



June 2019 Bulletin

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that the end of the school year is upon us already! It seems as if I have been here for 5 minutes rather than 6 months!

June has been a fairly intense month in terms of making sure we have the best possible staffing situation for August. As you will know, Rona Humphreys is heading to Papdale to teach in August and Clare McGearry will be taking her place. We all look forward to welcoming her to the team. We also have arranged a temporary replacement for Erika Robertson in the Nursery, but I cannot yet announce who that will be. I will update you as soon as I am able.

Of course, this time of year is always tinged with a little sadness as we farewell people before the summer. I know that I've mentioned it on numerous occasions already, but we will miss Mrs Humphreys and Miss Robertson next year. They both have bright futures ahead of them in education and we hope they'll be back to visit at some point.

We also have to say goodbye to our brilliant P7 pupils. They've been great leaders for our school and is much admired and respected by everyone. We all wish them the best of luck at KGS next year and beyond. We can't wait to hear about the amazing things they go on to achieve.

Our Sports Day earlier this month was a huge success! The kids participated well and encouraged each other beautifully. It was a day of great competition and compassion and the crowd turnout was phenomenal, especially considering the horrendous conditions. Thank you to all who came out to support the children.

The leavers' assembly was a terrific event. It was great to take a moment and consider all the terrific things that our P7 pupils have done over their time here. I hope they will have fond memories of Hope Community School and remember to visit us in the future. Thank you to Miss Coltherd for putting it together.

Today I received a terrific photograph from Mrs Peace of the P1/2 children enjoying a meal with the folk at the Marengo Centre. This has been an incredibly impressive initiative and it's great for the children to engage with members of our local community that have so many stories to tell and experiences to share. It's not something that I've been involved with before and I'm grateful to Mrs Peace for putting it in place.

Lastly, can I thank you all on behalf of my entire family for all your well wishes, cards and gifts for baby Fraser. He is happy, healthy and sleeping reasonably well! I would also like to thank you all for your support and understanding throughout the year. We have a wonderful team here and we are

surrounded by a great community. It's a special community for children and you all deserve to be proud of your contribution to this great place.

Please have a safe and happy summer and enjoy your time together.

Cheers

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Dates for your Diary:

- Burray Fun Day Saturday 6th July
- In-Service Day Monday 19th August
- First Day for Children Tuesday 20th August

