Term 4, Week11
Wednesday Dec 18th

December 17th, 2013
Final day of term 4 for students

Presentation Day

Thanks so much to our entire school community for the effort that went into our Annual Presentation Day last week. It was an outstanding event. Congratulations to the hard working organising committee on your attention to detail and the very professional, personal approach. Congratulations to all the students who received awards and to our incoming student leaders:

Captains
Amy Cameron
Patrick Go-Sam

Vice Captains
Zahra Paddle
Nate Coulter

Prefects
Dakota Fuller
Jadzia Hicks
Jessie Laverty
Indi Naylor
Saule Stasionis
Krysta Stennet
Toby Kinnear
Rylee Godfrey-Martin

Thanks to our community who were generous in their support, our Patrons and P&C Life Members and to the students who were very well behaved. Finally well done and thank you to our school band, circus troupe and the brilliant Have a Go Show performers.

A proud member of the Valley 10 community of public schools
Farewell Mrs Langley
Our longest serving support staff member retires this week. Pam Langley is well known and well-loved and on behalf of the school community I would like to thank Pam for her huge commitment to our school and community. We will miss you Pam. Enjoy a long, healthy and exciting retirement.

Year 6 Farewell
Our Year 6 Farewell was a fabulous event last Thursday night. Thanks Year 6 students for your overall excellent behaviour, your enthusiasm and manners. A big thank you also to Ainslee Gill, her brilliant band of helpers and Wendy Hillery for organising and catering for the event. The highlight was the slideshow at the end of the night and the efforts of Mr Schmidt in putting it together were certainly appreciated.

Volunteers Morning Tea
It was wonderful to see so many of our community helpers join us last Tuesday for our annual morning tea. Our school staff and students are very grateful for the time, effort and commitment that our many volunteers give. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to acknowledge their contribution and sincerely thank all our volunteers.

2014 Organisation
As we did this year for the start of the 2014 school year, students will not be placed into their classes for the first few days. Students will stay in this year’s class groups until numbers are steady. With a huge Year 6, a smallish Kinder intake and very high mobility we feel this is a far better option.

Choir and Recorder Group
Well done and thank you to Mrs Geerlings, her choir and recorder group and some of our circus performers for the performances last week. As part of community Christmas program, they performed for residents of Autumn Lodge and outside Foodworks Supermarket. I was fortunate to see the performance outside Foodworks and like everyone there, I thought you were awesome!

Wednesday 18th December is the final day of Term 4
School resumes for students on 29th January 2014
Kindergarten begins on Monday 3rd February following Best Start Assessments
Have a wonderful holiday and a very Merry Christmas.
Gold Day
Despite the threat of showers our students enjoyed a fun day at Macksville Pool yesterday. It is important to note that the vast majority of our students remained on Gold for Term 4 and their good behaviour and enthusiasm was appreciated by our staff. Well done everyone.
Glenn Thorncroft ~ Principal
Out And About At Macksville Public School

P & C Xmas Stall
Therese would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the Xmas Stall last week. You are the people who make all these stalls and raffles possible. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Therese who has given up an enormous amount of her time this year to run not only all of our P&C fundraising but also our Uniform Shop. Therese you are a true superstar!

Help! My child won’t eat fruit or veg!
Children can often be fussy about eating fruit and vegetables. Did you know that children have to be offered a food up to 10 times before they will accept and eat it? Perseverance is the key!

Why not try sneaking fruit into a favourite dessert (for example canned peaches in jelly), or grate some vegetables into a meal (such as grated carrot and zucchini into Bolognese sauce)? Or take your child to the supermarket to pick their own sweet, crisp and delicious fruit or vegetables. They are more likely to eat them if they are involved in selecting them.

Crunch & Sip can help encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables. When children see their peers enjoying fruit and vegetables in class, they are more likely to eat them too. Crunch & Sip happens in our school each day. Make sure you send fruit or salad vegetables and water to school with your child for Crunch & Sip.

Santa Comes to Macksville
Yesterday while our Stage 1 children were playing on the bottom oval, they were a little shocked to hear the sound of a fire engine siren. However shock turned to delight when Santa jumped down from the fire truck with a bag of lollies for each and every child. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Kindergarten Excursion
Our Kindergarten students have been extra lucky this year, they have managed to fit in two big excursions. Here are some photos of them having an amazing time at Junior Superstar Sport Gymnastics in Toormina. This was an opportunity to practise their fundamental movement skills taught throughout the Motor Skills program. Well done Kindergarten, it looks like lots of fun!

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
Farewell
Year 6
We'll miss you!

Photo bomb!