Dear Parents and Caregivers

Only 3 weeks of school left! It’s hard to believe the year has gone so fast. Teachers are currently putting together the end of year reports for the students they teach. They work hard to ensure they contain as much information as they can on the programs they teach and learning outcomes achieved by your children.

Year 6 Graduation Help Needed

Year 6 graduation will take place on Monday, 14 December 2015. As is the school tradition Yr 5 parents will provide the catering for Year 6 parents and students. However we have a much larger Yr 6 group than Year 5 this year. As a result we are asking if any parents from other grades can also contribute a plate for morning tea, or help with the setting up of the morning tea. Please return the attached note if you can help in any way, it will be greatly appreciated by all involved.

Learn to Swim Program

The School Learn to Swim lessons have now been going for a week and a half at the Grafton Pool with only a few days to go. It has been great to see the students being sun safe and ensuring they are wearing swim shirts and applying sunscreen. Please check your children bring all items belonging to them home each day.

Salvation Army Toy Drive

The SRC has decided to take part in the annual Salvation Army Toy Run this year. Students are asked to bring in a new toy to school that can be donated to underprivileged kids and kids in hospital to help them have a better Christmas. The Salvation Army will arrive at school on Friday 4 December to pick up the toys on bikes decorated in the Christmas spirit. We hope you will help with this worthy cause. Toys can be brought in to classroom teachers.

Disco

We had a fantastic time at the disco last Thursday, with some awesome costumes and interesting dance moves (especially from Mr Hill). Thankyou to the teachers for organising the food and making sure we had such a great time.

Awards

The last day students can hand in class awards for their certificates is Friday 4 Dec. Students need to ensure they hand in their awards to Ms Davis before this date.

Mufti Day—Year 6 Fundraiser

We will be holding a Mufti day on Wednesday 2 December, to raise funds for Year 6. Students that wear mufti are asked to bring a gold coin donation and are reminded that mufti clothes must be sun safe and closed in shoes must be worn.

Family Accounts

Accounts have today been sent home with the eldest student to families that have an outstanding account for 2015. Part payments have been welcome throughout the year, however, accounts are now due. Please contact Debbie or myself if there is a problem with your family account or if you will need further time to pay.

Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our assembly on Monday 16 November.

K/1 – Eloise and Jack.
2/3 – Kane, Trianna and Dean.
4/5/6 – Amelia, Harrison, Jimmy, Jarret and Rose.

Congratulations to our Platinum Award recipients - Bryson and Ryan and to our Gold Award recipients – Trianna, Emily, Jocelyn, Tahlia, Mackenna and Jonah.

Our next assembly will be held on Monday 30 November at 2:20pm with 4/5/6 presenting an item. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Presentation Night Catering

The pre-order for the presentation night BBQ run by our P&C is attached to this newsletter. This year they will be selling:

- Sausage Sandwiches for $2.50
- Steak Sandwich with onion and coleslaw for $4.00

There will also be cans of soft drink, water and fruit juices available on the night. Our Canteen Coordinator is also looking for parents to help organise the food so please see Michelle if you can help.

P&C Fundraising - HELP NEEDED

Our P&C are selling raffle tickets at Maclean this Thursday and on Thursday 3 December. If you are able to assist please contact Katie Brown. On 0402 498 134.
Year 6 Iceblocks
Year 6 will be selling iceblocks at lunchtime on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. A range of iceblocks will be available at $1.50 each, with Zooper Doopers being 30c for a half and 60c for a full one. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 end of year activities.

Year 6
Year 6 need to return their notes to attend the Big Banana excursion before the end of this week, as we need to order lunch for both students and the parents attending. It will also allow us to ensure all children have transport to Coffs Harbour.

2016 School Captains
We have reached that time in the year where we begin the process to elect our 2016 school captains. Students in Year 5 will speak at the morning assembly on Tuesday 1 December, with voting taking place on that day. All students in Year 5 will be expected to make a speech.

Community Christmas Carols
Community Christmas carols will be held on Friday 4 December 2015 commencing at 7:00pm at the Lawrence Hall. Everyone is welcome and Santa Claus will be appearing during the evening. Battery candles are allowed—no natural flames. A light supper will be served afterwards. Call Lorna on 6647 7377 or Vois on 6647 7255 for more information. Lawrence students have been invited to sing on the night, a permission note is attached to this newsletter.

Christmas Craft
Mr Hill would like balls of wool donated to the 2/3 class for his Christmas craft - Thank-you.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal


P&C News
Meeting - The next P&C meeting is Monday 7 December 2015 at 6:00pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Raffle - Each family received a book of ten raffle tickets for the end of year raffle. Please return book and money as soon as it is sold. Also extra books are available if you would like to sell more.

Community News
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