

Hello everyone,

It has been a little while since I was last a student at this school, so I thought I'd start by introducing myself.

My name is Ruby Murrey and six years ago, alongside Archer, I was one of your 2019 school captains - standing right here in this very spot

I have to admit, though - I think I'm feeling even more nervous today than I ever was, as an 11-year-old running the weekly assemblies.

Today, Archer and I are here clearly just a little older, and hopefully, more than a little wiser, as we begin our final year of school. I still remember this assembly from my days at Beaumaris Primary, and honestly, it doesn't feel that long ago, that I was where you are now.

This past week, we have been reflecting on how we never quite believed what past school captains said in these assemblies - about how fast time flies and how fondly we'd look back on our time in primary school.

But standing here today, six years later, we both have to admit that they were right, they were telling the truth!

Time truly does fly, so make the most of every opportunity. Whether that's school camps, the production sport, interschool. Also make the most of the playgrounds

cause they're something I miss.

From where I am now, in my final year of school, I can tell you that while one chapter will eventually close, an exciting new one always begins.

A few weeks ago, on my first day of Year 12, I opened a letter I had written to myself back in Year 6. A letter I had been waiting six years to read. It was a special moment, one that even brought a few tears to my mum and I, as I got to read the hopes and dreams of my younger self. The letter was filled with excitement and curiosity about the future. Questions like, will there be flying cars? Or will I ever be able to read my own handwriting?

As I read through it, I couldn't help but reflect on my time at primary school - the friendships, the lessons, and the moments that helped shape who I am today. It made me realise just how much has changed, how much I've grown out of my sassy pre-teen phase and once again, how quickly time has passed.

That's why I feel so honoured and thankful for the opportunity to be welcomed back here today - to personally congratulate this year's school captains and all the new student leaders.

To the incoming school captains: This will be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll be a part of, take every opportunity that comes

your way, step up with confidence, and make the most of every second - because there's so much fun ahead!

And to those who didn't receive a badge today: I want to remind you that leadership isn't defined by a title or a badge - it's about the impact you have on the people around you. I don't have an official leadership role at my high school, but that hasn't stopped me from stepping up where I can. Leadership can look different for everyone, and every one of you has the ability to lead in your own way.

Congratulations, and best of luck to each and every one of you this year!