Week 11 Term 4 2014

Students Leaving
Best wishes to our Year 6 students progressing to high school. We look forward to seeing you and hearing of your achievements in the future. Best wishes also to the families who are leaving us and relocating. We hope you enjoy your new environment and school.

Staff leaving
Best wishes to Mrs Jenny Christiansen who is retiring after an illustrious teaching career. She transferred to Budgewoi Public School in 1984 and her work in providing quality education and leading the school’s technology program is to be commended. Mrs Jeanette Small is also retiring and we will miss her caring nature from the print room and sick bay. We hope they both have a long, healthy and happy retirement. Best wishes also to Mrs Jacobs, Ms Stokes and Mrs Anastasakis who will not be returning to Budgewoi next year. We wish you well in your future careers.

Message from Mrs Christiansen
After 38 years of teaching I have decided to relinquish my position at BPS. I intend to take long service leave from the beginning of next year, leading to my retirement in July 2015. I look forward to relaxing and spending some time in my much neglected garden and travelling.

I would like to thank the wonderful students I have taught at Budgewoi and their families for making my time over the past 31 years enjoyable and very rewarding. I am now teaching the children of some of the students I taught in Kindergarten!! I would like to thank the many staff members I have worked with for their friendship, support and collegiality.

I believe BPS to be a great school where the teachers are very dedicated and committed to giving the students the best start to their life of learning. They genuinely care for their students, giving encouragement and support to all.

I will miss all of this!

Have a Merry Christmas, everyone and all the very best for your future years. Be happy and be safe!

Jenny Christiansen

School Vacation
The school vacation begins at 2.50pm on Wednesday 17th December. Classes for students in Years 1 – 6 in 2014 commence Wednesday 28th January. Kindergarten students begin at appointment times on Monday 2nd February 2015. Once again I ask parents to keep an eye out for unauthorised intruders and contact School Security on 1300880021 if you see anyone on school grounds.

Class parties
Class parties are tomorrow. Children may wear multi for the party day. A reminder because of Workplace Health and Safety regulations thongs are not permitted at school. Please give thought to our Sun Protection policy requirements – singlet tops and short shorts and skirts do not meet these guidelines. Children should wear school uniforms until the party day. Wednesday is the last day of school and all students are expected to attend in uniform.

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

15th December 2014

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/1M’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

Tuesday 16th
Year 6 Farewell

Class parties Kinder – Year 4

Wednesday 17th
Last day of term for students

18th & 19th
School Development days – pupil free

Privilege Badge winners
KC Bryce, KD Cooper, KL Kaya, KJ Tyson, 1E Connor, 1K Roy, K1M Lilly, 1/2R Tyrone, 2C Harry, 2J Matthew, 2M Lilli, S2A Tayla, S2B Payge, S2C Tahla, S2J Bella S2S Noah O, S2/3E Jack C, S3GR Tiarna, S3J Keewen, S3K Samuel S3L Kydden, Unit 1 Mitch, Unit 2 Alexander, Unit 3, leasha Unit 4 Kye.

Best Attendance
Congratulations to Unit 2 who had 1 absence last week. Well done!

I wish everyone a safe holiday and a wonderful Christmas with your family and look forward to seeing you all back safe and well in 2015. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a restful vacation

Mrs Kerry Moore Principal

School News
Environment News
The holiday working bee in the garden will be happening again this holidays beginning in January on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. So come along and join in on the day.
K-2 End Of Year Class Party
K-2 will have a class/stage party on tomorrow 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 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.

1/2R News
1/2R have been publishing some stories this term and turning them into books. Here is one story from our class.

**The Lost Goggles** By Sienna
One lonely day when the trees were moving fast, I saw that there was something stuck in a tree. What was it? It was a pair of goggles and they were golden goggles. I went to pick it out of the tree but suddenly…

A disgusting young box troll ran speedily to get them first. He looked and looked and finally said, “Don’t worry I looked everywhere for the golden goggles and I lost them.”

Next I looked everywhere for the golden goggles. Finally, I saw something glittering behind a swaying bush. It was the goggles! I placed them on my large head and a magical, dark blue pool appeared every time I put the goggles on. Now my friends and I will never get hot in Summer again!

School Banking
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).

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 Canteen will reopen on Tuesday 27/1/15 between 10 am -12 pm in case uniforms are needed.

The canteen wishes to thank all volunteers for their valuable time this year. We wish all families a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and happy holiday.

We wish Cheryl all the best in her retirement. She has been a huge part of the canteen for the last 25 years and we sure will miss her. All the best Cheryl.

A Message from Cheryl
A big thank you to all the families and staff of Budgewoi Public School for their ongoing support of the School and Canteen over the past 25 years.

All money spent has been utilised by the P&C in resources to benefit all the children at our school. I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. Best wishes always.

Cheryl

Roster for week beginning 15th December 2014:

**Tues** 16/12/14 - Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess, Jana Williams
**Wed** 17/12/14 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham

Helpers, If for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 4399238. New volunteers are always welcome.

Community News

**CAROLS FOR THE COMMUNITY** Venue: In the car park at St Luke’s Anglican Church, 21 Hammond Road, Toukley (indoors if wet)
Date: Sunday December 21st
Time: from 4.00pm

What to expect: singing favourite carols, face-painting for the children, free BBQ, various local singers, Santa arriving on a fire truck, and a raffle with four major prizes (each valued approx $200+ each) drawn at the event (tickets are available on the day).

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