10 December 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We come to the last newsletter of the year in the last week of the year. Just like that we have reached the end of our forty school weeks of 2013. It’s been quite a journey for all of us from that very hot first day in January, through a pretty cool and dry winter and back into our summer once again. Along the way we’ve had hard work, tests, awards, dancing, sport, and a hundred other things that make up a school year. Whatever else our year was, it was certainly busy. We really all need a holiday to slow down, take a breath and prepare ourselves for 2014. However, we still have a few days left and there are things yet to finish.

Final Assembly
Our last assembly of the year takes place on Wednesday morning at 8:45. The highlight of that parade is the awards of the Students of the Year certificates. We hand out two for each class, one for academic performance and one for attitude and effort. We also will have a chance to farewell our departing Year 7 students and recognise our Year 7 award winners. We also will let everyone at school see our age champions from our swimming carnival last week. The House winners were Moreton, which was a great effort from them. Bribie and Stradbroke weren’t far behind. The full results are in this newsletter. Also on assembly we’ll have a couple of student videos, a dance demonstration, our Active School Travel raffle, a sport presentation and several other activities that will help end our year on a positive note. All parents are more than welcome to attend. It’s usually a very entertaining event.

Year 7 Graduation
Our Year 7s gathered on Monday night for their official goodbye from Taigum State School. We had plenty of parents proudly watching as their very mature looking students were presented awards, enjoyed dinner together and finished with a bit of dancing. I know they all loved the evening as none of them was very keen to leave at the end of the night’s proceedings. We had to push them out the door. I must thank our parents for all their work in getting them there and dressing them so handsomely. I’m sure many excellent photos were taken that will provide many fond memories in the future. One last point, our Year 7 students and their families have kindly donated monies to provide a new school sign at our parent car park. It has already been installed and it looks great. It will remind us of them for many years to come.

Thank You
We tend to concentrate on the students and the teachers when we think of education, but we all know that parents make the difference. You are the ones who are always available for your children. You are the ones that get them out of bed in the mornings and get them here. You pay all there costs and solve all their problems. We couldn’t do our jobs without you. I thank you one and all and compliment you on your tremendous support for your children in their quest to do their best. I hope your reward is a long relaxing holiday with plenty of good cheer and fun family gatherings over the Christmas period. I will see you all in January 2014.

Goodbye from 2013

Mark Fisher
Principal
ACADEMIC AWARDS
Prep B - James
Prep CD - Dylan
Year 1i - Jessica
Year 1L - Jamie
Year 1N - Ella
Year 2H - Lincoln
Year 2J - Deana
Year 3B - Lukas
Year 3TM - Jericho
Year 4C - Miguel
Year 4/5G - Tracy
Year 5W - Fuzail
Year 6S - Depandra
Year 6/7G - Avisa
Year 7C - Seth

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Prep B - Adam
Prep CD - Shanika
Year 1i - Ger Kler Htoo
Year 1L - Ian
Year 1N - Danica
Year 2H - Matthew
Year 2J - Shee Shee
Year 3B - Justin
Year 3TM - Damascus
Year 4C - Preston
Year 4/5G - Shyanne
Year 5W - Ehkelller
Year 6S - Kurtis
Year 6/7G - Beatrice
Year 7C - Kara

FROM THE OFFICE

2014 ENROLMENT and HOLIDAY INTENTIONS

Please advise the office in writing if you have children currently in years Prep to Year 6 who will NOT be attending this school in 2014. If you have a child starting Prep next year and have not completed the enrolment paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. This is very important for us to know for staffing purposes.

If you are having an extended summer holiday and do not intend starting school on the first day, 28 January 2014, could you please put this in writing and forward to the office with your child for auditing purposes.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Swimming Age Champions.

**9 Years**
- Girls Champion – Lyric
- Boys Champion – Maverick

**10 Years**
- Girls Champion – Shyanne
- Boys Champion – Tyrone

**11 Years**
- Girls Champion – Kheley
- Boys Champion – Noah

**12 Years**
- Girls Champion – Abbi
- Boys Champion – Morgan

**13 Years**
- Girls Champion – Chola
- Boys Champion – Levi

**Overall Champion**
- Girls – Abbi
- Boys – Morgan and Maverick

**House Points**
- Moreton – 419 points
- Stradbroke – 401 points
- Bribie – 399 points

**FROM THE P&C**

Hi Everyone,

**UNIFORM SHOP 2014**
Opening times for the Uniform Shop before school commences in 2014 are:
- Thursday 23rd January – 8.30 to 11.30am
- Friday 24th January – 8.30 to 11.30am

As this is the last newsletter of 2013 I want to take this opportunity to say a massive **THANK YOU** to absolutely everyone who has volunteered their time and effort to make 2013 such a special year for the P&C! A special thank you must be said to these ladies for their incredible commitment and dedication: Lynn Austin, our Vice-President; Jo Metcalf, our Secretary; Kursty Chamberlain, our Treasurer; Bambi Silvertand & Mrs Camelliri, our Uniform Shop Conveners. On a personal level I want to say that I've had a ball working along side you all this year. Thank You!
Finally, just a reminder that all raffle tickets **MUST** be returned by Wednesday morning at the very, very latest as the prizes will be drawn during that morning's Parade. Good Luck!!

Many thanks and have an AWESOME Christmas (and New Years)!!!
Chloe Boswell
P&C President
Could parents please check their children's rooms and bags for any home readers or library books and return any items found to the library or administration office.

Overdue Library Books & Home Readers

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**FROM THE LIBRARY**

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

SIGN-ON DAY

Saturday 1st February 2014
12.00 PM to 3.00 PM
Darien Street, Bridgeman Downs

PLAYERS WANTED
All Age Groups - from 3 Years old
Male & Female
Tiny Tots, Juniors, Youth & Seniors

Full Details:
www.northsidefootball.org.au
0417 191 141

HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters. Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Experience the action packed story of the magical flying car, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, with eccentric inventor Caractacus Potts, his two children Jemima and Jeremy and the delightful Truly Scrumptious.

Sensational sets, stunning special effects, Ian Fleming's irresistible story, and an unforgettable score by the Sherman Brothers (*Mary Poppins*) all add up to a blockbuster musical that everyone will love. Boasting a stellar Australian cast of over 70 headed by David Hobson, Rachael Beck, Shane Bourne, George Kapiniaris and Tyler Coppin as the Childcatcher. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* will fly into QPAC for a strictly limited season from 19 November until 22 December 2013. To book tickets visit [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au) or call 136 246.