



# THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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## **Student Congratulations**

Well done to all our Year 6 students for providing a wonderful evening of entertainment at the Variety Night last week. The Finale was just magnificent and really showed how much you enjoyed performing for your families.

## **Staff Thanks**

We have had a very busy finish to the school year with many exciting and happy events for our students to participate in. I'd like to thank all the GPS staff for their ongoing hard work, right to the last day. Thanks to Mr Roberts and Mrs Pigram for leading our Presentation Day assemblies, Mrs Elsinga for organising the Thank You Morning Tea, Miss Borg and Mrs McDonald for organising the Talent Quest, Mrs Elsinga, Mr Little, Mrs Guido, Miss Mansfield and Mrs Chan for organising a brilliant Year 6 Farewell and Mrs Elsinga for organising the absolutely amazing Picnic Day. Assisting them, of course, were all of our staff members – to all a heartfelt thanks.

## **Staff News**

Sadly we say farewell to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Collins, Miss Sawyer and Mrs McDonald who are all taking off on new adventures in new places.

I'd also like to say farewell and acknowledge the continuous work, friendship and support of long-term casual teacher Jenny Thomson. Jenny is retiring this year to enjoy some more time with her family.

On behalf of all the school community I'd like to thank these teachers for making GPS a better place, for their service to children in the NSW State Education System.

We also wish Mrs and Mr Chan all the best for the impending birth of their first child in January.

## **Audit Recommendations**

As a result of our recent audit, as of 2016, **ALL** parent volunteers at the school will be asked to sign in and out of the school on each visit. This will be done at the blue desk near the administration office. We strongly urge all volunteers to obtain a Working With Children Check (for volunteers) that is available free of charge from the following website:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check/volunteers-and-students>

Processing of these applications can take several weeks so we ask that you apply early in January if you wish to volunteer at the school in the new year. Volunteers who do not have a Working With Children Check will be required to complete a form at the school and provide 100 points of proof of identity.

## **Safe and Happy Holidays**

On behalf of all the staff at GPS, I'd like to wish all our students and their families all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to catching up with you all in 2016.

To our outgoing Year 6, thank you for being such a great group of students, always happy and full of energy! Enjoy the challenges that high school will bring and remember your primary school years with fondness.

Judi Partland  
Principal