

Speech for Mrs Hawkins Farwell from our Year 6 Leaders July 2022

Noah : Who am I?

I've been your principal for 6 and a half years at this school, I have a certain taste for Disney characters, and I'm leaving at the end of this term. Who am I?

(Pause for the students to answer & go up to the students)

Wow! How did you guess???

Well, anyways, as you may have heard, she is leaving. So let's look back at her most memorable moments.

Rhiannon: Let's be honest, lockdown was no fun for any of us. But just like they all say, having a laugh always improves things, and the virtual assemblies always provided a laugh for all of us. It was a guessing game to see what she would dress up as. From Toy Story to Frozen, to the infamous purple wig, they always provided a laugh.

Noah : In 2020, we thought things couldn't get any worse, with covid and the like. But we were all wrong. Our beloved sports teacher, Mrs. Barclay, passed away from cancer. But despite all of the dark and sad news, a light stood out. Mrs Hawkins was the key leader in the creation of the memorial just outside the office. This demonstrated her commitment and considerate nature towards all staff and students.

Noah : For years, we only had the Aboriginal flag out in the front yard. That is, until the Australian and the Torres Strait Islanders flags were raised. Guess who decided to do that? Yep, again you guessed it. Mrs Hawkins! Now we have all three of the major Australian flags.

Rhiannon: You know when you enter school in the morning and you see Mrs Hawkins smiling there in her iconic beige leather jacket. Then she would smile at you and say "Good morning!" Yeah, it is really cool. This displays her kind, friendly and approachable personality.

Noah : So, on behalf of all students past and present, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to you for all of your help on making St. Patricks a happy, safe and inclusive place!

Rhiannon: So, let's put our hands together for Mrs Hawkins!!