**Week 10 Term 4 2014**

**Presentation Day**
Stage 2 and 3 ceremony for Years 3 to 6 will be held in the hall next Monday 15th December at 9.30am as a combined presentation. The K – 2 ceremony will begin at 11.45am. As this ceremony is our formal academic and achievement ceremony we ask that parents turn their mobile phones off, refrain from chatting during the ceremony, keep preschoolers under control and remain for the entire ceremony. A reminder that no photos can be taken but if you wish to take a photo of your child on the stage receiving their award please let us know and we can do this after the ceremony.

**Library Stocktake**
Mr Barron is in the process of the library stocktake. Please return any books that you may have at home.

**Choir Performance**
Congratulations to Mr Wootton and our choir who did an amazing performance at the Budgewoi Seniors Christmas lunch last Thursday. The audience loved it!

**Maintenance**
On Friday morning I spent several hours with the Asset Maintenance Team looking at projects for the school. Some will be paid from our allocation of $35,000. Others will come from school funds eg tiling repair in Special Ed Disabled toilet, awnings for rain protection to canteen and K/1/M’s room, plaster wall between 1/2R and 2M, insulation repair and bird proofing of Top Quad Cola. If any parent is a tiler, builder or awning builder and would like to give us a quote, please contact either Mrs Moore or our GA Mitchell Neal.

**Family Holidays during School Terms**
You may have seen in the newspapers and on TV yesterday media coverage about the detrimental effect taking family holidays during school time has on your child's academic performance. Research shows it is extremely difficult for children to catch up on the concepts missed during the time not at school. Whilst we know that holidays are cheaper during term time what will be the cost to your child? There are 11 weeks during the course of the year for family holidays and it is much more beneficial for your child if they can be planned during these 11 weeks. The research was very interesting and worth considering.

**Coming events for Term 4**
| Thurs 11th | Year 6 Big Day Out & Year 5 class parties |
| Mon 15th  | Presentation Day                          |
|           | Reports Home                              |
| Tues 16th | Year 6 Farewell                           |
|           | Class parties Kinder – Year 4             |
| Wed 17th  | Last day of term for students             |
| 18th & 19th | School Development days – pupil free      |

**Privilege Badge winners**
KC Joshua, KD Ellie, KL Sarah, KJ Allirah, 1E Cadence, 1K Sahri, K/1M Jye K, 1/2R Jordan N, 2C Noah, 2J Amelia, 2M Brock, S2A Connor, S2B Ella, S2C Abi, S2J Nicholas S2S Riley, S2/3JE Jayden, S3GR Callan, S3JJ Joe, S3K Connor S3L Brooklyn, Unit 1 Alisha, Unit 2 Lucas, Unit 3, Cale & Unit 4 Bailey.

**Best Attendance**
Congratulations to Unit 4 who had 2 absences last week.
Mrs Kerry Moore Principal

**School News**

**K-2 End Of Year Class Party**
K-2 will have a class/stage party on Tuesday 16th December to celebrate their achievements and wish everyone a Merry Christmas. The children can bring their own party lunch and wear mufti clothes on the day. They will also need to bring a towel or small rug to sit on. Please remember to send your child with a wide brimmed hat to school. A separate note has been sent home. Thank you,
K-2 Teachers

**Year 6 Farewell**
The Year 6 Farewell is fast approaching. The theme for the night is Masquerade. This means that the hall will be decorated in the style of a masked ball. Students do not have dress in the style of the era. However the students are expected to dress to an appropriate standard with a collared shirt (no T shirts) and long pants (not jeans) for boys and shoes and socks (no thongs). Girls may wear dresses, long pants or skirts. Dresses and skirts should be of an appropriate length and shoes must be able to be worn and danced in all night. High heels are discouraged.
The night will run as follows.
**YEAR 6 FAREWELL PROGRAM**
5.45pm – Students arrive
6:00pm – Student Presentation. Parents are invited to watch at the back of hall.
Please note that photo opportunities will be available outside after every child has been presented with their Year 6 photo pack and DVD. If you would like a photo, there will be backdrops to choose from. Students will then return to the hall for dinner and parents leave.

Due to recent DEC guidelines, we request that you only photograph your child as some children DO NOT have permission to have their photo taken.

6:30pm - Dinner served
7:30pm - Disco begins
8:30pm – Parents return for parent dance and to watch DVD.

**Stage 3 Camp 2015**
The Stage 3 camp for 2015 has been booked for Wednesday 29th July to Friday 31st July (Term 3, Week 3). This will be our only major excursion for 2015 and we only participate in this excursion every two years as it is a significant cost (approximately $240) to families. Please start to put aside money for this now and make regular payments from the start of next year to ensure your child goes as these are great fun and a memory your child will look back on for years. Unfortunately there is no Student assistance available so it is important for you to make small regular payments.
Excursion costings with the confirmed price will be sent home early Term 1 to allow families the opportunity to make payments throughout the year. Please add these dates to your calendar now.

Big Day Out Year 6
The Year 6 Big Day Out will be held on Thursday 11th December. Students are able to wear mufti but must ensure they wear suitable shoes and appropriate clothing. (No singlets or thongs). We are looking forward to a great day.

Year 5 Pizza Party
This year all Year 5 students will be having a pizza party for their end of year celebration party. This will be held on the same day as the Year 6 Big Day Out and will cost $5 per student.

S2A News
This term S2A have been writing descriptions. Here are some samples of our snapshot writing:
As you walk through the daisy patch, you are delighted see colours in the fragile earth below.
By Jessica-Lee
The distracting scent of fresh fruit punch and sausage rolls covers your starving body with temptation. By Lochlan
You could hear nothing but the wind blowing and the girl, boy and snowmen talking. By Liannah
See the pretty red balloons and the sparkly blue lights shining in your eyes. By Keeley
The smell of fresh air that picks up many natural flavours and tastes float gently into your nose refreshing your giddy body. By Luke
Feel the happiness inside you as you party through the night. By Zoe

School Banking
This is the last week for school banking. Keep an eye on next year’s Newsletter for the date we will begin our school banking program for 2015. Don’t forget you can still bank over the holiday’s you just need to call into any Commonwealth Bank with your bank book to make a deposit (Your deposit may not count as a token though).
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Canteen News
As the year comes to a close the Canteen will start to run down its stock. Please bear this in mind when you order as lunches may need to be substituted.
The Uniform Shop is open from 9am till 10am Tuesday mornings. Please try to buy uniforms at this time. Please place your 2015 LAYBY’S now on a no deposit layby.
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Roster for week beginning 8th December 2014:
Tue 9/12/14 - Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess, Jana Williams, Fiona Stanford
Wed 10/12/14 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham
Thurs 11/12/14 – Denise Cuff, Annie Vanderbiltouw, Vanessa Allan
Fri 12/12/14 - Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis, Jana Williams
Mon 15/12/14 – Alison Sutton, Alana Paku

Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.

Are your contact details up-to-date?
Please make sure you inform the front office if your emergency contact details have changed.

Make the school aware of any special family circumstances
Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your child's teacher and principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

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Enquiries: Adel 0438 638 685

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