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From the Principal Term 4 Week 10

Please note: The 2013 School Year ends on Wednesday 18th December for all students

Here we are at the end of the 2013 school year. We are embarking on a very busy week for all as we head into Presentation ceremonies, class end of year parties, the **Year 6 Farewell**, final student reports going out, and preparing to tie up all school matters for another year. Our students and staff alike are tiring and everyone needs that little bit of extra TLC.

Reports out

Please check for your child's end of year student report. These went out on Tuesday 10th December. Inside the report envelope you will find their Star Chart, various certificates and behaviour awards.

If you have any concerns about your child's end of year report or any questions about what has been reported please make an appointment with your child's teacher over the next week to discuss these matters.

Patonga

I have heard nothing but fantastic praise for our Year 5 and 6 students who had a wow of a time camping out at Patonga last week. It was all sunshine, fun and fresh air. Please make sure you join with me in thanking Mr Pete Smith and Mrs Louise Rayner for the enormous job they did in setting up this wonderful experience for our senior students. A huge thank you goes to the teachers who gave freely of their time to camp out with the students and run the environmental, educational and social programs provided with this camp.

School structure 2014

Classes have been posted up for 2014. There were a few hitches but all looks settled now. Lots of hours have gone into best placing students for optimum learning opportunities. As you would have noticed, numbers are almost full in all classes making movement and new arrivals tricky. Numbers arriving at the beginning of 2014 could push the boundaries and we may need to restructure. You can never be sure.

We are one of very few schools in the state who publish class lists prior to the end of the year and have adopted this process to cut down on everyone's angst about classes and student placement and to give parents an opportunity to be involved in the process and to have their concerns considered.

Previous students elected School Leaders for 2014

Congratulations to Emma Fenech, Captain of Asquith Girls High school, **Kirt Anthony**, Captain of Saint Edwards College and **Matthew Cairns**, Captain of Henry Kendall High School. How proud of you are we!!

Principal's Presentation Address

You will find a copy of my address at Presentation Evening, Monday 9 December attached to this newsletter. We have a lot to be proud of in 2013.

Season’s Greetings

I take this opportunity as it is our last newsletter for the year, to wish you Seasonal Greetings and a happy holiday break. Whatever is your culture, tradition or belief may you fully enjoy your time with your children, keep them safe and send their smiling faces back to us for another exciting educational experience in 2014.

School resumes for Year 1 to Year 6 on January 29th 2014.

Ona Buckley

Principal

K-6 Assembly Awards

KK	Dylan Smith	3/4M	Andrew Huang
KLN	Natalia Jordan	3/4R	Zoe Williamson
KPM	Jamie Hibbs	5/6A	Riley Wilson
1C	Madison Abbott	5/6B	Jasmine Freewater
1MK	Marco Baker-Athanassiou	5/6L	Brock Follett
1/2F	Shae Quennelle	5/6HR	Luke Brown
2S	Thomas Fry	3/6C	Eloise Flight
2C	Bella Hann	K/6P	Hamish Simpson
3/4G	Angie Rishton-Potter	K/6W	Mickennah Byrne
3/4WS	Samuel Gavin		

Aspire Home Reading

A big THANK YOU to all the parent helpers who changed books, updated cards and did stocktake on the home reading books. Your help is much appreciated and valued. Have a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful holiday. Donna Corda

Stage 2 Christmas Party

This is a reminder for all Parent / Carers of all students in Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4), that we will be going to Lion’s Park for our Christmas party on **Thursday 12th December**. A note has been sent home about all students bringing in \$5:00 to cover the cost of fish and chips and a drink on the day. The kids may also like to bring some party food to enjoy. We will arrange the kids into groups prior to the party where they can organise among themselves what they will each bring to contribute. We will be leaving at 10am and arriving back to school at about 12:30pm. Thankyou for your support.

The Stage 2 staff, Mrs Greysen, Ms Williams, Ms Sozomenou, Ms Moxon and Mrs Rayner would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thankyou for all of the support you have shown us throughout the year.

Poets' Corner

The Dragon’s Egg

A cave above a raven’s nest

No man has ever seen

What is it that lay in that cave ?

No-one knows.

The secret remains concealed.

The frightening treacherous creature

remains quiet as a whisper that is only passed from mouth
to ear

once every few years.

Up high above a raven's nest,

still hidden, tucked away.

The mysterious dragon's egg lays.

Tara Thompson & Blayze Keller, Year 4 Poets

Early Intervention

Early Intervention would like to thank Miss Dos and KK for helping to make our Christmas Concert such a wonderful day. Thank you also to Mrs Stewart for the use of the Preschool to stage the gala event. Much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas -- from Ms Wiliame.

Community Announcements

Xmas Hotshots Tennis Camp Notice

Where: Peninsula Tennis, Umina

When: Monday 6th January – Friday 10th January

Monday 20th January - Friday 24th January

Time: 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am) ½ day 9am-12.30pm

Cost: Wk \$75, ½ Day Wk \$40, Full Day \$25, ½ Day \$15

Included: Racquets, BBQ Lunch, Drink & Ice Blocks on Thursday and Prizes Friday

The camp will be predominately hot shots tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, basketball etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings are essential and all enquiries can be made by phoning **0410 828 278 or (02) 4385 7110**.

Rainforest Family Christmas Festival at The Forest Of Tranquility, Ourimbah

Sunday, 22nd December 11 am – 2 pm. Calling all Christmas Elves!

The Forest of Tranquility at Ourimbah will host a special family Christmas Festival on Sunday, 22nd December, 11 am – 2 pm.

Respecting nature and the blessings of giving will be the theme.

Our programme will include Christmas story telling with Veronica, visiting the wishing tree and making our own Christmas cards from the Forest, as well as sing-along Christmas carols with Karen.

Costumes welcome, so come as your favourite Christmas character. Bring a picnic lunch.

Prices: Adults - \$20, Child - \$15, Family - \$50 (2 A + 1 – 2 Ch)

Bookings: info@forestoftranquility.com, or phone: 4362 1855

P & C News

The Snack Shack News

Please see attached roster for next year. As you can see, we have some vacant days. If you have some spare time please see me in the canteen to add your name to the roster.

Please appreciate that we run our stock down for the Christmas break.

Thank you, Anne.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

The school uniform shop will be opening during the January school holidays on the following days.

- **Monday 13th January, 2014 from 5pm - 7pm**
- **Tuesday 28th January, 2014 from 10am-12pm**

The shop will also open on the first two days back at school, **Wednesday 29th January 2014 and Thursday 30th January 2014 from 8.30am to 9.00am.**

During term times, the uniform shop is open on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am.

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for manning the uniform shop.

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[Principal's Speech, Presentation Evening 2013](#)

[Fun Holiday Activities](#)

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[Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014](#)

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