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Term 4– Week 11

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

## COMING EVENTS

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Kinder/Year One Christmas concert @ 12 noon.
	Year 6 Graduation Night
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	PRESENTATION DAY 9.30am @ cluBarham
	Class Parties
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	POOL PARTY (No Canteen)
	STUDENTS LAST DAY

## Swimming Program

Our swimming program finished last Thursday. The weather was perfect and, with so many helpers willing to give up their time to assist, we were able to keep group sizes small. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way. I would like to thank Mrs Brooke Hollins and Mrs Gael Mathers for coordinating and overseeing the program. Brooke also ran an information session to give practical tips to anyone who was interested in helping with the lessons. Thank you!

A reminder to those who still need to pay for the pool entry. We are hoping to have all the money finalised by Tuesday.

## Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation will take place this evening. A band of helpers decorated the Reception Centre yesterday, in preparation for the evening. It is a very special event on our school calendar and I am certain that our Year 6 students will enjoy their evening, as they celebrate their primary school years and prepare for the next chapter of their lives. We wish our Year 6 students every success in the years to come.

## Class Parties

Following the Presentation Day, each class will be holding a class party. Information from class teachers has been sent home.

## Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day will take place at the CluBarham auditorium, this Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. It will commence at 9.30am. This is another special event on our school calendar, when we gather to recognise the achievements of our students.

## Awards

Last Friday, saw a large number of our students receiving awards. 9 students have now been presented with their Gold Medallions. They will be having a special lunch with Mrs Rady today, following the Infants' Concert.

## Gold Certificate Winners



L-R: Ella Lodge, Indeah Campbell, Laura Smit, Adam Peters, Hannah Boyd.



Tatum Boyd

## Blue Certificate Winners



**Back Row L-R:** Jordan Bassett, Maddie Blake, Lauren Gleeson, Ellie Disher, Amy Salter, Jessmarie Long, Hannah Boyd.

**Middle rows L-R:** Jack Lake, Lachlan Salter, Lani Thornton-Brinsmead, Shanae Watts, Jaap Smit, Matt Mason, Trinity Burger, Mason Jones, Brooke Boyd, Alex Blake, Claire Telford.

**Front Row L-R:** Ryan Bassett, Ellie Penglase, Koen Morton, Lucas Jettner, Ella Jones, Zantie Williams, Sophie Forde.

## Red Certificate Winners



**Back Row L-R:** Bianca Clifford, Maddy Telford, Tahlee Verhey, Rhiannon Barr, Rachael Mason, Jacob DiMichiel, Cayden Keiller, Dominic Dick-O'Flaherty, John Coughlan.

**Front row L-R:** Lauren Robinson, Amy black, Ethan Bennett, Henry Barr, Tom Mason, Matt Miller, Ashley Molin, Jye Hall, Bodhi Borley.

## Yellow Certificate Winners



**Emma Paterson, Billy Presser.**

## Aspire Me School Spectacular Participants



**Tahlee Verhey and Maddy Telford**

## Pool Party

This Wednesday, our Year 3 to 6 students will be heading over to the pool for the annual Pool Party. They will be leaving at 9.15 and returning to school by 1pm. It is very important that all students

- Apply sunscreen regularly
- Wear a hat and shirt to provide protection from the sun, at all times, when not in the water
- Bring a drink bottle to ensure they stay well hydrated

Students will be able to buy snacks from the pool kiosk at given times during the session.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON WEDNESDAY**

The last day of school for students is Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Staff will finish on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, following 2 Staff Development Days.

## 2015 Dates

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Staff Return

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February – First day for all students**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for your support this year and wish everyone a very safe, happy and healthy festive season and New Year.

*Sue Radywonik*

## Library books and home readers

A big thank you to all those families who have returned library books and home readers. Please keep searching, as there are still a large number of books that have not been returned. Books are quite expensive to buy, and we would rather spend money on purchasing new titles, rather than replacing books.



## Tabloid Sports

Last Friday, the whole school enjoyed a tabloid Christmas themed sports session, organised by Mr Marsh and the Year 6's. We enjoyed the waterslide, letter run, snowball catch, present run and a great big hose for wetting us all over!

It was a fantastic day and we loved getting wet. We would like to thank Mr Marsh and the Year 6's for organising this great sport session.

**By Laura and Indy**



## Home Reading

Congratulations to all the students who have managed to read most days this year. It is important that reading continues every day during the holidays to maintain and develop strength in this area. Parents. PLEASE encourage your child/children to read.

Mrs Barker was delighted with the 'number of days read' total when she collected the books on Friday.

The top readers were:

Year 2 Girls: Jess Long 311,

Year 2 Boys: Lucas Jettner 295

Year 3 Girls: Jade McMahon 289

Year 3 Boys: Mason Laursen 262

## Weed Warriors

Mr Battenally made a return visit to Mrs Barker's room last Tuesday, to finish up Year 3's part in breeding caterpillars as a natural control for the weed called 'Hoare Hound.'

The students became concerned that having the experiment taking place in an air-conditioned room and away from sunlight would not be conducive to breeding the caterpillars. However, when Mr Battenally and the students began to inspect the plants more closely, about one dozen caterpillars were observed. It was decided that because of the strong possibility of snakes being present in the 'release' area, that the students would not go with Mr Battenally to release the caterpillars. There was considerable discussion on the advantages of biological pest control as opposed to eradication using chemicals. The students demonstrated a pleasing understanding in this area. Thank you to Mr Battenally for making the time to include us in this valuable programme.

## Lost Property

This week, is the last opportunity for all students to check Lost Property for missing school jumpers and pants before they are sent to the op shop. There are 47 school jumpers, 10 pairs of pants, Tupperware and drink bottles that need a home. Please collect any items that belong to you this week.

## Canteen thanks

Many thanks to Sonya and her canteen helpers for operating the canteen so efficiently throughout the year. This service is a great asset to our school, and much appreciated by students, staff and parents.

## School Magazine

Our School Magazine has arrived at school today. The cost of the School Magazine for 2014 is \$15.

Please hand in the order form, along with payment, to the front office.

NAME: .....

NUMBER OF COPIES: .....

AMOUNT: .....

## Summer School Uniforms Sale

Short Sleeve Polo shirt	\$19.75
Black Shorts	\$23.45
Black Skort	\$18.45
Summer Dress Size 6-10	\$50.82
Summer Dress Size 10-16	\$54.15
White Sports Polo	\$18.10
Black Basketball short	\$22.00
Coloured t-shirts with House Names on back	
Made to order	\$18.00

***Available from Purple Patch Skate 'n' Surf.***



## Student Stationery Requirements 2015

It would be appreciated if each student could supply the following stationery requirements for the school year.

This list applies to all students in **Years 3 to 6** in 2015:

Quantity	Item
2	Box of tissues - large
2	36g Glue sticks
2	Medium blue biro pens (not year 3)
2	Medium red biro pens (not year 3)
2	Medium black biro pens (not year 3)
2	2B or HB lead pencils
1	Pencil sharpener
1	Eraser
1	Ruler - with cm and mm markings
1	Small pencil case for desk tops

**NB.** Coloured pencils and textas are at the discretion of families, as are any other stationery items. It is requested that these items be in a separate pencil case and not included with those items listed above.

This list applies to all students in **Kindergarten to Year 2:**

Quantity	Item
2	Box of tissues - large
2	36g Glue sticks

**NB.** It is requested that students in these years **do not** have their own coloured pencils or textas at school, as the school supplies these in classrooms.

Tissues and glue sticks will be pooled into a classroom resource and will not remain with individual students.

Come along to the

# Christmas Story Time at Barham Library

Stories

Carols



Craft

Lucky Dip

FREE Fun for all ages 10.30-11am  
every Saturday morning until Christmas



# MACBETH

An Essential Theatre Production

*"Something wicked this way comes" Act IV, Sc 1*

Gannawarra Shire Council is bringing Essential Theatre's Macbeth to Koondrook Apex Park! So come along early, bring a picnic or buy food on sale at the park, grab your spot, relax and enjoy the atmosphere by the Murray River.

**When:** Sunday 18 January 2015

**Where:** Koondrook Apex Park (Cnr Punt Road South & Station Street) Koondrook

**What time:** 7.00pm (finishes approx. 9.00pm)

**Cost:** \$30 adult; \$20 student/pensioner; \$5 Child 12 & under (No refunds)

**Tickets:** Purchase online at [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com) or over the counter at Gannawarra Shire Council's Customer Service Centres in Kerang or Cohuna

**What to bring:** A picnic blanket and/or low deck chair, a picnic or buy at the park, and mozzie repellent!

For more information contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 5450 9333.





## More Tabloid Photos.....

