

# SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. We are very appreciative of all the staff who have worked together this year to support students. Unfortunately, we are often in the situation of having to say goodbye to a few people each June and this year is no different.

Ms. Ashley Rule came in September to take on the resource job and did an excellent job of supporting students. We wish her well in her next teaching job.

Ms. Laura Mould joined our staff this year and quickly became part of the team. We thank her for her contributions to the school and wish her and her family well as they move to a new community.

Ms. Alison Joe joined our staff early in the year to take over division 6. She has worked hard to ensure that the students were able to continue with their lessons without being affected by a change in teachers. We wish her well in her next assignment.

Mr. Garrett Ling-Lee joined our staff mid-year and has done an amazing job supporting students in division 7. His willingness to share his sports expertise and good nature have been an asset to the school.

Ms. Sinead De Bhailis also joined our staff in January to temporarily replace Ms. Watson and has done an excellent job supporting students in division 9. We wish her well in her next position.

It has been a huge bonus to have Ms. Adrienne Gear as part of Sexsmith staff. An accomplished writer with a passion for literacy education, Ms. Gear has boosted the literacy skills of a generation of children not to mention the expertise she has been able to share with staff. We wish her the best of luck as she makes a move out of Vancouver with her family.

A very special thank you to the outgoing PAC executive. Gurmit and Rana Sangha, Stan and Fay Tam, and Richelda Camarillo who have given so much of their time and effort to making sure that Sexsmith has been well taken care of. They have been supportive and helpful, and we wish them all the best. We also wish to extend an extra special thank you to Stan for his dedication to the school by running the hot lunch program.

To our grade 7 graduates, thank you for being outstanding young citizens. You have set a great example for the younger students and we wish you much success in grade 8 and beyond. We hope the skills you have learnt at Sexsmith and the memories you have made here, will stay with you for many years.

To all the students who are leaving Sexsmith, good luck with your studies and thank you for being part of our school.

Finally, thank you to everyone- students, staff, and parents – this year has had some ups and downs, but through it all I have felt lucky to be a part of such a great community. The respectful attitude and the joy I see every day tells me we are all doing something special here.

On behalf of the staff, I want to wish you a wonderful summer filled with rest, friendship, family, and of course fun!

All the best,

Mr. Levine

### **IMPORTANT: Notice of Late Return**

A reminder to parents that if you are planning a late return to Sexsmith in the fall, after Tuesday September 3, you must fill in the “Notice of Late Return 2019 Form” available from the office. If you do not indicate a late return and do not show up by noon on Wednesday September 4, 2019 the spot we are saving for your child will be given to the next person on the waitlist, if necessary.

### **General School Fees**

Please take note of the 2019-20 School fees letter attached to this email.

### **Important Dates in September**

Tues. Sept. 3	First day of school grades 1-7 attend from 9:00-10:00am only (return to last year’s classes)
Tues. Sept 3	<b>New kindergarten</b> students attend from 10:00am – 10:30am only
Wed. Sept 4	First Full day of classes for grades 1-7 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Wed. Sept 4	<b>New Kindergarten</b> students begin gradual entry according to their schedule (group A/B)
Wed. Sept 11	First Full day of classes for <b>New Kindergarten</b> students
Thurs. Sept. 19	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in library
Mon. Sept. 23	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Tues. Sept. 24	Hot Lunch order forms for term 1 go home
Fri. Sept. 27	Sexsmith Terry Fox Run
Mon. Sept. 30	Hot Lunch order forms for term 1 due to school

Please check our website [sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca](http://sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca) for the regularly updated school calendar