



From Barb...

We hope you enjoyed our End of Year Concert as much as we did. We think of it as children and staff giving back to families who have supported our amazing children, and our fantastic staff, all year long.

It is our thank you to you!

However, it is more than that. The concert showcases some of the important things we have worked on **all year, in lots of different ways.**



It is a way to show that when we talk about **creativity** being important, we really do believe it. Children are co-designers, problem solvers, dreamers and 'imagineers', as well as performers - not just at concert time.

When we talk about working as a **team**, working with everyone (not just your friends), collaborating, compromising, leading, following, meeting deadlines, not letting each other down - families get to see the results of this ongoing work in action.

When we speak of **resilience**, of pushing through nervousness, productive failure, effort and reward, growth mindset - that's what you see at our concert. We see developing in children in lots of learning areas throughout the year.

When you see the big kids helping the little kids, teachers investing so much time, expertise and energy (as they do all year long) and joyful, successful children, you see the **culture** that we work hard to build in this school. We rely on the wonderful support of families to help us give children challenge, success, reward and community throughout the year. **Thank you!**



The End of Year Concert performance sums up a year of learning and relationships. Whenever adults, families and staff, see and respond to children as **capable and competent**, giving them the skills and opportunities they need to solve kid-sized problems, we are heading in the right direction.

Congratulations to all of the Bridgeway School Community for a great year. We are all looking forward to a restful and happy festive season. Stay safe and we will see you again soon.

What did you think of our concert this year?

Why not drop us a line: dl.0636.info@schools.sa.edu.au



Staff Changes for 2018

Welcome

Jenna Ghion – Jenna comes to us with broad experience in Early Years education in both Pre-school and Junior Primary, public and private. Jenna is excited about working with our new Studio 7 Reception children, as part of our skilled Early Years Team.



Deanne Bullen – Deanne will work in the Year 4/5 class in Studio 2. Deanne has worked at Bridgewater Primary on several occasions this year and children reported having a fabulous day and learning a lot. Deanne is a highly qualified and experienced educator who has worked in classrooms around South Australia. Deanne has also provided leadership in state educational programs, including *Thinkers in Residence* and she has several publications.

Melissa Rosedale – Melissa is an experienced teacher and Adelaide Hills local, who will be supporting NIT (Teacher's Non-instructional Time) across the school.

Mel Priestley - We're very pleased to welcome Mel to our school. Mel is an experienced school front office person. Drop by and say hello early next year. She'd love to meet you!



Spanish and Aboriginal Language – Earlier this year, we lost our fabulous Indonesian teacher at short notice when Yve was successful in winning a position in Central Office. Governing Council saw this as an opportunity to change languages in line with community views. Their survey indicated a strong preference for Spanish, with quite a bit of interest in an Aboriginal language. We are still waiting for a Spanish teacher to be allocated to this role. We also hope to work with some university colleagues, and others, to blend more Aboriginal language into our Aboriginal Cultural Studios in 2018.

Goodbye

Each year we sadly say 'see you later' to our one year contract teachers. These teachers help schools manage HR requirements like change in time, leave entitlements and fluctuating enrolments in schools. Sometimes we say goodbye and then, before long, we are welcoming them back.

Chantal Berry - Chantal has worked for a couple years at Bridgey. Chantal has provided inspiration and skill as staff develop dance and performance opportunities for our students. Chantal will focus on her Ballet School in 2018 and we thank her and send our best wishes.

Jess Stratford – Jess has been with us since part way through 2016. She landed her dream job at Bridgewater this year with Reception and Year 1 children. Jess' Studio has been an exciting, action packed place to learn and play. We wish her well in her new placement.

Lucy Maple – Just before school returned this year, I found out that Louise was unable to return. I called Lucy - she jumped in, full of enthusiasm and energy. She has fitted in really well and done a wonderful job. She is heading off to a permanent placement in a country High School and we congratulate her and wish her all the best.

Ian Humphries – Ian came to us this year with skills in teaching, Science and building stuff. His Studio's learning has included the periodic table and how to build earthquake machines. Studio 1 children have loved working as pure and applied scientists. Thank you, Ian, and good luck next year.



Fare Well!

We also say *Fare Well* to some long time (and not as long time) staff.

Tina Wake - Tina has been the smiling face at the front office for 18 years. She is retiring to build her dream home and pursue hobbies and interests outside of work. We will miss her and wish her good luck and every happiness.



Senior students will have the opportunity to be selected for our new **Tina Wake Award** each year for excellence in leadership and community involvement.



Heather Cranna - Heather is almost an institution in the Adelaide Hills. She has taught at many schools, including 21 years at Bridgewater Primary. Heather is very likely to pop up again from time to time, but for now, so long Heather.

We have renamed The Gym in her honour. The **Heather Cranna Gym**, or the HCG, is now part of the Bridgely landscape.

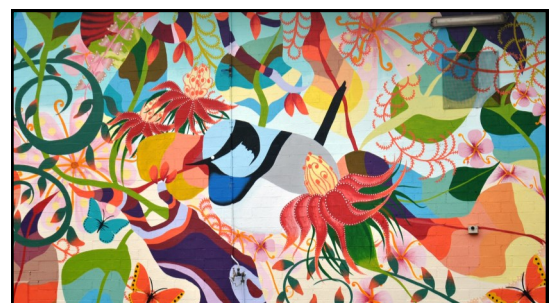
Sharon Shepherd – Sharon came to us several years ago as Literacy Coordinator, and stayed on at the end of her tenure. Sharon has decided to take long term leave to enjoy time with her family. We are hoping she will pop by from time to time and support us with some literacy work. Bye-bye, Sharon, and we hope to see you soon.



Teacher at the beginning of the school year



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Well done BPS kids
for your creativity, ideas and mindset!



Special thanks...
Omar Cisse - lighting, Gina - signs,
Heather VK - costumes
Chantal & Concert Committee - for your hard
work, flexibility, commitment and enthusiasm.





CIRCUS...

A large public entertainment, featuring exhibitions of pageantry, feats of skill and daring, interspersed throughout with the slapstick.





Congratulation to Amber in Studio 3. Amber won third prize at the Uraidla Show this year for her entry 'Welcome' in the Literary Section. Amber opened our EOY Concert with her 'Welcome to Country' speech.



Congratulations Maeve (S3) who won this year's 'Just Too Deadly' award for persistence with her work and making great progress this year. She won a tablet for her efforts. Well done Maeve.



Gus was chosen in the tennis team to represent the Hills District - and they won the SAPSASA State Carnival Tennis Div. 2! Well done Gus!



Brielle in Studio 6 made this amazing poster about owls.



Finn represented Hills SAPSASA in both football and cricket this year.



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donated to the
Hutt Street Centre**



The Bridgey Buskers took their ukulele's down the Coles, Bridgewater to perform for the locals. Well done Amanda and the Friday Uke Club. Amanda spent many lunch times practising with the kids. Thanks also to Angus, Amanda's son, who brought in his cajon (Spanish drum) to accompany the kids.

A message from Tina on her retirement...

Well I still can't believe that it has been 18 years. Where did all those years go?

I feel very fortunate to have been part of this dynamic school and have been lucky enough to meet some amazing people – some of you have been with me from the very beginning and others have joined me along the way. All of you had an impact on me in some way. I have been inspired by many of you and have made some lifelong friends that I'm sure I will keep in touch with.

The great thing about working in a school is that no two days are the same and you never know what each day may bring. I can honestly say I have never been bored as there is always something that needs doing or adding to my never ending lists.

As many of you may know I am a list maker - if in doubt make a list - it is my number one tip to being organised. So I thought I would make a few lists...



Firstly my **LIST OF THINGS I WILL MISS:**

- The crowd of happy, smiley faces that greet me each morning when I open the front doors
- Receiving hand made cards and drawings from little kids
- Sharing stories, recipes and books with colleagues
- Getting to join a cooking class for lunch
- The weekly floral arrangements for the front desk thanks to Heather C.
- The sounds of recorder practise wafting up the corridor (ok well maybe I won't miss that!)
- And of course getting to cuddle the new babies.

Next is my **LIST OF THINGS I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING**

- Having a gap year or two
- Moving to Back Valley
- Building our new house and B&B
- Going off grid
- Getting a couple of Alpacas and some chickens
- Tending our orchard and vegie patch
- Reading more
- Walking on the beach more
- Travelling more
- And doing more Yoga.



And finally **THE LIST OF THINGS I'M THANKFUL FOR:**

Thanks to everyone that has been involved in organising this celebration for us. I know Heather and I were a bit reluctant at first but I really do appreciate the effort that you have all gone to.

Thanks to all the staff, families and kids that have been part of the last 18 years.

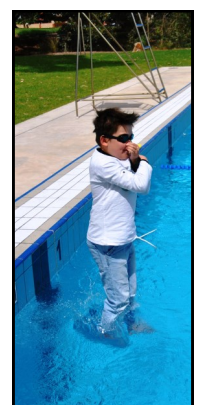
Lastly, special thanks to my family (including those that couldn't be here today) for supporting me along the way and especially to those not working in schools for putting up with the "school talk" when we all get together.

I hope everyone has a great summer holiday and a fabulous 2018 - hopefully I will see some of you at the Bush Bash next year.





Swimming - 2017



The Gingerbread House Tradition Continues...

Posted on S9 Blog [December 7, 2017](#)

by [Jonah Haines](#)

It is a long, long tradition at Bridgewater Primary School that Year 7s build and decorate a Gingerbread House with Heather VK.

It feels to many students as part of their Rite of Passage to High School.

Heather brings around 20 years experience making the houses and, as you'd imagine, she has seen every mistake and developed a pretty much perfect technique for making every house a success.

Despite her warnings, there is always one person who puts the brown sugar in with the dry ingredients; ask your year 7 if it was them!

The houses represent the primary school journey. A strong foundation is necessary, the walls and roof are essential. With those you have what you need for life and the decorations are the added extras. Life's sweet moments and what makes it special. We have enjoyed contributing to our students having the essentials for a fulfilling life.



Heather C thought it a great idea to get all the Year 7's to make their own clown costumes for the EOY Concert...

Little did she know how many needles she would end up helping to thread!

The clowns did look amazing though and showcased their skills brilliantly at the concert.

Jonah's Graduation Speech

What will the world be like when our graduates here enter the workforce?

When they finish high school it will be 2022. If they take a gap year and complete a three-year degree they'll start work in 2027.

That's ten years from now. A lot can happen in ten years.

If we look back 10 years to 2007 we can get a bit of a sense of how much has changed. In 2007 the first touch screen iPhone was released. Most people still had buttons to push on their phones, something our graduates have probably never done. In 2007 children didn't have phones and, believe it or not kids, even some adults didn't have a mobile. I watched a teacher last month try to make a call on an old Nokia phone with a keypad. They couldn't do it. They had completely forgotten how to do it! What are hi-tech, common practice and essential skills now are likely to be a thing of the past when our graduates enter the workforce. Many things will be different, things that feel set in stone now. An example of this can be seen in the sporting world. To our graduates who are soccer fans it feels impossible right now that Manchester City won't be near the top of the English game in the future. But ten years ago they finished below Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers and Portsmouth; three teams who have all but disappeared now. Some things won't change of course and history may well repeat. Change can bring hope and new opportunity too. No one would

have dreamed Leicester, the Western Bulldogs or Richmond would be champions and your lives will throw up wonderful and unexpected opportunities too.

There are many predictions about the future, especially about work. Robots and Artificial Intelligence will do almost all the jobs that are now done by people. There is a good chance our graduates will enjoy a Universal Basic Income to get by in this new era. But none of us here want our kids to *just get by*; we want them to flourish and lead fulfilling lives.

So what skills are you going to need? And what skills have you developed during your time at Bridgewater Primary School to help you navigate your future?

I think you've learned skills of persistence, independence and collaboration. I think you've learned to be creative, resilient and adaptable. And I think you've learned empathy and hope you use that to go into the world ready to treat people with kindness.

We've had a few ups and downs along the way this year. Mistakes have been made; but childhood is the time to make them. Childhood is the time to learn life lessons in preparation of your teens and adulthood. What we learn from mistakes in our childhood builds those important skills to learn and to live.

You are growing up in a time of change; bigger and faster change than at anytime in human history. Although we don't know the setting, characters and plot twists ahead in the story of your life, what we do

know is that *you* are the authors of that story. We wrote dystopian stories this term; dystopians belong on the pages of a book. I want you all to be the authors of a utopian and live that future. You can do that with the help of the **skill to learn** and **skills to live** you leave Bridgewater Primary with.

Congratulations class of 2017, I wish you all the best in the future.

Jonah Haines
Studio 9





STUDIO 3 & 4 CAMP





STIRLING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2017

This year's Stirling Christmas Pageant was a great success. A huge thank you to Ina (Anabelle S4) for coordinating our amazing 'float' depicting Roald Dahl's Jack and the Beanstalk.

Jonah's giant was incredible and Wally (Savannah, Polly & Adia's dad) was very gorgeous as Jack's mother!! Thanks to Heather VK too.



Thanks to Elizabeth (Savannah, Polly and Adia's Mum) and the Studio 1 girls, for creating this gorgeous mural out the front of the tech room. Looks great!



The Studio 1 girls were involved in an excursion to Mount Compass this term with Claire, to tour the Fleurieu Peninsular Swamp.

Thanks to Nicola (Greta's mum) for all your help and sharing your knowledge.





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Staff and students of Studio 1 & 2 would like to thank Sam. You rock!



**Wishing you all a
safe and fun break.
See you in 2018!**