



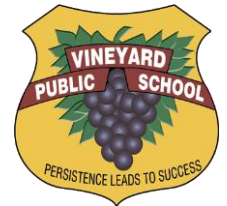
# Vineyard Public School

**Excellence – Opportunity - Success**

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## Newsletter 2023

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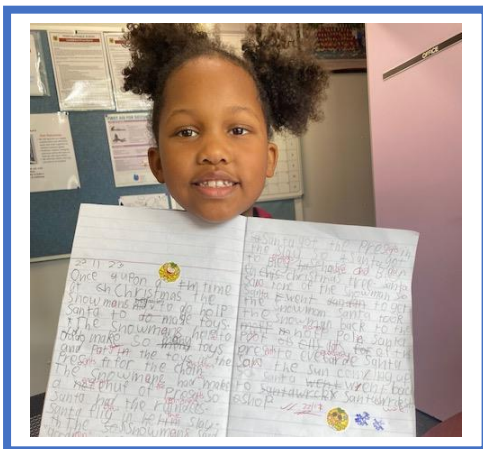
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### *The Year in Review*

As a new principal of the school, I acknowledge the work that was done previously and the work that we have undertaken in the last six months. It has been such an exciting time and an absolute privilege to lead Vineyard Public School.

In education, our plan is to work together with our community so that we advance the opportunities and experiences for our students, give them the best education, and deliver outstanding teaching and learning whilst always caring about our young people's wellbeing and development.

Our teaching staff continually step up to the rigorous and unrelenting pursuit of achieving these goals. They go above and beyond to ensure that we transform the lives of our students through learning and the inclusive, respectful, and safe environment in which every student is known, valued, cared for and feels they belong at Vineyard Public School.





As a school, we have achieved so much, including recognition for our work during external validation and an audit. These evaluations are mandatory for all schools every few years and involve an assessment of all aspects of the curriculum, safety, finance and management practices across all areas of the school. In addition, we are pleased to announce that our first demountable has arrived and will be ready for our Kindergarten class in 2024. Together, along with the P&C, we hosted our first-ever school disco and, with their support, raised the money to renovate our sandpit. Our aim was and always will be to have our children at the heart of every decision we make so that our students feel connected and are driven by purpose to make growth. We can't do that alone and therefore, I thank the community for your trust in us and the way you work alongside the staff so that our children have the best.

### ***Presentation Day***

At our annual Presentation Day, held last Monday, we took the opportunity to recognise the achievements of our learners. While this day served as a formal acknowledgement of student accomplishments, it is important to note that we are equally proud of the progress made by every single one of our learners. I was particularly pleased to observe the respectful behaviour and outstanding performances of our students.

## ***Year 6 Farewell***

Last Friday, we held a special event to recognise our Year 6 students. The evening was filled with excitement as our senior students gathered together to enjoy a night of dancing and celebration. The event was a perfect opportunity to honour our Year 6 students and acknowledge their time at Vineyard Public School. The atmosphere was exciting with music and laughter, and the dance floor was very busy with everyone showing off their moves. It was a memorable night that brought our school community together and left everyone feeling uplifted and proud.

As is our tradition at Vineyard, next Friday afternoon at 2:45 pm on the 15th of December, we will say our final farewell to our 2023 Year 6 students. We welcome all our parents to join us for this milestone event. Our students will walk through the farewell tunnel and then ring the school bell as they leave primary school for the last time.

## ***Student Leadership***

As we look into the future, student leadership will be an essential aspect of our school's focus in 2024. The leadership program will include self-leadership, organisational leadership, and taking up formal leadership positions. Last week, I assessed the leadership applications and held interviews with Year 5 students who were interested in formal roles in the school. I am delighted to announce that Charlize, Joseph and Elias have been selected as our school leaders for 2024. Along with the SRC, they will work towards supporting student voice and agency, as well as undertake significant responsibilities such as presenting at formal occasions, engaging in campaigns to improve our school, and working with teachers to gather data focused on areas such as students' sense of belonging at our school.





## ***P&C School Disco***

Our incredible Parent and Community (P&C) group organised a school disco community event that turned out to be a huge success. The night was filled with dancing, a delicious sausage barbeque, drinks, popcorn, glowsticks and ice cream. There was a friendly competition between parents and students to determine who had the best moves, and many amazing disco outfits were seen. However, the highlight of the event was how the community came together and had a wonderful evening. A big shout-out to our P&C and all the volunteers for their help on the night.



## ***Remembrance Day Ceremony – Lest We Forget***

During our Remembrance Day commemoration, staff and students observed a minute of silence at 11 am on 11 November to mark the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. During this time, we paid tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who lost their lives while serving Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.



## ***A Visit from Riverstone Fire Brigade***

Our local Riverstone Fire Brigade provided a wonderful service by educating our staff and students to understand and manage fire risks. They also gave our students the opportunity to use the fire hose, which was a highlight. Thank you so much to our community heroes.





I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Vineyard community for your unwavering support. As the year draws to a close, I hope this season brings a sense of magic that fills every corner of your heart and home with joy, now and always.

On behalf of all the staff, I'd like to wish our students and their families a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2024.

Mrs De Jager  
Relieving Principal

