miss Wilkie had an aspiration to be a teacher. Miss Wilkie has taught at Ashgrove State School, Goodna State School and next year will be teaching at Palmerstone State School. Miss Wilkie has taught years 1, 2, 5 and 6. She said that she enjoyed teaching Year 1 the most because she thinks that seeing the growth that younger kids have is

amazing. Over the two years Miss Wilkie has worked here, she thought the most memorable things were the big school celebrations.

"All those days of celebration were wonderful to be a part of," she said. Miss Wilkie said that she most enjoyed working with all the kids and teachers while making lots of friends. She said she feels sad about leaving GSS, but at the same time excited to teach at a new school. She's most looking forward to a fresh start at a brand new school. Miss Wilkie's advice to future teachers at GSS is to not be afraid to ask for help.

Thank you for your time Miss Wilkie. We hope you like your new school. We will all miss you!



Goodbye Mr Harker

Kailani and Lockyer interviewed one of our most delightful teachers who is unfortunately leaving Goodna State School, the dapper Mr Harker.

As a kid, Mr Harker went to Acacia Ridge State School for grades 1 and 2. For the rest of his years at primary school he went to Calamvale State School. We asked him why he wanted to become a teacher. Mr Harker answered that as a sales representative he was travelling everywhere so he had to relocate and find a nice place to settle. Mr Harker then had kids and spent a lot of time teaching them. As he was playing with and teaching them, he saw the value of education for all kids and that's pretty much why he wanted to become a teacher. As he has been teaching here at GSS for four years, he has only been a grade 5 teacher, so, not surprisingly, his favourite year level is grade 5.

We asked him what his favourite memories were working here at GSS. He said the most memorable event he could never forget was the time when he cried in front of the whole school when announcing names of the students he will be missing as they were leaving the school. He also told us that he could never forget the time when he cried, once again when marking the roll of 5H on the last day of school, 2015. Mr Harker said that he enjoys working here because of the students and teachers, so the people at GSS in general.

When we asked him about how he's feeling about leaving GSS, he said he feels excited, because there is going to be a new challenge for him as it is a different school, but he also feels sad and nervous. The thing Mr Harker is most looking forward to at his new school is seeing his own children's faces light up when they see him working there as one of their new and improved teachers.

Mr Harker's advice to new teachers working here at GSS is to relax, have fun with the kids, keep in touch with all teachers, but the one he suggests for all teachers is ... KEEP CALM AND DRINK PLENTY OF COFFEE!!!



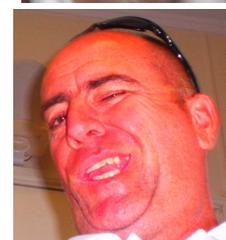
Goodbye Mr Heilbronn

On the 2nd November 2016, Alexandra and Kailani interviewed one of the wonderful teachers who is leaving Goodna State School next year, Mr Heilbronn.

As a primary school student, Mr Heilbronn went to Ferny Hills State School from 1979 to 1986. He became a teacher because he wanted to educate kids and help them be better people for the future. Having this goal, Mr Heilbronn came to GSS, learning and meeting new people each year. Like Mr Harker, he has only taught at GSS, but he has taught Year 6 and Year 4. He said that he enjoyed teaching Year 6 most because they're more mature and he relates more easily with older children. After four years at GSS, Mr Heilbronn's advice for both teachers and students is:

Students be the best version of yourself as you can be, and teachers, show the kids you care as much about them as you do for their education.

What kind words coming from one of our delicate teachers. Hope You have a great time at your new school Mr Heilbronn!



Goodbye Mr Carlyon

Alexandra and Elizabeth interviewed one of our coolest teachers, Mr Carlyon, who sadly is also leaving us next year

As a child, Mr Carlyon attended the school around the corner, Kruger State School. He wanted to become a teacher because he enjoyed working with kids. Mr Carlyon started teaching at GSS in 2012, as a student teacher in Mrs Houston's class, 2A.

Since then, he has worked at GSS for a total of four years. Of all the grades he has taught, he enjoyed teaching Year 1 but mostly Year 5 because he loves working with older children.

Mr Carlyon said he will mostly remember the special assemblies and celebrations at GSS. He will also miss working with all the kids.

Goodbye Mrs Roche

Tuarangi and Kiara interviewed one of our favourite teachers, Mrs Roche, who is also unfortunately departing GSS next year

As a primary school student, Mrs Roche went to Star of the Sea in Gladstone. She had an aspiration to become a teacher because she wanted to help children learn.

Mrs Roche has taught at Carole Park and Goodna State School. She has taught Kindergarten to Year 5 and loved them all so much that she can't pick a favourite. Mrs Roche has taught at GSS for seven years. Her favourite memories of her time here are the Dress Up Days and leading the choir. She's most enjoyed teaching all the different students.

Mrs Roche feels sad to be leaving GSS and nervous to be going to a new school. She says that what she is most looking forward to at her new school would be the fact that she is going to be a teacher at Fern Brooke, a brand new school.

Mrs Roche's advice for new teachers at GSS is to love

Mr Carlyon has mixed emotions about leaving the school. He feels happy and excited to be teaching at a brand new school and most importantly, being the technology teacher, but he's also sad to be leaving, having made many great friends here.

Mr Carlyon's advice to new teachers at GSS is to be patient, supportive, always ask for help and follow the Peace Code.

Thank you for your time Mr Carlyon. We will all miss you!



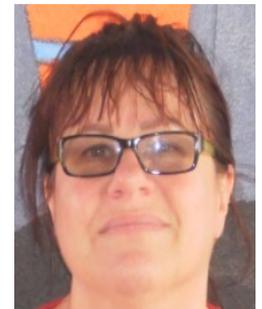
the children as though they are your own. That is also her motto. Thank you for leading the choir Mrs Roche, and good luck at your new school. We will miss you and all that you do for our school!



Last Day of School

Pencils - gone
Erasers -tiny
Books -full
Glue -empty
Memories -forever
Year -complete

Author Unknown



Goodbye Miss Rutherford

Tuarangi and Kiara interviewed one of our teachers who has given the last six years to GSS, Miss Rutherford, another popular staff member who is leaving us next year.

As a primary school student, Miss Rutherford attended Hammondville Primary School in Sydney, NSW. Miss Rutherford has taught Prep to Year 12, and her favourite is, well, all 13 year levels!

After teaching at GSS for six years, Miss Rutherford says that her favourite memories working here would be the Year 4 camp, School Fetes and all the different kids. She's feeling sad about leaving, but also happy to be teaching at a new school. She is also feeling relieved to not have to drive so far every day! Miss Rutherford's advice to future teachers joining GSS would be to be strong, remember to laugh and smile!



Goodbye Mrs Carr

As a primary school student, Mrs Carr attended Carole Park Primary School. She had an aspiration to become a teacher because she has a love of learning and a desire to share information. She also wanted to keep learning new things.

GSS has been the only school Mrs Carr has taught at (so far) and she has been here for four short years. She claims that she will always have special feelings for the school, the students and the adults she has met here.

Mrs Carr has only taught Year 4, so obviously her favourite year is ... Year 4! She says that they start still sweet and little, but by the end of the year are all grown up. She would like to try higher year levels like Year 6 in the future.

Some of Mrs Carr's favourite memories working here would be

with the amazing Miss Rutherford, Miss McNamara and Miss Gerhardt. "Miss Rutherford was experienced and we were all newbies. She was like our mother!" says Mrs Carr.

Mrs Carr most enjoyed the great friends she's made and how supportive everyone is. She also adores the kids. Mrs Carr says she will be really sad and that she doesn't really want to go, but she knows it will be good to move. Mrs Carr has no idea what to look forward to at her new school. She says it's probably going to be teaching science. Mrs Carr's advice to future teachers at GSS is don't sweat the small stuff, students hardly ever fall off the second level verandahs...hardly ever! No seriously, have a great time, don't worry, you will love it here! We will miss your smiling face and "mad as" art Mrs Carr!

Entertainment Zone

Colouring in fun!



Jokes by Kailani

When the teacher asks you to read out loud but you don't even know what page they're on:



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Patient: The problem is that obesity runs through my family

Doctor: No, the problem is that no one runs in your family.

Teacher: Whoever answers my next question can go home

-Student throws pencil at teacher-

Teacher: Who threw that?

Student: I did, I'm going home now



What day is it if students are excited, teachers are excited and Everyone's full of joy?

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Stay safe over the holidays, however you celebrate Christmas and a new year—or even if you don't! Read some good books, help your family and come back in January 2017 ready for a brand new year! Happy Holidays everyone. Year 6 Student Newsletter Committee members say "Peace Out!"