From the Principal’s Desk

Minister’s Visit
The Honourable Peter Collier MLC and Mrs Donna Faragher MLC visited our school this term. It was a pleasure to show them around the school and introduce them to the staff and students. We had a chance to showcase the excellent results we have obtained in NAPLAN and the many activities the students have been engaged in throughout the year. Mr Collier described our school as dynamic. The children were active learners and he could see high levels of engagement in the classroom.

Year Six Graduation
The Graduation Ceremony for the Year 6 students was held last Tuesday evening at Lily’s Café in Mirrabooka. All the students looked so grown up in their outfits and their graduation song and dance went really well. The food was delicious. A special thank you to Mrs Swalski and Mrs Campbell for their hard work in organising and preparing the students for their graduation. Special guests included Mrs Gallagher, Hon Alannah MacTiernan MP and Mrs Lisa Baker MLA. Ms Baker also attended the end of year Christmas Concert and Awards ceremony to present Deniel Tulod the winner of the bike raffle.

Congratulations to the following Year 6 Award Winners

- Junjie Chen - North Metropolitan Education Region - Medal of Excellence
- Raymond Nash & James Guanzon - Lisa Baker Senior Citizenship Award
- Daisie Stack - Alannah MacTiernan Senior Sport Award
- Jake Borchert & Kristel Khumalo - Scitech Award
- Mary Makubaro - LOTE Award Senior
- Angela Mendoza - Morton/Faragher/Hayden Art Award
- Enrico Tulod - Principal’s Award
- Chebar Killian - Imagination & Innovation Award
- Junyuan Lin - EAL/D Award

Student Councillors
Thank you to our friendly and competent 2015 Student Councillors for a job well done. The students voted for the 2016 Student Councillors who were presented at the Concert. Congratulations to Lorene Mamangun, Jimmy Yang, Jessie Hyne, Tobias Samuelson, Kalais Farrell, Kymiah Nathan & Alex Dimaranan.

Parent Survey
Please take the time to fill out the Parent Survey for Embleton. The National Survey allows us to collect data from parents and students and staff. This data is used to help inform the school on things that are working well and areas where there could be improvement. The surveys are completely anonymous and no identifying information will be forwarded to the school. Please take a few minutes to have your say. The link https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/nationalparentsurvey2015 is on our website and access closes on Thursday. The staff and Year 5 and 6 students have already completed their surveys at school.

Staffing 2016
It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Pat Snow who has been working at our school for the last 27 Years. Pat has been a valuable member of staff and has helped many students along the way in her role as a Teacher Assistant. Mr Collie has won a position at Somerly Primary School and we wish him all the best in the future. Mrs Dique has worked tirelessly in PrePrimary/Year 1 on Fridays and we will miss her. We also farewell and thank Mrs Sallabank who has provided excellent support to the school with the EAL/D students. We couldn’t have done without Mrs Swalski, who has been on short term contracts and has been doing relief teaching throughout the year, Aleks is a brilliant teacher and the students just love her. Whilst we say farewell at the end of 2015 to Mrs Dique, Mrs Sallabank and Mrs Swalski, we are hoping that our student numbers will increase and we will see them again in the future. Mrs Mavros has done an exceptional job as the Deputy this term, it has been terrific to be able to work with someone so organised and supportive, thanks Melinda.

I have really enjoyed being in the Principal’s position this year and hope it will continue next year. A very special thank-you to all my staff and the Durham Road staff for their undying support throughout the year. The programs and learning opportunities that are developed to enrich student learning would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the staff. Thanks also to our parents and carers for your support, your assistance with classroom activities, excursions, sporting carnivals, fundraising and participation in the P&C and School Council, has enabled the school and community to work together in the best interests of the children. Speaking of which...thanks kids, you brighten my days with your happy greetings and smiling faces. Embleton Primary School is going from strength to strength and is a great place to be.

**Sheryl Pilkington**

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STILL AVAILABLE - Tea Towels
If you missed out on buying one of our special tea towels designed by the staff & students at Embleton Primary, they are still available from room 6 for $12 each or $11 for three or more! What a great Christmas idea for Grandparents.

**Upcoming Events**
**Wednesday 16th December**
- *Movie Day PP-Yr 6*
- *Kindy and Swan Ed – Water Play*
- *Reports Home*

**Thursday 17th December**
- *Last day for Students this is a FREE DRESS DAY at no cost!*
- *Collect Stationery Items & Uniform Orders from the Reflection Room 8:30am - 12pm*
Christmas Concert 2015