



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term for the year! I must say that even though I look forward to returning to work after time away generally, it was hard this time after spending my holiday in warm, sunny and beautiful far north Queensland. Bit hard to return to this weather!

It seems nowadays that every term is busier than the last; and this term looks like it will be no different. We were brainstorming dates at our meeting on Monday and completing our meeting schedule. Our term has these things in it: junior swimming, senior camp, sports camp, two school review days, curriculum day, end of year report writing, Grade 6 graduation, Christmas concert, transition (across the school), 2017 prep transition, Year 6-7 transition and a school community dinner. While not all of these items affect every child you can see it is a busy term, especially when you add setting the next 4 year strategic plan, setting grades, class structures and staffing and budgets for 2017! Let's hope we don't have another flood event...

I mentioned in there we have a school community dinner and that date is set for Friday 21st October. After speaking with staff, School Council and Parents and Friends we decided it would become an entire school event rather than separate it into groups. We are organising a gourmet BBQ burger evening with a cheaper sausage option for kids. With the onset of daylight savings, we all thought this would be a great opportunity to organise some games for the kids on the oval so parents can enjoy some time inside or on the deck. We will be calling for volunteers who may be able to help with preparation on the day or help with cooking of the BBQ that night. We'd also like to begin to organise some donations for raffle prizes so if you would be able to assist with this it would be most appreciated. More details to follow next week!

In the past few newsletters it's been mentioned that we are conducting our school review this term. We have two days set aside, 24th October and 14th November, for this to happen. School will operate normally on these days as the review meetings will only be for a small group consisting of Sharon Adams (reviewer), Karen Pettifer (SC President), Kevin Mealing (SEIL), George Telford (past Yinnar PS Principal) and myself. After these

two review days it is planned that we have another student free day for staff to develop the strategic plan for 2017-2020. This date will be decided soon and we will let you know as soon as possible.

At the last assembly we had Lorraine Piechota come and talk to the students about 'Operation Christmas Child' where students can either create their own box or donate goods to a class box to support those in other countries less privileged than ourselves. There is a letter attached to today's newsletter and students will have the opportunity to watch a DVD in class this week about the initiative.

A reminder that this term students need to have their school hats on when playing outside. We have been a little lenient during the past few days regarding this given the weather. It is important that all students wear their school hats when outside as per our Sunsmart Policy. Any student not wearing a hat will be asked to go to the undercover areas.

We have set the date for our end of year Christmas concert for Wednesday 14th December. Please make sure you save this date on your calendars.

Adam Downes – Principal

FROZEN ICE STICKS

Students are able to purchase a Zooper Dooper Frozen Ice Stick at the beginning of lunchtime at a cost of 50c each. Grade 5/6 students will go to each grade to sell these.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
8 th Oct	Fri	Swimming Program to be paid in full - \$115
10 th , 11 th , 12 th Oct	Mon- Wed	First week of swimming sessions for Grades P/1 and 1/2
10 th Oct	Mon	Years 5/6 Ballarat Camp to be paid in full - \$255.50
21 st Oct	Fri	TSPS Community Dinner
31 st Oct	Mon	Student Free Day
1 st Nov	Tue	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day

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