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School Christmas Concert

Thank you for coming to our Christmas Concert – it was a fantastic night!! The children's performances were wonderful – every child was a star! A huge thanks to the staff for organising the performances! Thank you to all the parent volunteers for manning the stalls and everyone who spent money at the stalls!! The night raised \$600 towards P&C funds, which will benefit all the students at the school. We had such a wonderful night sitting on the grass on the hill and relaxing to the music provided by the band. Congratulations everyone for being a part of an enjoyable night!

2016 Class Structure

As we look forward to next year, we are organising the structure of the classes. The school now has four classes across three grades, which has seen a departure from the model of one class per grade. The staff have worked on the most successful model to suit the needs of all students and provide optimal class sizes. The proposed model has two straight Kindergarten classes and two Stage 1 (Grade1/Grade 2) classes. This aligns with the organisation of the curriculum. The syllabus documents are organised according to learning stages as opposed to school years. Kindergarten is a unique learning stage which covers one grade of school. Each learning stage from then on covers two grades of schooling.

- Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten
- Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2
- Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4
- Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6

English and Mathematics will continue to be taught across all classes with a differentiated approach which tailors educational programs to the needs of each learner. This is achieved through the use of whole class, small group and individualised instruction. The school has applied for both Stage 1 teachers to be trained in the excellent 'L3 Stage 1' initiative in 2016.

We are highly confident that all students will receive fantastic learning opportunities with this structure.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day will take place on Monday 14th December at 10.00am. All parents and grandparents are invited to join us in acknowledging and celebrating the efforts of the children during 2015. Parents are encouraged to bring along a picnic to share with their child/ren after the presentation.

Party Day

We would like to borrow water play equipment from you. We already have a water slide – thanks Josh. We would also like some water pistols/squirters and some paintbrushes and rollers. If you are able to help, we would appreciate you putting your name on them and bringing them to school this week, so we are able to see what else we will need to purchase.

Please return permission notes by Friday 11th December. There is no cost for party day.

Student Banking

Please note there will be no School Banking next week due to school finishing for the end of year.

Year 2 Farewell

Parents of Year 2 students are invited to 2C classroom to watch the Year2 DVD at 2.40pm on Wednesday 16th December. This will be followed by the students being "clapped out" by Kinder and Year 1 students.

End of Year

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given the school this year! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year teaching here and can honestly say this school has a wonderful, unique community spirit.

I would also like to thank the staff for all their efforts in providing quality learning experiences for your children and for their professionalism.

The staff and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and relaxing holiday time.

School resumes on Wednesday 27th January for staff, and Thursday 28th January for students. Kinder will begin on Monday 1st February.

Leaders

Congratulations to our Year 2 Leaders for Weeks 9 and 10 Term 4 – Lacey E and Pippi S.

Our Leaders for Week 11 will be Luka and Arabella.

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Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients:

KB	K/1P
Remy F	Amber A
Jasper G	Bridgette C
Varshini S	Sibella D
Harrison W	Maggie M
1/2L	2C
Meredith C	Riley B
Rhiannon C	Reuben C
Patrick L	Sarani M
Jasmine S	Archie V

Citizenship Award:

Hester T

Principal's Award:

Lacey E

Sophia H

Gabriel T

Gold Awards:

Bridgette C

Meredith C

Sibella D

Lacey E

Jasper G

William H

Elise M

Joshua R

Gabriel T

Dates for your Diary

Term 4 Events	Date
Camp Quality Puppet Show	Wednesday 9 th December – 2.30pm
Newcastle Jets W-League Visit	Friday 11 th December
Presentation Day	Monday 14 th December – 10.00am
Party Day	Tuesday 15 th December – no cost
Talent Quest and Year 2 Clap Out	Wednesday 16 th December

TERM 1 2016	Date
<i>Event</i>	
Students return to school 2016 Years 1 & 2 students	Thursday 28 th January 2016
Kindergarten Students begin school 2016	Monday 1 st February 2016