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**Last Day of Term 4 – Tuesday 20th December – 1.30 Finish**

Early Finish on Tuesday 20th December – Children finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term

A reminder to parents, that children finish school at 1.30 on Tuesday 20th December.

- It is important that parents collect their children at that time.
- Last year we had a number of very distressed children waiting at the office for their parents to collect them.

**Casual Dress - Last Day of Term**

On Tuesday 20th December we will be having a casual dress day. Students must bring a gold coin donation on the day.

**Breakfast Club –**

After 13 years of providing a wonderful breakfast every Wednesday for our students, parents and staff, the members of the Faith Christian Church have decided it is time to hang up the toaster, tongs and fruit platters. Therefore the Breakfast Club will NOT be continuing in 2017.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have been so well supported by each and every member of the “Breakfast Club” team. Paster Shane Cooke, John and Jean Walker, Alan and Sally Slaughter, Nerida Radford and Paster Lincoln Windsor.

This morning we held a lovely assembly and morning tea for all of the very special members of the Breakfast Club team to thank and acknowledge their outstanding contributions to the Lyndale Greens Primary School Community.

I want to express my personal gratitude to each of the current and past members of the Faith Christian Church who have given up their own time, provided all of the amazing food, and been an absolute pleasure to know. I wish each and everyone of
the members all the very best in the coming years.

Overseas Travel Return Dates
We understand at this time of year, many families are planning to travel overseas to spend the festive season with their loved ones, as well as taking advantage of the longer break from school.

- However it is important for us to know whether your child will be returning to Lyndale Greens on the first day of school, **Tuesday 31st January 2017** or whether your family will still be away on holidays.

- If you could please notify your child’s current classroom teacher, and the office staff, (with a letter) as this helps us to determine school enrolments beginning in 2017.

Grade Teachers and Specialists for 2017
The list of teachers will be published next week in the newsletter.

Reports home to parents – Friday 16th December

Student Reports & Meet the Teacher – Monday 20th December

On Monday 20th December between 2.30 -3.00pm, children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2017.

At 3.00pm, the children will return their current class classroom.

**2017 – Term 1 Commences on Tuesday 31st January for Students in Grades 1-6**

**Monday 30th January**
Student Requisites & Uniforms available for Purchase & Collection.

**Monday 30th January**
Teachers Return

**Tuesday 31st January**
Grades 1 – 6 Commence School

**Thursday 2nd February**
Prep Children Commence School

**Student Requisites & Uniforms – Requisites**
Your child’s initial requisite items will be pre packaged and available for payment and collection on Monday 30th January 2017 between 9am and 3pm.

**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop will also be open on Monday 30th January, Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February between 9am and 3pm

**Fishery Officer’s Visit**
Tash, a Fishery Officer, visited Lyndale Greens Primary, to talk to Grade 5 and 6 students about the regulations of fishing. Now all
students can fish for free but anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 70 has to have a licence. Licence cost between $5 for 48 hours or $24.50 for one year or $60 for three years. The licence allows fisherman to use 2 rods and 2 hooks on rivers and lakes or 4 rods and 4 hooks in the sea but absolutely NO NETS. No licence means a fine of $155. Should you get caught netting fish in rivers, lakes or the sea expect really drastic actions. You will lose your catch and nets but also you could lose your car, boat and even your house! Tash said the fish belong to all and those that take more than their share and sell them for profit are breaking the law. These people are really stealing from the rest of the community. This also applies to taking rock lobsters, mussels and abalone. Being able to identify fish is really important as there are strict length limits on caught fish. For instance, snapper caught in Port Phillip Bay have a minimum length of 28 cm and maximum of 40 cm. The length is from the mouth to the tail. This is to make sure that the fish can have more babies. The smaller fish may produce 100 babies but the bigger fish are good breeders, producing maybe up to 500 babies, so need to be preserved.

If you can’t identify the fish or measure the length, Tash said throw the fish back. There is also a limit to how many fish each person can take home. For instance, you can catch 5 Golden Perch (yellow belly) in a river and 10 in a lake. This information is available with your licence and on-line. There are seasons when you can take rock lobsters and other species to make sure that they can breed. So Tash said the message is IDENTIFY the fish; MEASURE the fish and BAG only the number permitted. The fishery officers have the power to search your buckets, bags and your body and do carry batons, handcuffs and capsicum spray. They have much the same power as police but their job is to protect fish and marine animal stock for all who like to fish for fun. She also reminded us of the safety rules when fishing. Firstly, to always tell someone where you intend to fish and when you intend to return and take friends or family with you in case of accidents. Secondly, to take rubbish and fishing tackle home with your and lastly, know the rules because the fishery officers are always around and not always in uniform!

Kishan, Science Captain
Community Announcement

Greater Dandenong
Carols in Harmony

FEATURING:
* Glistening Strings, Justin Peters
* Emma & Kate Tabu, City of Greater Dandenong Band
* Kimi Oboe Voice, Greater Dandenong Choir, and other entertainment from the Great Christmas Party

HARMONY SQUARE

Friday 15th December from 6:30pm

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Hello my name is Fenella Bousted and I am an early childhood educator who is contracted, supported and monitored by Dandenong Community Family Day Care. This scheme has been servicing the families of Greater Dandenong for 40 years. I run before school and after school care as well as a school holiday program. I have been with this scheme for 20 years and have been caring for children from this school for almost 10 years. I currently care for four children from this school and currently have vacancies which I am offering to parents with children attending this school first. I am happy to meet with you at a convenient time where I can present my home, qualifications and talk you through the curriculum that would be provided to your child. Please call me on 0404380532 or you can call dandenong community family day care on 9793 3499 and mention my name. You will also find my name, photo and qualifications on our web site. I look forward to hearing from you!