

Dear Parents,

Through the generous support of Energetic Gymnastics and the Parents & Friend's committee, this year's end of year excursion is free of charge to students. Normally we ask that students contribute to some of the operating cost but Elise and Alistair Edgar have kindly donated the use of the gymnastics facility, which has helped keep the cost to a minimum. We thank them and the tireless work of the Parents & Friend's committee for their work and support.

### ***Mappen***

A few weeks ago I spoke about an exciting new curriculum delivery model we have been investigating as a staff. This innovative model will be run at the school from next year and is aimed at creating deeper thinking and learning in all students from Prep to Grade 6. Students will be studying 'Concepts' which allow for greater student thinking and allow for greater collaboration between grades. It will also assist in making our curriculum delivery more student centred where they can investigate their own interests within each concept. An early date to put in your diaries for next year is **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6:30pm**. On this night we will be running an information session on Mappen and how it will drive student outcomes. You can view Mappen at <http://getmappen.com/info/developmental-curriculum/> It is very exciting what it will add to our school!

### ***End of Year Concert***

Practise has begun for the end of year concert. Each class has chosen a song to sing as well as a Christmas song. We will be holding the concert on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December on the school oval, with students asked to be at school by 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start. This night has been quite entertaining and well supported in the past and we look forward to seeing you there this year.

### ***End of Year / Start of Year Dates***

Parents are reminded that the last day of the school year is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day following a short assembly from 1:15pm. All parents are welcome to attend the final assembly for the year. As in the past, students will have a recess break only. Please ensure your child has enough food to see them through until 1:30pm.

The new school year begins on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, which is a **student free day**. The first day of school for students is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

January. Students in Prep will start on this day as well, though will not come to school on the Wednesdays in the month of February.

***Adam Downes - Principal***

### **MUSIC GROUP**

The music group will perform and sing "Gold" at assembly next week. Hope you can come along.

*~ Yvonne Game ~*

### **CHRISTMAS COSTUMES FOR END OF YEAR CONCERT**

The concert is fast approaching so we need to work out what the children will wear on the night. Please do not go to any expense and it is fine for the students to just wear red, green or white T-shirts. A bit of tinsel or a Santa hat is often the most that is required.

- This year for the Prep /1 and 1/2 class, they will need to wear Christmas clothes. Any colour will be fine.
- The Grade 2/3's can wear beach clothes with a Christmas theme eg. board shorts/ bathers and a Santa hat.
- For the 4/5's and 5/6's ordinary street clothes or Christmas clothes are appropriate.

Many students will have individual parts in the concert so may be given further instructions on what to wear. Feel free to contact me if you have any queries. All students are practicing hard and it should once again be a terrific night. Hope to see you all there.

*~ Thanking you - Kristine Travers ~*

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

Could all students return any library books they have before the end of this week please.

### **CHRISTMAS AT CALLIGNEE HALL**

Once again the Callignee Community will host a Christmas Celebration at our Hall on Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a Community Dinner at 6:00pm. We are planning a roast meal with a vegetarian option and both meals will be gluten free. Christmas pudding and pavlova for dessert. Cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. From 7:00pm we will have "Callignee's Got Talent!", an opportunity for anyone who would like to sing, dance, perform a skit or play an instrument for our very supportive audience. The evening will conclude with carols and a shared supper. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Anita Charles via Facebook message or text 0428 164 628 to book for dinner or if you would like to perform.

**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
 For Week Ending 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015



P/1	Eva Prior	For working well in Maths and using pictures to help her multiply.
1/2	Abby Riddell	For her fantastic work on her personal timeline.
2/3	Tahli Zarth & Penny Matthews	For excellent efforts in their limerick writing.
4/5	Rebekah Guy	For writing a reflective and thoughtful self evaluation.
5/6	Georgie Lambert	For fantastic dedication to her job as secretary in Earn & Learn.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed	Christmas Themed Dress Up Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed	End Of Year Concert – 7:00pm start
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu	Whole School End of Year Excursion
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri	Term 4 Ends – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed	First day for staff (Student Free Day)
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thu	First day for all students

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**Christmas Themed Casual Clothes Day**



**TOMORROW!!!**



**Wednesday, 9 December**

We ask that students bring along an item for the  
 Christmas hamper/prizes.

Remember to make sure that the children follow these simple rules:

- \* no singlet tops,
- \* enclosed shoes
- \* wear your school hat outside.

***A book of 10 raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle has been sent home with the eldest in the family today. Please return these by next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.***

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