



The Ryde School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming near to the end of term now and to the end of a school year that has been very difficult for children, staff and parents. We are optimistic and looking forward to September and planning for the coming year is already underway.

We are also hoping that by the start of the new school year we will be able to begin to welcome parents back into the school. Teachers will be planning for parent activity sessions and some projects are being planned that will include parental involvement. Hopefully we will be able to start our library parent and child sessions again. We will keep you informed of all such opportunities in the new term.

As is normal in any school, there are some staffing changes in September.

Staffing

We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Andrews. She has worked for The Ryde for 18 years as a classroom assistant in all year groups across the school. Her knowledge and understanding of children has been exceptional and she has had a very positive impact on the many children she has worked with. The staff will miss her very much, but wish her well in her new home when she relocates.

Miss Foster is moving to a new career and we are all sorry to see her go. She has been a very good teacher through a very challenging time and has supported her children's learning, and their parents, very well. We wish her every happiness and success in her new career.

Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Griffiths, who sadly has been very unwell since contracting COVID-19 last autumn. We all wish her well and hope her recovery will continue.

Ms Curtis will be working part time as she will be completing a masters degree.

We are grateful to both Miss Collins and Miss Chadburn, who as Midday Supervisory Assistants, helped us to keep the children and staff safe at lunch times and wish them well for the future.

We have made several new appointments: two teachers – Mrs Bowden and Mrs O'Connor and two teaching assistants – Mrs Weeks and Miss Cranston.

I am very pleased to inform you that we are fully staffed for September and have a very experienced and positive team to start the new year.



Next year the classes will be as follows:

Year N	Mrs Hawton with Mrs Kemal and Mrs Pedley
Year R	Mrs O'Connor with Mrs Constable, Miss Carter and Miss Johnson
Year 1	Mrs Bowden with Mrs Gordon and Mrs Saeed
Year 2	Miss Spurr with Mrs Weeks and Mrs Tiplady (part time)
Year 3	Ms Haverson and Mrs Hitch (job share) with Miss Cranston
Year 4	Miss Sainsbury with Mrs Quinn
Year 5	Mrs Martindale with Mrs Shala
Year 6	Miss Brumby with Mrs Peters

Mrs Clarke will work as a Learning Support Assistant, predominantly working 1-1 with a child.

Mrs Hall, our school SENCO, will be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ms Curtis will be non-classed based and will support in Class 5 and Class 6.

Mrs Wallace will be teaching music on Tuesdays in Classes 2 to 6.

Ms Burns will continue to teacher forest schools on Thursdays and Fridays.

Class 6 Leavers Events

On Monday 19th July at 3:30pm the PTA have arranged a leaving party for all the children in Class 6. The children will be able to bring a change of clothes to school and will have plenty of time after school to get ready for the party. The PTA will be arranging refreshments, games and music for the children.

On Thursday 22nd July there will be a short socially distanced leavers assembly on the school field at 11:00a.m. where the children will be presenting some of their work to parents. The children will also be presented with their Ryde School memory books. More details about this morning will follow for Class 6 parents.

School Reports

School reports will be sent home with your child on Friday 16th July.

Sports Day

As you already know our sports day will be Friday 16th July, but unfortunately this year families not be able attend due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sue Thompson