Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm on Friday as it is the last day of Term Three.

Assembly will be held at 1:45pm.

Final newsletter of the term!

It is that time of year again when we need to stop and reflect on the amazing things we have achieved as a school community over the past ten weeks! Big thank you to everyone for making the ‘Bush Dance’ such a successful event! It was fantastic to see so many people come along for the evening! Congratulations to the students for enthusiastically participating in the sessions during the day! Special mention needs to go to the Year 5/6 students for adding to the atmosphere of the night by organizing special stalls to raise money for their end of year celebration. It was also great to see so many families on the night that will be joining us next year! At the end of the evening the ‘Bushwazee Band’ told me that they were very impressed with the student’s behavior and their willingness to have a go!

We also have many exciting things planned for term four! This includes welcoming our new Prep students for their transition program! We are so proud with how well the 2014 Prep students have settled into life at school and we look forward to making sure our new Preps and families have the same experience!

Reminder that if you have a child starting school in 2015 to enroll them a.s.a.p as the first Prep Transition session commences on Wednesday 12th of November 2014.

We also need to thank and farewell our Year 6 students that need to be commended in their role of leaders of the students. Even though they still have one term left of primary school, they have been excellent role models for the younger students of the school. It will be very sad to see them move on but I know they have prepared themselves well for a successful future!

Another big event for term four is the annual Festive Concert/Art Show! This has been a major highlight for the school over the past few years as we come together to celebrate the end of the year! During the evening our gym turns into an inspiring ‘Art Exhibition’ that includes work from the students. The students then showcase the dance they are learning in the ‘Footsteps’ program and sing a song to add to the festive occasion! The Festive Concert/Art Show for 2014 will be held on Thursday evening 11th December.

2015 Annual Implementation Plan

As mentioned in previous newsletters, a major focus for the staff this year has been developing our new four-year strategic plan. This plan outlines our key priorities as a school in student learning, student wellbeing and student engagement.
Next term as a staff we will be working together to set expectations and develop key actions that we will focus on in 2015. This one-year plan is called the Annual Implementation Plan. It is the most important document in the school as it ensures we remain focused on what we are striving to achieve. It includes key actions strategies, goals and targets. Since taking on the role of Principal I have been committed to ensuring that as many staff as possible have genuine input into our future plans.

To develop the Annual Implementation Plan, staff will work together after school for two late evening meetings late in November. During these evening meetings, we will be looking at how we can enhance the following key priorities:

- Student voice
- Students taking greater responsibility for their learning
- Monitoring and tracking student learning developments

The purpose of these extended after school meetings is to ensure all staff have a shared and agreed understanding of how we will be working together in 2015 to implement these key priorities.

As with previous years, and as part of the development of the Annual Implementation Plan, ten staff will also be released from their role late November for a full day to finalise the plan.

Providing time and resources for the development of the Annual Implementation Plan has had a huge positive effect on staff wanting to take collective responsibility for the achievement and emotional development of the students.

**Student Free Days Term Four**

Reminder also that Monday 3rd of November is a student free day. On this day no students come to school.

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**Finally...**

Finally, thank you once again to everyone for another amazing term! Congratulations to the students that participated in the ‘So You Think You Have Talent’ competition during the week!

As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I hope that everyone enjoys the last week of term three. **Due to poor weather predictions we will have to postpone our Sports Day tomorrow until next term.** Don’t forget the Footy Colours Day and lunch on Friday! Assembly on Friday will be held at 1:45pm – everyone is welcome!

Reminder that term four commences on Monday 6th of October!

**Important Dates for 2015...**

**Year One to Six start Friday 30th January**

**Prep students to start Monday 2nd February**

See everyone after the holidays!

Alex Artavilla
Principal

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - EMA**

As of January 2015 the current government will not be providing parents with EMA. This will mean all families will have to pay for their child’s book pack at the start of the school year.

If you require any further information please contact the office.