Good morning students staff and parents,
First of all I would like to thank Mrs Buzaglo and everyone here today for inviting me back today, I’m glad that during my time here I didn't do anything too bad that I wouldn't be invited back!!!

I finished at Bayswater North in 2009, so for you grade 6 kids, when I was in grade 6 you were in your last year of Kinder before starting at Bayswater North. When I was in grade 6 I was lucky enough to be school captain, it was a great opportunity to really try out leadership for the first time, and an opportunity I will never forget.

But what I have learnt from that year and then my following few years at high school is that it isn't all about being school captain or sports captain, but it is about being the best you that you can be. It doesn't matter if you are school captain, but then when it comes to a test you don't try, or if you’re sports captain and then don't put in your all at the sports carnival. It’s about always trying your best at everything you do, you do not have to be a part of the formal leadership team to be a leader, or to do your best and be the best person you can be. Sometimes the most important leaders are those that aren't elected leaders, those who instead go to school every day try their best and do well. These people are the most important people in my eyes.

As a grade 6, or even a grade 5, 4 and 3 student you don't have to be elected a leader to in fact be a leader, your actions during the day at school at lunchtimes, and during sports days they are what make leaders. If you help out someone who has fallen over, or just make sure that you set a good example by doing all of your class work then that is as good as it gets, you don't need to be school captain for that, but those actions are ones that set you apart from everyone else. Those who do their best, try their hardest and never give up are those who will be the best.
For the grade 6 students, next year when you get to high school you will have to work a bit harder. And out of you all, the one who puts in the effort and hard work will be the one who does the best. Not the cool kids, not the kid who picks on another for being small or not wearing the right clothes. The effort will always come out on top.

The main message I wanted to get across to not only the grade 6 students but all the others today is that over the next 6 or more years at school that you have ahead of you. That you make the most of it, try your best at everything you do. Never let anything, illness, a bad mark or even a fight with a friend get you down. The bad days are not what defines who you are, it's the way you deal with those bad days that defines you.

Good luck to all you grade 6 students for this year and especially next year when you head off to high school. And a huge congratulations to all of the leaders for this year. Wear your badges with pride, make the most of the challenges and enjoy the added responsibility.

Thankyou all for having me back again it's an absolute pleasure to be back here today.

Ryan Warren