Another fantastic, frantic and fun year is coming to a close. In 2017 we begin our year as a dual stream school.

The work leading up to this has been phenomenal. I once again want to acknowledge and thank BRPS hard working and supportive Governing Council and sub committees (Steiner Steering Committee, Parents and Friends, Grounds), the staff, students and community.

Below are a few highlights from across this year of transition.

The promotion of our community ethos and our progressive approach to learning which offers Mainstream and Steiner curriculum choice, more individualised attention through small class sizes and meaningful and purposeful engagement with our natural environment will shape planning for 2017.

I would also like to thank our community partners; members of the Red Shed, the CFS, Don on behalf of Land care, Bunning and many others who have supported our school and generously offered their time. We look forward to continuing and building our relationships with these groups and others in 2017.

As a BRPS hills community we will continue to work together to realise our vision of Mainstream and Steiner Stream working as one community.

I look forward to celebrating the end of a successful year at the concert on Wednesday 14th December and our school picnic on Thursday 15th December.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Nancy Saccoia
Principal
News from End of Year Concert Rehearsals...

Rehearsals for our end of year play are well underway with the students, all of whom have their own idea about what they should do, when they should do it and where! Have you heard the term 'herding cats'?

However, under the guidance and expertise of the wonderful Claire they are learning difficult lines, correct positions and stage etiquette.

We are sure *(we think)* that they will *(possibly)* be totally *(or close to)* being ready to perform next Wednesday.  **Sue Gleeson**

Quotes from students:

'What I find hard is memorising the lines and what is easy is acting the parts I know better because I understand the lines and can act more in character.'

'I'm glad I have a small character which suits me and I am ready with my costume and my parts.'
'I find the play challenging because I find it hard to forget who I am and to be in character and reacting to the other characters when I don't have a speaking part is difficult.'

'Shakespearean language is hard to understand but once you know your lines you can then start to understand what they mean.'

'I like my part because I don't have to fall in love with anyone, I think the part I have suits me because it is a bit funny. What is hard is being quiet behind the scenes.'

'We have to learn to be patient because we are behind the scenes for a long time and it is hard to be quiet.'
Upcoming Dates...

**Wednesday 14 December**
School End of Year Concert and Celebration

**Thursday 15 December**
School Picnic  Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens

**Friday 16 December**
Last day of 2016 school year.  **2:15pm dismissal**

**Monday 30 January 2017**
First day of 2017 school year.  **8:55am**

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**Dual Stream beginning 2017**
Steiner and Mainstream Education

**Taking enrolments**

In 2017 our school will continue its proud history in education and celebrate a new beginning as a dual stream school delivering both Mainstream and Steiner Education.

“If you would like to know more about our dual stream school please ring and make a time to meet with me. I would love the opportunity to talk to you about how special our school is and the amazing opportunities that we can offer your child.”

Nancy Saccoia (Principal)

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