Hi Everyone,

HO HO HO!
Last week was a wonderful display of school and community collaboration in presenting the Annual School Christmas class performances. Thank you to Mrs Miller, Ms Menzies, staff students, P&C and parents for such a special evening. The weather was superb as was the behaviour and performances of the children.

Play group huge success and Kindy fee change in 2015: This year we introduced our free Play group and pre-prep group, ‘Get Set for Prep.’ We have had very encouraging numbers of 15 children attend and we hope to increase this next year. Both groups operate on a Wednesday and will be permanently operational out of the downstairs room in C block. I have received information that in 2015 the Kindy groups will be offered free of charge for those parents meeting the regulatory requirements. I strongly urge all parents to consider enrolling your child in the C and K facility on our school grounds for the start of 2015.

PCYC Before and after school Care available at our school: Our school offers an offsite before and after school care program for parents whilst the transition to an on-school facility is being undertaken. Parents wishing to use the before and after school care option at present can contact the PCYC direct for all information. It is hoped our on-school site will be operational in 2015 using B block.

PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning launched in 2015: We have completed the preliminary planning and training to become a PBL school and have implemented many positive changes such as Token reward days and student badges. The teaching component of the program will commence on day one next year. Every week we will engage in teaching the children positive behaviours reflected across the whole school. New signage is planned for the new year which will identify this important change in our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Annual School Awards enriching: Several parents came to me after Monday’s presentation morning commenting on the proceedings. Numerous children from each year level were recognised for outstanding achievement in such areas as academic, cultural, sporting, music and improvement. The individual awards included the Herlihy $1000 Bursary awarded to Sarah Genrich and Kati Irelandes by 2013 recipient Tyler Bobin. Grace Alexander in year six was acknowledged for the School Dux award and there were several other individual award winners. This event would not have been so special if not for the organisation and commitment of Mrs Reck supported by Mrs Hodda in the office.

Class organisation for 2015: This year we will be following the process adopted by most of our neighbouring schools and releasing the class lists on the first day back of school on Tuesday January 27th 2015. The class groupings are based on the number of students predicted to be returning the following year and this has been in a state of extreme flux with the changeover of both year 6 and 7 to high school. Presently we are preparing for 7 classes with around 190 students but we would love to achieve our goal of 200 students by the eighth school day next year. This number ensures our groundsman and other staffing positions. We are hopeful with your support about our wonderful school will encourage others to enrol and become a part of our school family. Our teaching staff for next year include Ms Ali O’Mara, Mrs Angie Ridgway, Mrs Jess Litzow, Mrs Judy McKean, Ms Cassie Dorante, Mr Steve McDowell, Ms Kylie Armstrong, Ms Kirsty Usher, Mrs Gail Davy, Mrs Linda Miller, Mr John Paap, Ms Christina Harkin, Mrs Chris McNichol and Mrs Chris McGovern. Mrs Jo Mian will again remain .5 Head of Curriculum.

Farewell and Thank you: If you are moving away, graduating from our school this week or taking the holiday break, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe new year. To our staff retiring or moving on, thank you for your time and dedication to the lives of our children and I wish sincerest best wishes till we meet again.

Rod Finney
Principal
PREP ENROLMENTS 2015
If your child is born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010 they are ELIGIBLE FOR PREP CLASS IN 2015. Please call to the office for an enrolment form. Please return enrolment forms ASAP to the office if you are attending to enrol your student in Prep. If you know anyone with a child this age, please ask them to come into the office to collect an enrolment form.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED
If you have unwanted uniforms, please donate them to the school tuckshop. We always have families looking for used uniforms. Thank you.

JANITOR / GROUNSMAN POSITION
We invite applications for our: Current Janitor / Groundsman position. 38 hr per week to commence 19 January 2015. This position is until 26 June 2015. (The position may become part-time after this date) Please send an application including experience and references to: SPSS, PO Box 9150, Mackay or drop your application in to the school office.

YEAR 6/7 BALLOON CARS
Oz Tag Football Wednesday 3rd December

Congratulations to Kati Irelandes and Sarah Genrich for winning the Herlihy & Family Bursary for 2014. Well Done girls!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School resumes on Tuesday 27th January 2014.

The office is open on Monday 19th January 2015—the week before school starts. If you have any questions please phone 49657333 or come to the office. If you know of someone who needs to enrol their child/ren please let them know to come to the office in the week before school for enrolment forms.

AWARDS DAY 8.12.14

Well done to all the students who achieved an award!