Learning..................Integrity....................Freedom with Responsibility
........Tolerance, Inclusion and Respect.......

CALENDAR

December 2015
Mon 14th Year 6 activities/family dinner
Wed 16th Students’ books taken home (plastic bag please)
Thur 17th Kris Kringle in classes/class parties
School Christmas Party/Presentation night – Ms Chuang’s last day
Fri 18th Reports given out and last day of school year
2pm finish

20-23rd Ms Porteous at school 9am -3pm
Wed 27th Teachers start
Thur 28th Students’ first day of Term 1 - 9am

KEEP COOL AT SCHOOL.......BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE TO HAVE ON YOUR DESK

From the Principal

Today I’m pleased to announce that the new Principal, who is provisionally appointed (pending appeals in the next two week period) is Mr Brett Dyson who is currently the principal of Timor Primary School, which is just north of Maryborough. We congratulate Mr Dyson, and thank the selection panel for their hard work in finding the best person for Principal of our school. Later today, I’ll ring Mr Dyson to give him our congratulations and arrange a time to meet. I’m sure you’ll all be keen to meet him too.

There will be another brief newsletter on Thursday – if you have anything to add to it, please let me know Wednesday.

A huge thanks to the parents who have returned the eSmart Surveys!!! If you haven’t yet, please get them in soon.

THE BIG BOOK ROUND-UP- Library and Take-home books

Today you will see a note attached to the newsletter if you have library books at home. Please return them all, along with any take-home books you find at home. We are looking for as many as you can ‘round up’ - the record so far is 5.

Who can find some???

KEEP UP YOUR SUMMER READING

Studies show:

- Limited access to books is part of the reason for summer reading loss.
- Children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year.

Students who don’t read over the summer especially reluctant readers are more likely to lose up to three months of knowledge gained the year before.
Congratulations and thanks to Leeanne Reisenberg who organised a food hamper for people in need of support over Christmas. Thanks to those who donated but it could still do with a bit more if you were planning to add to it. It will probably go very soon.

On Wednesday morning the staff will be planning for 2016 so until 12:30 we will have CRT’s here in the classes. Don’t forget Kris Kringle and class parties Thursday lunchtime….we’ll all be having a bit of a clean-up with fun activities all week, making it a great last week for all.

Have a great week everyone- Jude Porteous (Principal)

Grades F-1

Well, here we are, the final week of school for 2016! This week will be filled with Christmas activities along with a fair bit of tidying up in readiness for next year. A reminder to please send in a Kris Kringle gift for our class party on Thursday. This will ensure every child receives a gift! Best wishes to all children and their families for lots of happy times together this Christmas. Thank you parents and grandparents for your great support over the year. Special thanks to Melissa Donald for her assistance in Art classes each week and to Sue Klers for coming in to listen to the junior children read. Your help is much appreciated.

This week is full of mixed emotions. I am certainly sad to be seeing Jude retire and to be handing the juniors over to Sarah next year but at the same time, I’m excited by the new opportunities and challenges that 2016 will present.

Merry Christmas everyone,
Mrs East

Grades 2-3

Congratulations to Flynn Murley this week for receiving the classroom award for his well-written narrative. Flynn used paragraphs, interesting vocabulary and was able to engage his audience! Well done to Summah McMahon for reaching 100 nights’ home reading and Aedan for reaching 125 nights. Lastly, well done to Blake and Summah for achieving a Mathletics award. Wow I cannot believe that it is the last week of school for the year! This week students will be completing many Christmas activities and craft and will also be doing a big tidy up of the classroom. All books will be sent home on Thursday so could you please make sure that all students come along with a big bag to put them all in to.

Last Friday all the students participated in the ‘Jump Off Day’ and showed their great tricks and skills they have learnt throughout the program. Even though it began to hail half way through and we all had to sprint undercover we all had fun. Well done to all those students who have raised money for the Heart Foundation.

All money and fundraising forms need to be brought back to school no later than this Wednesday (the 16th).

Thanks.

I hope you all have a safe, fun and relaxing break over the summer holidays and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Fisher

Grades 4-6

The year 6 students are very excited today because we’re heading off to Ballarat at 5pm for their Year 6 celebration activities and dinner. They’re looking forward to driving some go-karts and teaming up at Laser Force. Should be great fun!

Congratulations to James (300), Clay (200), Kristy (175) and Brionie (100) for reaching their next reading awards and to all of these students who earned certificates in Mathletics last week: Wiremu, Carisa, James, Dylan, Clay, Luke, Jazmin, Peter, Jack, Beau and Anaru. Last week we started the Annual chess championship with
some very cunning strategies in play. We’re just about down to the quarter finals now and are sure the games will get a bit more serious as we get to the ‘pointy end’ This year I’m offering a prize of a chess set to the winner. Good luck!!

Ms Porteous & Mrs Lyons (PaL)

Performing Arts

It’s hard to believe that this year is coming to a close. So many things have happened in the Performing Arts this year, including:

- Choir
- Recorder group
- Performances at assembly
- Choreographing dances
- Shakespearian duels
- The Just Macbeth performance by the Bell Shakespeare Company
- Our own rendition of Macbeth and A Midsummer’s Dream that we performed during Arts Week.
- Improvising and composing music, drama and dance.
- The Lunchtime Music Group learnt a variety of songs on the marimba and other percussion instruments and performed at the Lal Lal Market.
- We performed Christmas carols at Scotsburn Union Church complete with handbells.

Students increased their understanding of all of the elements within the Performing Arts. They learnt to be a critical audience by providing constructive feedback to their peers about what makes a good performance. Some learnt to overcome their fears about performing and others discovered that you can make music out of ordinary objects in the environment. Our senior students learnt how to use Information Technology to compose music.

I am looking forward to returning next year to explore more of the Performing Arts curriculum. Thank-you to all the students, parents and teachers who supported the Performing Arts this year to help make it a vibrant part of the learning within the school.

A great big thank-you to Ms Porteous who is an advocate for The Arts and who understands how studying The Arts helps students learn.

Mrs Lyons

CHINESE STARS OF THE YEAR

Lal Lal PS
F-2 Jasper Hamilton
3-6 Wiremu Wilson

Regards, Jessica Chuang 庄雅琴 (汉语老师) Chinese Language Teacher/Coordinator

Taiwan
THE HEART OF ASIA
KRIS KRINGLE

Every year we have Kris Kringle ("Mystery Santa" gift-giving) in our classrooms on the last day. Everyone brings a wrapped present for a boy OR a girl (to suit both) to the value of $6.00 to put under the tree. When we have our class parties at lunchtime on the Thursday, we put each child’s name in a hat and draw them out one by one. As their name is drawn out that child comes to choose a present.

WE KNOW CHOCOLATES AND LOLLIES ARE AN EASY OPTION BUT PLEASE TRY TO STEER AWAY FROM SUGARY FOOD THIS YEAR CHILDREN HAVE ENOUGH SUGAR AT CHRISTMAS.

On Thursday 17th please send along some food to share at lunchtime (suggestions; cheese, celery, carrots and dip; popcorn; fruit; little party pies......)

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You’re invited to our Family Christmas Party

All families are invited to our Christmas BBQ on Thursday 17th December, 2015, 5:30pm at school.

The program will be as follows (approximate times):
5:30pm Tea (BBQ and salad/ sweets to follow)
6:30pm Presentations
6:50pm Singing
7:00pm A Special Visitor

Could each family please bring along a salad or sweet to share on the night.

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*** Be Aware ***

On Christmas eve the CFA firetruck will be driving around the township throwing lollies for the kids. Keep an ear open for the truck’s siren from 6pm onwards. Don’t forget now!!!