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 Terri Mastello who is retiring after an illustrious teaching career. She transferred to Budgewoi Public School in 2010 after many years at Warnervale PS and her work in providing quality education to all the students in her care is to be commended. We hope she has a long, healthy and happy retirement. Best wishes also to Mr Brenton Smith who will begin his career as a permanent teacher at Strathfield North PS next year. We wish you well in your future career.

School Vacation
The school vacation begins at 2.50pm on Wednesday 17th December. Classes for students in Years 1 – 6 in 2014 commence Thursday 28th January. Kindergarten students begin at appointment times on Monday 1st February 2016. 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.

Final Days
Class parties are tomorrow. Children may wear mufti 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.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays
I would like to wish all students and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back safe and well on Thursday 28th January 2016.

School News
Frequent Reader Club
Congratulations to the newest member of our Frequent Reader 100 club; Lilly KL, Georgia (S2C), Ellie W (1MC), Luke K (1MC). Congratulations to our newest 200 club members; Kalan G (2WB), Tayla D (S2A).

The following students are amazing readers who have read over 300 home readers: Jayden M (S2EV), Elijah (S2C), Destiny (S2A).

Well done to all of our fantastic readers this year. We have seen a huge increase in home reading. Keep reading and enjoying over the school holidays!

Thanks for reading our work! Happy and safe holidays to you and your families.

2M news
2M have enjoyed writing about our favourite picture books this year during daily writing sessions. Here is some of our work

King Pig
King Pig treats the sheep like slaves. He woke the sheep up to clean the eggs that he threw at them! King Pig was mean and he walked on the back of the sheep.

Seth T

Room on the Broom
One morning the dog, cat, bird and frog went for a ride on the broom. They were like brothers now. They lived in a cottage near a lake and they went for a swim every morning to get clean. They played in the mud, went fishing and enjoyed lunch by the lake.

Matilda A

The Ugliest Dog in the world
Some people like dogs and some people don’t. My family thinks my dog is the ugliest dog in the world. The postman thinks she is ugly in a crazy kind of way. My dad thinks she is just plain ugly! I think she is beautiful in a sloppy kind of way!

Kayla B

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell is tomorrow night. 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.

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 Dept of Education 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.

K-2 and Stage 2 Class Parties
To celebrate the students' achievements and wish everyone a happy holiday, K-2 and Stage 2 students will have a class/grade party on Tuesday 15th December. The children are asked to bring their own 'Christmas party lunch' and a small rug or towel to sit on. They could even decorate their lunch boxes! Students are able to wear mufti. Your child will need to wear suitable clothing depending on the weather. Shirts must have sleeves and cover their shoulders to protect students from sunburn (no singlets). Students must wear comfortable sandals or shoes (no thongs). Shorts worn need to be of an appropriate length. Students must bring their recess as normal.

Student Medical update 2016
Just a reminder to obtain new health care plans for any health conditions over the holidays as they will be needed for day 1 2016.

Canteen News
Thank you for a wonderful year. Have a happy and safe holiday's. A big thank you to all of the volunteers.
27th January 2016. Open for uniforms 9am – 1pm.

Roster for week beginning 14th December 2015:
Tuesday 15/12/15 – Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess
Wednesday 16/12/15 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Kristy Johnson.
Helpers, if for any reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238.

Community News
Nippers at The Lakes Surf Life Saving Club - Budgewoi Beach
Nippers is a junior program that introduces children aged 5 to 13 to surf lifesaving. It is about learning, confidence and having fun in a safe beach environment. For Nippers, the beach is the classroom. They gain confidence by passing the 'tests' of swimming, body boarding, beach sprints, dolphin-diving, spotting a rip, having fun with new friends and discovering things about themselves. The skills gained in nippers will stick to the soul like sand from the beach and be carried for life, and could one day be used to save a life!

The youth of today are the future of Surf Life Saving, and the Nippers pathway teaches lessons and skills allowing them to continue in lifesaving and sport as they grow older. But it's not hard work. We like to call it serious fun! Nippers is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment.

It is not too late to register for Nippers at The Lakes SLSC, we are always welcoming new members For more info on how to register visit our website www.thelakesslsc.com.au or give us a call on 4396 4047