2019 Class Formation
As we will need to wait until the beginning of the 2019 school year to finalise enrolments and staffing, students will return to their 2018 classes on Wednesday 30 January for a couple of days. I anticipate we will be ready to form classes on Monday 4 February, following the enrolment of our new Kindergarten children. While I appreciate children and parents are excited to join their new teacher and class as soon as possible, it is far better to wait a couple of days rather than settle children into classes and then have to make changes if our student numbers alter. At this stage, our student enrolment numbers are extremely variable meaning we will need to wait until the first week back in 2019 to confirm numbers, staffing and classes. I appreciate your patience and understanding with this matter. Over the remainder of this term, our teaching team will be working on 2019 organisation and class placements for each child. This process is completed by teachers of the current year level (i.e. Year 4 teachers confer on Year 5 class groupings) and is overseen by the school leadership team. A substantial amount of time is put into this process considering the academic, social and emotional needs of each child. Other factors to be considered include ensuring a balance of students at each academic level within the class, friendship groupings and specific student needs. At times, there is particular information that you as a parent, may like considered as part of this process. This may relate to your child’s academic, social or personal needs. While it is not always possible to accommodate specific requests, we do always carefully consider information shared by parents.

2019 Enrolments
I am currently in the process of finalising our staffing and classes for 2019. At this stage we are waiting on some new families to confirm that their children will be attending Mascot PS and as a result I am unable to finalise our class structures and staffing entitlements. Families can assist me in this process by:
• Informing us if you are moving out of the area and your child will not be returning to Mascot in 2019.
• Ensuring we have notification in writing if your child will be returning late at the beginning of the 2019 school year so that we can hold a place for them. Most families have provided this information via the enrolment intentions forms. If your circumstances change, please inform the school office.
School Development Days
Parents will be aware that schools have school development days on the first day of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of Term 4. These days are non-teaching days and focus on teacher professional learning and school planning.

• The school development days scheduled for Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December were re-scheduled this year with teachers completing their professional learning workshops during evening sessions. Accordingly, there will be no staff present on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December and the school will be deemed ‘non-operational’.

• At the beginning of 2019 staff will return on 29 January to participate in professional learning related to curriculum development and wellbeing. We will also be engaged in whole school strategic planning and look forward to sharing this with you early next year.

• The first day of attendance for students in Years 1-6 for the 2019 school year is Wednesday 30 January 2019.

* New Kindergarten students will complete their Best Start Assessments on Wednesday 30 January – Tuesday 5 February. Their first day of school will be Wednesday 6 February.

Have a great week,

Helen Te Rata
Principal

Christmas Carols
THUR 6TH DECEMBER 2018
5.30pm – 7.00pm PRIMARY COLA

The celebrations will commence at 5.30pm under the Primary COLA. Each grade will be performing their favourite carols. Feel free to bring a picnic rug or chairs to relax on.

The P & C will be holding a BBQ and selling food and refreshments.

Please remember all children must be supervised by a family member at all times.

We look forward to seeing you there.
## Calendar of Events for Mascot Public School

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**Mascot Public School PSSA Report - Term 4 Week 6**

NO SPORT DUE TO WEATHER

**Mascot Public School PSSA Report - Term 4 Week 7**

NO SPORT DUE TO WEATHER
Come and join the fun on Friday 14th December for our P & C Colour Fun Run
11.00am to @ 3pm
Cost is $10.00 per person forms at the office
Carpark for Staff Only
Please remember that our school car-park is for staff only.
Help us to keep your children safe.

Next assembly:
2pm on 7/12/18
This will be our last assembly for the year

We would all love to thank Demitra Villios from FOOTSTEPS for putting on our school disco last Thursday.
A fantastic time was had by all.
Vacation Care

Make your child’s holiday a blast!

Plenty of amazing activities – sports, dancing, cooking, craft arts, healthy food, good vibes and smiles!

Let your child make new friends, share experiences and have fun while learning new skills.

Eligible families can access Child Care Subsidy to reduce the cost of care. Our programs are available 4 weeks before the school holidays.

See the great activities, workshops and excursions we have planned on our website or give us a call.

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