PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

I’d like to start by welcoming back Keiran – just in time for the exciting end to Year 6. It’s lovely to have you back.

Presentation Day
Tomorrow is our annual Presentation Day. We will start the day at 9:30am and it is anticipated that it will conclude by 11am, giving our students a chance to have lunch and get changed for swimming.
We hope you can all make it!

Reports
Semester two reports will be sent home this Friday, 10 December. If you have any questions regarding the report, please do not hesitate in contacting your child’s teacher.

Carols Night
Our annual Carols night is planned for this Friday, beginning at 5:30pm. Bring a picnic dinner, or grab dinner at the Somersby General Store and join us for a night of carols under the stars on the school oval. The P&C will be selling water and snacks on the night.
This is of course dependent on the weather, so fingers crossed that it is a storm free evening. We will be checking the weather forecast on the day and will provide an update on the school’s Facebook page in the afternoon. Please remember this is an alcohol free event.

Swimming Scheme
Congratulations must go to our students who have been extremely organised in regards to the swimming scheme this year. Lost property has been minimal and all students are getting themselves changed before and after swimming without fuss.
Mr Mitchell sent home a note to the life saving group regarding their upcoming assessment on Friday. Please ensure students have returned their notes and money and that they also have the correct clothing on Wednesday and Friday for their tests.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
On Friday Mrs Cranstone will be working with the PBL coordinator, Nicole Mulhearn looking at collecting up-to-date data and getting our Action Plan for 2015 ready.
Mr Haydon will be teaching K/1/2.
Movie Day/Class Parties
On the last day of school for students, we will all be going to the movies at the Avoca Cinemas to see ‘Penguins of Madagascar’ (not released to the public until New Years Day).
Notes were sent or emailed home last week. Please ensure these are returned as soon as possible. Copies can be found on the school’s website.
We will be leaving Avoca at approximately 12:30pm and will return to school for our class parties. Teachers will be talking to their classes about what students are bringing to ensure that there is minimal doubling up of food/drinks.

Year 6 Farewell
Next Wednesday, 17 December is the final day of primary school for Year 6 so we would like to farewell them with a disco.
Year 6 students will be introduced at 7pm, so we are asking for students from Kindergarten to Year 5 to arrive at 6:45pm and meet in the hall. The theme for the night is ‘Glow in the Dark Ball’ so all students are invited to wear things that glow in the dark.
The disco will conclude at 9pm. We hope to see everyone there!

Kirsty Squires

Swimming Scheme
We’re half-way through our swimming scheme. Students have been working hard to improve their skills. Students in the lifesaving group have been informed of the levels that they will be attempting on Friday. Offers to help transport to the pool on that day will be greatly appreciated. Students have been asked to bring in clothing items on Wednesday to practise their clothed swim component.

Handball Competition
Years 3-6 have been placed into three-member teams for our annual handball challenge. Year 6 will run the games early next week. The winning team earns the privilege of taking on the staff team.

Year 6
Thank you to the parents who gave their time today to work on decorations for the hall. Year 6 farewell dinner orders and money should be returned to school promptly.

Band
Today I have sent home information regarding instrument allocation for 2015. If you have any questions regarding band next year please contact me. I will inform you of a rehearsal timetable shortly.

Canteen News
This Friday is the last canteen of the year and the menu is Party Food.
lasagne $3.20, meat pies $3, chicken nuggets 4 @ $1.60, 6 @ $2.40, 8 @ $3.20, party pie $0.80, sausage Roll $2.50, tomato sauce $0.20.

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Canteen:
Party Food

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♦ Movie day note and money
♦ Book Pack $30 per student
♦ Absence notes
♦ YEAR 6 Dinner note and money URGENT

Did you know?
According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221 foot (67.36 metre) Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Centre in Seattle, Washington.

Quote of the week
The perfect Christmas Tree? All Christmas Trees are perfect!
Charles N Barnard

Worthy Daily Living
Office News

School Attendance
As per the new changes approved by the Minister for Education, implementing the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, from the beginning of the new year 2015, holiday absences outside of normal school vacation times will no longer be valid for an exemption. The absences will be marked as L “leave” if approved by the Principal. If not approved then an A “absent / unjustified” reason will be recorded.

Student Banking
Today was the last Student Banking Day of the year. All students who are eligible for a reward have placed their orders and will receive their gift early next year. All tokens are carried forward to next year. Thank you to the families who have supported School Banking this year.

Year 6 Farewell
Please come along and help farewell our Year 6 students on Wednesday 17 December 2014. Year 6 will be presented at 7pm so we ask that all other students be in the hall for 6:45pm. This year’s theme is…….

Glow In The Dark Ball
Remember to wear your glow in the dark clothes and accessories so you can disco the night away.

The disco finishes at 9pm.

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Congratulations to last week’s
Happy and Friendly Playground
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Angelo (Week 9)

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Please see the School Office

OURIMBAH SURGERY
IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS!

Dr. Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to announce they are now taking new patients. We Bulk Bill all Health Care Card Holders, Pensioners and Children aged 16 years and under. For enquires and appointments please call (02) 4362 3162

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice!

Somersby PS P&C

Christmas Raffle

The much anticipated Christmas Raffle will once again be drawn at the

Carols Evening - This Friday, 12 December 2014

The P&C are asking for donations of non-perishable Christmas items to be included in the Christmas baskets. Items such as: crackers, nibbles, soft toys, serviettes, Christmas decorations, Christmas puddings/cakes, confectionery.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated and be left at the school office.