

# COLLEGE Matters

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



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# A successful start to 2017

Steve Todd *welcomes the College community for the new School Year.*

**OUR NEW SCHOOL** year has commenced well despite the challenge of very hot weather. I thank all the students, staff and families for their enthusiasm and spirit. We look forward to all that will shape our new school year.

The end of 2016 was a sad time with the loss of our Founding Principal, Stephen Aitken and it was a real pleasure to celebrate the life of our former principal with the senior students, the top HSC students with their families and friends at the Catholic College Warnervale Parish.

The 2016 school year has been beautifully commemorated by the students and families in the last week of the school year. I hope families have enjoyed the publication and celebrated the extraordinary stories of 2016.

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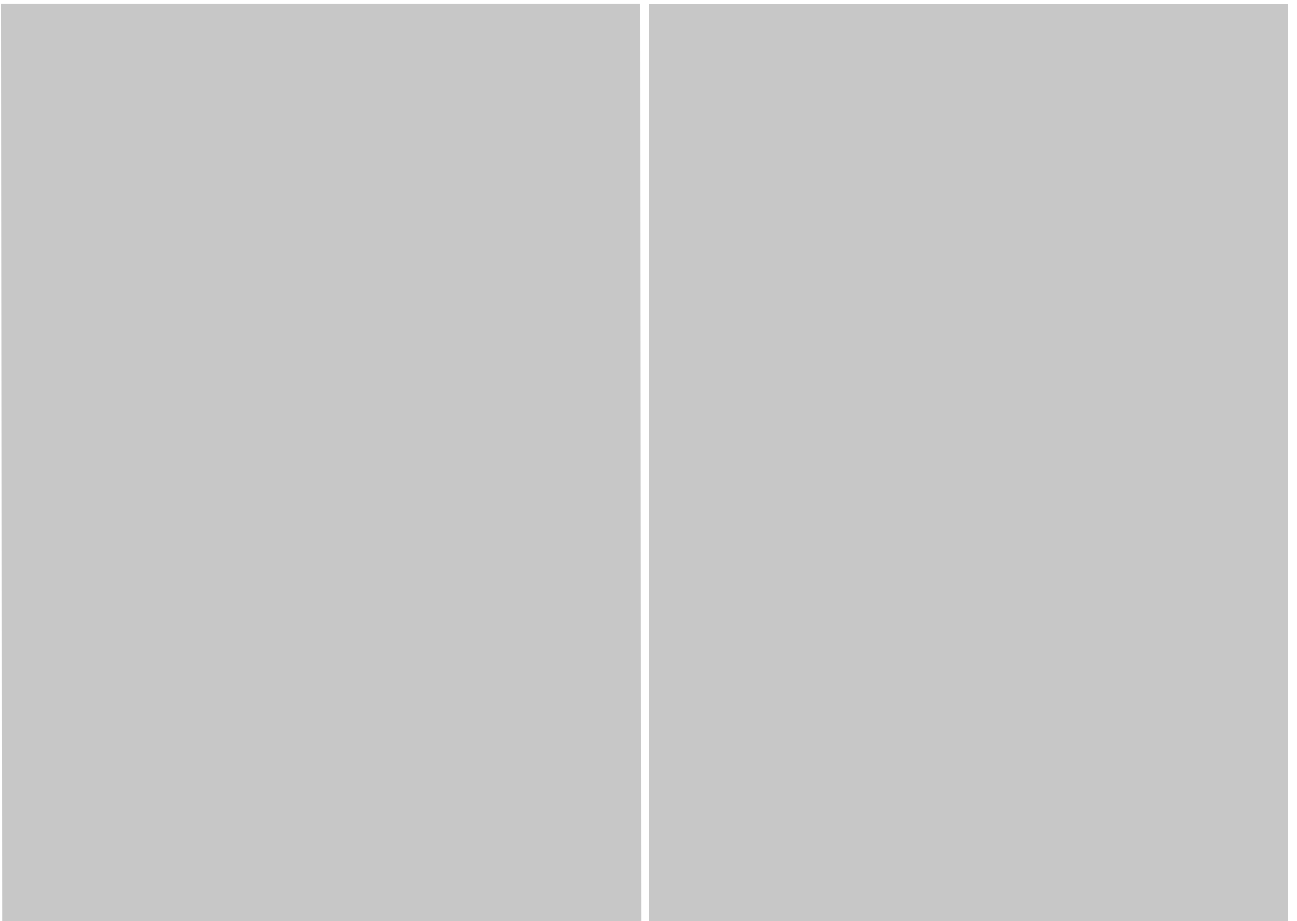
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**"YOU CAN TEACH** students a lesson for a day; but if you can



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# Welcome to New Kinders

## Kindergarten Teachers

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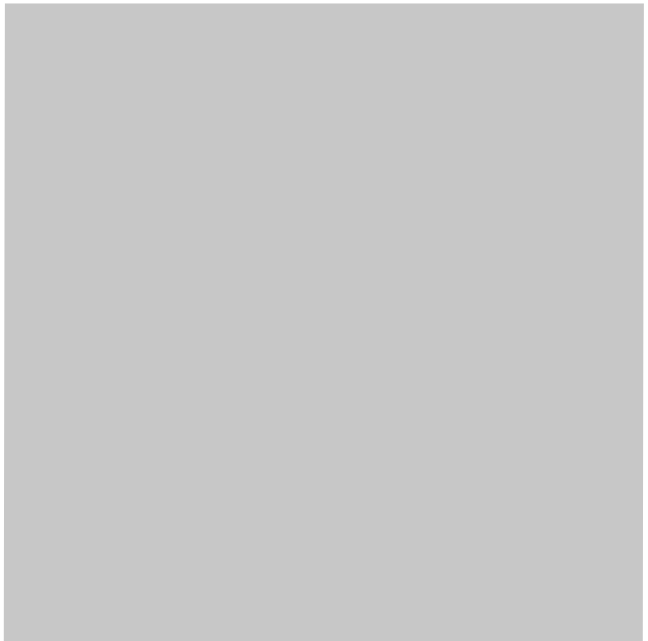
We all gathered together to share two days before classes k YfY'Z]bU]gYX''C b: f]XUmYUWk 'Wk]X' \_bYk ' ]Zh\Ymik YfY'U'K UthiYz ; fY] ]'YU'cf'6Ub\_g]U'ghi XYbh'fYUXmhc''YUfb UZhf'U'fYghz'' weekend.

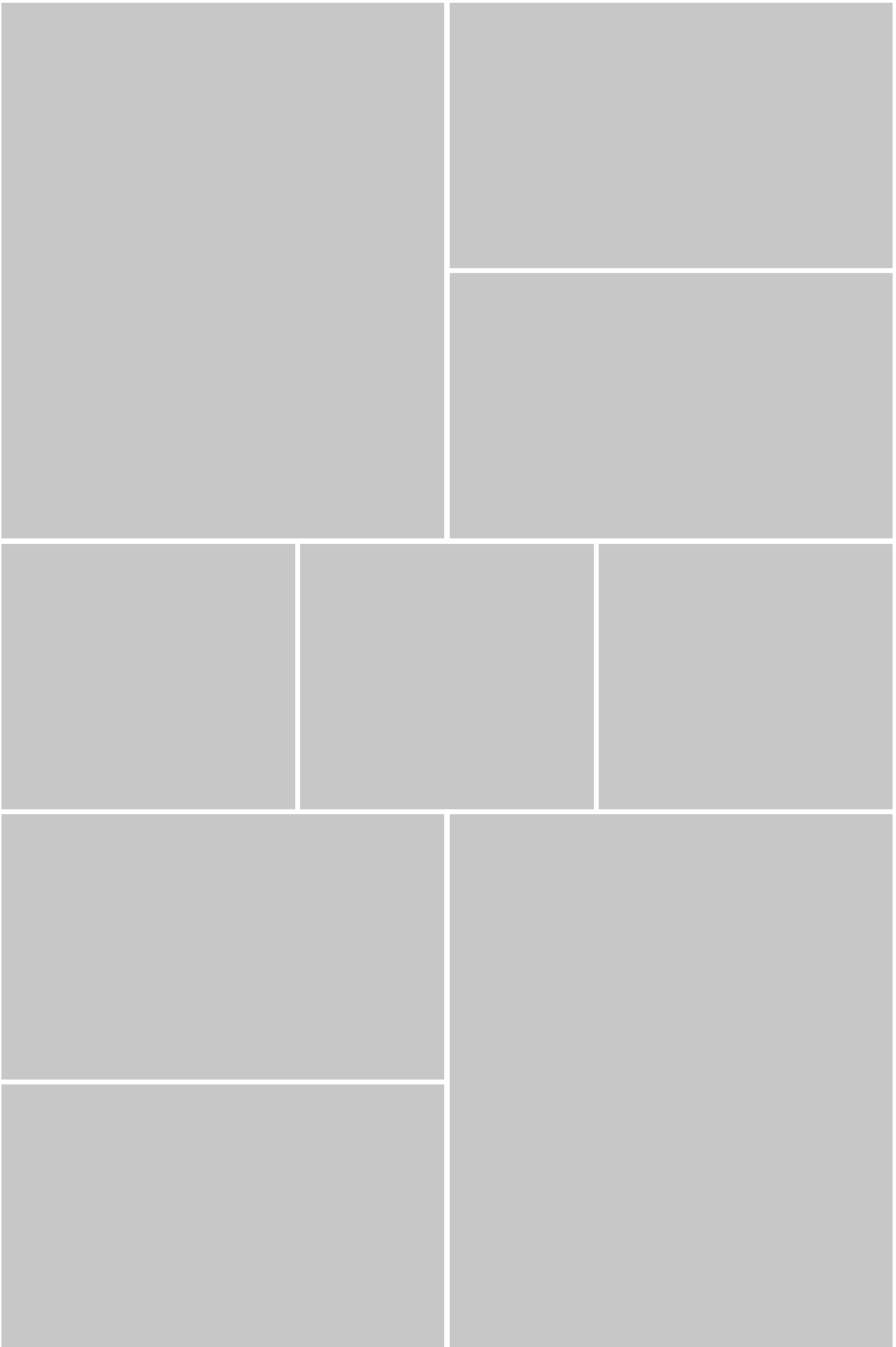
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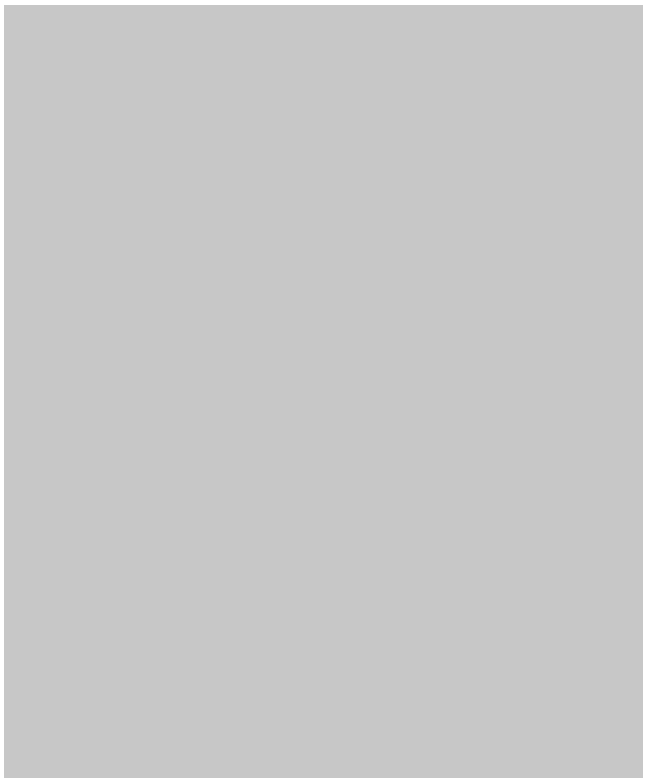
learnt and fruit break was enjoyed. Some children even got to do special jobs such as take the office bag to the office.

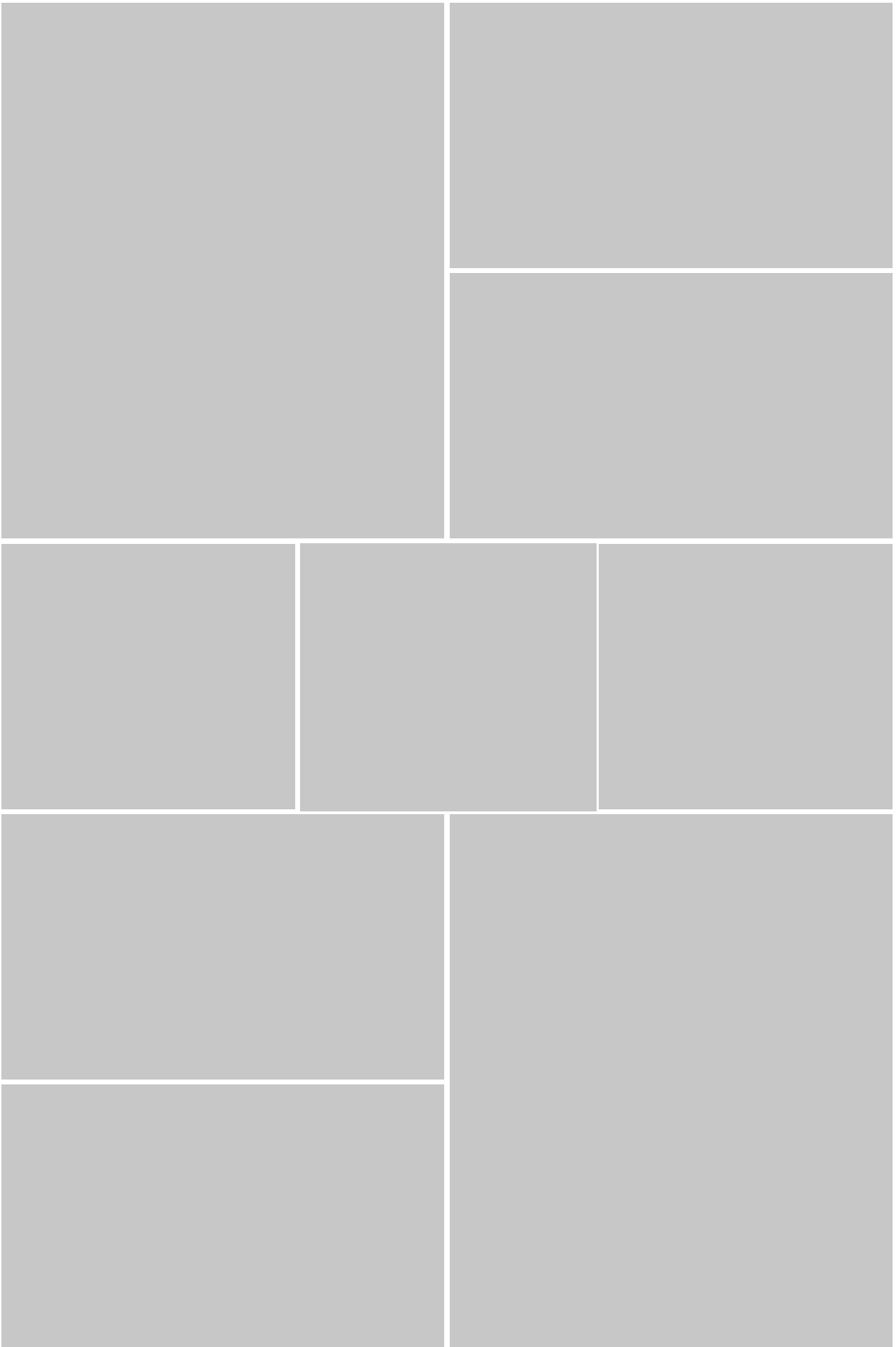
We have enjoyed meeting our Year 6 buddies, borrowing Vcc\_g'Zca 'h\Y'']VfUfmiUbX'\Uj ]b[ 'Z b'k ]h' A fg'8YbbYa Ub' during sports lessons. It has also been an exciting time to make new friends and discover new places to play. All of the bYk 'h\]b[ g'\Uj Y'VYYb'h]f]b[ 'hc''YUfb'Vi h]h'\Ug'VYYb'Ua Un]b[ ' to see their resilience and positive attitude shining through.

H\Y'?]bXYf[ UfhYb'hYUWk'Yfg'UfY'j Yfmdfci X'UbX'V'YggYX'hc' teach such a wonderful group of children. The kindergarten journey has just begun and there are exciting times ahead for growing and learning.









AT OUR FIRST Community Time assembly this year, we were able to announce the results of our 2017 Swimming Carnival held at Wyong Pool late last year.

Congratulations to the following swimmers awarded Age Champion based on their individual performances:

	GIRLS	BOYS
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12/13 YRS		



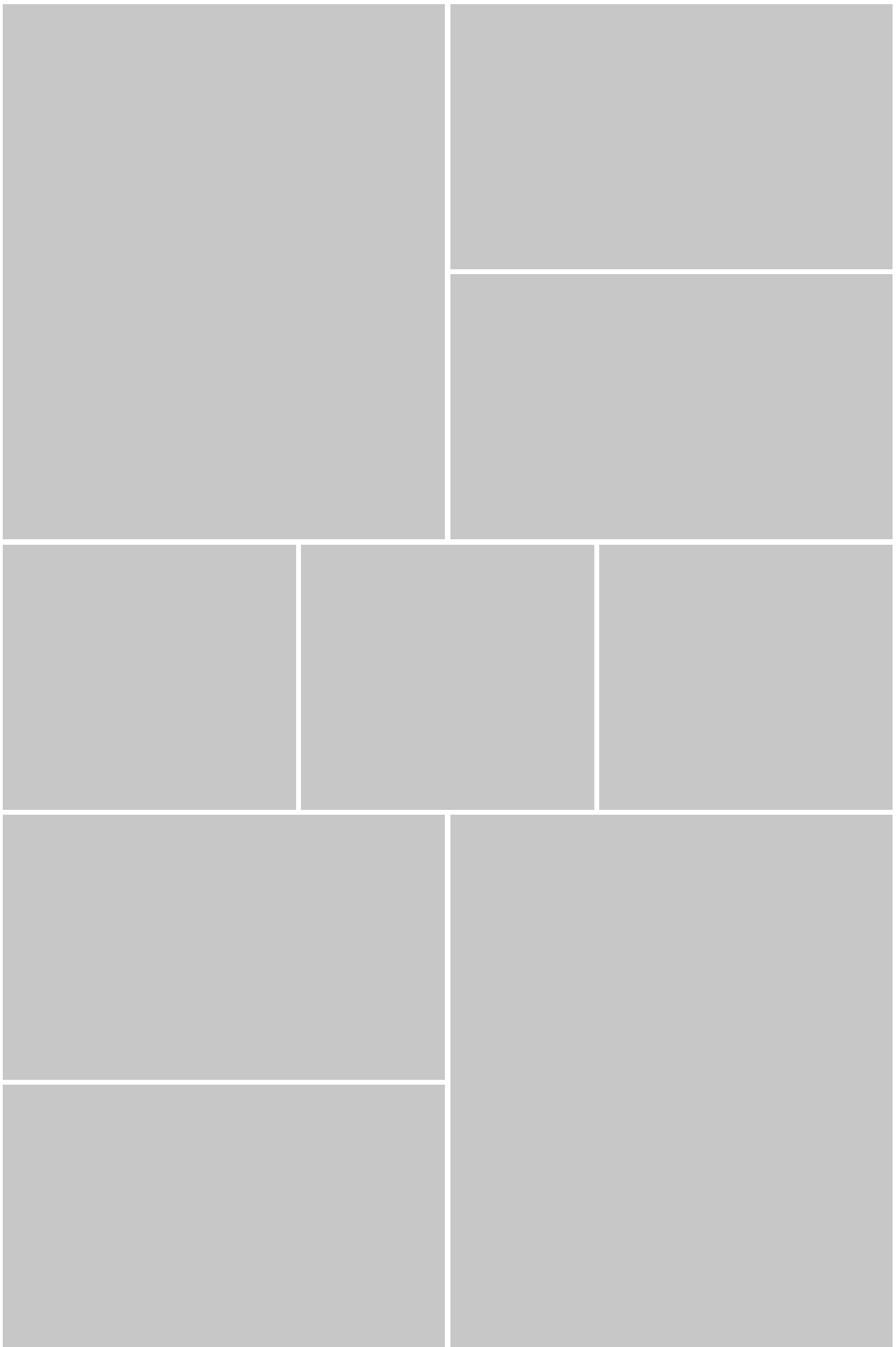


ON MONDAY 13TH February, the Primary school celebrated  
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ambassadors for our school. We wish them well in their  
leadership roles this year.

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as our House Leaders, are as follows:

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# Year 7 transition to high school

## Kathleen Black *speaks about the Peer Support Program.*

PEER SUPPORT IS a program that has been included into the Pastoral Program to help Year 7 students make a smooth transition into high school. The Peer Support Program is a peer led, skills based, experiential learning program. It encourages connections throughout the school and assists students in developing practical skills to enhance social and emotional wellbeing.

A c j ] b [ ] b h c ' G Y V t b X U f m g W c c ' ' d f Y g Y b h g ' U ' g ] [ b ] Z W W b h W U b [ Y ' for students as they adjust to a new environment. Year 7 will be provided with opportunities to get to know one another and their Peer Leaders. The activities are designed to assist students in becoming familiar and confident with their school, teachers and new routines. Students also learn how to manage

school life and organise themselves.

This Term, Year 7 students have been working in groups during their Pastoral Period with session activities designed around Transition and Values. The wonderful Year 10 Leaders who were accepted to facilitate a series of activities have demonstrated reliability and strong leadership skills as they guide Year 7 through the challenges of high school. Students have participated in a few sessions already and have conducted themselves positively. It shows how important building relationships with others are when beginning a new journey, in a fun and supportive environment.

