



NEWSLETTER

From the Principal's Desk



As the 2013 school year comes to an end, we can look back with pride as to the highly successful year Adam Road Primary School has had this year.

Overall, I have been most impressed with our student body this year be it academic effort and achievement, sporting accomplishments, behaviour and the displaying of very good manners and social skills. I have really appreciated our students' efforts this year.

As this is my last Adam Road newsletter, I would like to sincerely thank all of our parents and family member's who have assisted the school in any way over the twenty three (23) years of my tenure as Principal of Adam Road Primary School.

Adam Road Primary School has been privileged to have such a dedicated and caring group of staff members over the past twenty three years. I am sure the staff members who are moving into the next administration team's journey, will continue to display teaching and learning experiences of high standards, to the students of Adam Road Primary School.

I would like to thank the following teachers who are leaving Adam Road, all the best in their new schools and thank them for their terrific efforts at the school

- Daniel Del Casale – to Deputy Principal Melville Primary School
- Tracy Lamb – to K- 2 Music Specialist – Bertram Primary School

I would also like to wish Julie James all the best in her well deserved retirement.

I wish to welcome the following new staff to the school in 2014.

- Fiona Gaetke – Deputy Principal
- Chrissie Hayter – Pre Primary Unit 2
- Kim Olsen – Music Specialist
- Matthew Gould – Year 5 teacher

It is unfortunate that my replacement for the Principal's position has not been finalised, hopefully we will know by the end of this week.

Finally, I wish to congratulate our year 7 students who will make the move into High School next year- you have been terrific leaders for the school throughout 2013.

My Year 7 Graduation Speech is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Regards
Larry Gleeson

**STUDENTS
FIRST DAY**
Monday 3 Feb 2014

**UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN DAY**
Friday 31 January 2014

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Retirement Congratulations



Congratulations and farewell to Larry Gleeson and Julie James



Final farewell from the P & C for 2013

Well, where did 2013 go? It has been a busy year for the Adam Road Primary P & C Association. First and foremost I want to say a big thank you to all the Adam Road families, who without your support of our fundraisers we wouldn't be able to provide so many new items for your children's enjoyment.

A huge thank-you to our executive committee, Michelle Betham (Vice President), Andrea Chatfield (Treasurer) and Bridgette Wheeler (Secretary) and all our committee members, it was a bumpy start to the year and I thank you for stepping in and helping out when it was needed. So whether you have turned the odd sausage, handed out the notes, sold raffle tickets, donated prizes, or even just offered a hand, we thank you. Your little bit of effort goes a long way.

To the fantastic team of fundraisers, lead by Katrina Buswell, it's a tough job sometimes, but we are so grateful for your efforts throughout the year and look forward to you all joining in again next year.

Below is a list of contributions the P & C have provided to the school in 2013.

- \$3000 to the library keeping it updated so our kids can enjoy the latest in literacy.
- \$10,000 provided a roof to the Year 7 symposium area, so students had an area to work under out of the weather.
- \$3661 much needed replacement and update our PA system
- \$725 towards the ribbons for sports carnivals including the 2014 swimming carnival.
- \$1000 replacement of the oven in the Pre-primary
- \$800 helped send our awesome team of runners to the Cross Country meet in Perth
- \$800 to provided more play/learning equipment to the Kindergarten
- \$2265 for painting, used to update the wall outside Room 6 (ball games)
- \$150 for Friendship day supplies

So as you can see there has been a lot of money spent at the school this year, only available because of the support we receive from our Adam Road Families.

We as a committee also would like to wish our retiring principal Mr Larry Gleeson a happy healthy retirement. Larry has seen many of our past and present committee member's children and grand children go through Adam Road and wish him all the best.

2014 will see a change in committee members and we hope you will join us and be a part of a fun and friendly group of Parents as we are always looking for new helpers. The AGM will be held in week three of term 1, so keep your eye out for a note.

So Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and I hope you all stay safe over the break, and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Laura Sciesinski
P & C President

DATES TO REMEMBER

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN THURSDAY 19TH DEC – 8.20-9.30AM

2014 UNIFORM SHOP OPEN DAY FRIDAY 31ST JAN – 8.30AM-4PM

Fortnightly Faction Points

RED	107
GOLD	106
GREEN	84
BLUE	51



**ADAM ROAD
DENTAL
THERAPY
CENTRE**

We wish to advise that the Centre will be closed Wednesday 18th December 2013 – 31st January 2014 inclusive.

We will re-open Term 1 on Mon 3rd February 2014.

Should your child require emergency dental treatment please;

- contact your local Private Dentist
- Oral Health Centre of W.A on 93464400 (Eligibility Criteria Apply)
- Alternatively from 23rd December 2013 - 24th January 2014, The School Dental Service Emergency clinic will operate at Mt Henry Dental Therapy 43 Mt Henry Road Como PH: 93130555 (Excluding Public Holidays).

Year 7 Graduation Speech – 2013

LARRY GLEESON – PRINCIPAL

The Honourable John Castrilli, distinguished guests, parents, staff and the most important people at today's special function – the Graduating Year 7 Students of Adam Road Primary School – WELCOME.

Today is the culmination of 9 years of the Graduating Student's time in Primary School. I have seen many of them develop both socially and academically over this period of time. Indeed to the parents it may seem like only yesterday that you brought them to school to start Kindy.

- From a year 7 student point of view, they have had a very productive and busy year.
- Our year 7 students NAPLAN results were very high when compared with 'like schools'.
- Several students enjoyed their involvement in the CATS program and the junior band.
- Four students had success through being a member of the Districts Year 7 Sports Leadership Program.
- All classes participated in some wonderful theme days throughout the year.
- Several of our students have been accepted into the NMSHS Science Horizons, Engineering and Basketball specialist Programs.
- This year students from the ACE class were very successful in high school placement.
- 11 students were accepted into the BSHS year 8 gifted and talented class
- 3 students were accepted into the BSHS BEST sporting program
- 4 students were accepted into the NMSHS engineering program
- Our year 7 students continued to promote ARPS as a lighthouse sporting school through high standard sporting successes both through school and out of school competitions.

I don't think anyone could doubt the tremendous opportunities that are provided to the year 7 students at Adam Road Primary School.

To our graduating students,

I know that in years to come you will look back and realise that your "Primary years" were some of the happiest years in your life.

The end of Year 7 is a very significant milestone in your education. It represents an end to your Primary School lives and the beginning of a new and exciting time in high school.

Your "Graduation Book of 2013" will help you in remembering the "highs and lows" of your time in Primary School. You will continue to remember your Primary School friends, teachers and in particular the hidden stories that may appear minor at the moment, but as you get older you will realise that your Primary School experiences have forged a strong and positive foundation for the rest of your life.

On behalf of the graduating students I would like to thank our year 7 teachers in Ms Hadley, Mrs Pavy and Mrs Cogan together with our specialist teachers Miss Ford, Mrs Sheedy, Mrs Lamb and Mr Piparo for your hardworking efforts with our year 7's throughout 2013. You have done such a wonderful job.

Finally some parting words,

We congratulate you, the graduating Group of 2013 in having completed your Primary Education.

You leave Adam Road with the "Best Wishes" of all the teachers and parents. May the goals you set yourselves in the coming year be only the beginning to a rich and rewarding life.

May you also become a citizen who will contribute to the Community in which you find yourself.

Good bye and goodluck. I wish you every success and may you do your best at all times.

Thankyou
Larry Gleeson – Principal