Principal's Message

The past two weeks have gone by almost in a blur, as we all wind down towards Christmas and a well-earned rest. Our children have maintained their good behaviour and manners, as our normal routines change with Presentation Night practice and the many fun Christmas craft activities and outings.

Anekah, Kandice, Teegan, Brock and I had a delicious morning tea at Nellie Belles last week with a touch too much sugar and fun conversation. Good luck to our Year 6 leaders as they complete their primary education at the wonderful Blandford Public School.

Year 5 and 6 will be thinking about food again for this evening’s Small Schools Year 6 Graduation dinner at Pizza Bella in Scone. Our students join their friends from Ellerston and Belltrees to celebrate, eat, chat and cut the Graduation cake. This is always a delightful evening, beginning at 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

Mr Kite will be visiting our school today to visit with the children. I will also be handing over documents relating to school routines, finance and organization in preparation for the 2016 school year. All other staffing arrangements will remain in place with our staff members continuing to deliver high quality teaching and learning to our children.

Mr Kite is also hoping to spend some time at our Family Fun Day on Wednesday 16th to meet parents and learn more about our vibrant local community, our children, parents and friends.

Mrs Rowarth, our scripture teacher will be combining both classes for a Christmas scripture lesson tomorrow. Mrs Rowarth has been a long serving member of our staff and we thank her for her work and interest in the extra curricular education of our children.

Presentation Night prize giving and performances are well in hand. We aim to begin promptly at 6.30. Please have children dressed in their usual summer uniforms (no ankle socks) please and seated by 6.30. Costumes for our play "Around the World" have all been organized here at school from our "stash" of interesting glittery garments. Thanks to Mrs Coffey for her creative flair and drama expertise.

I look forward to shaking many hands (and receiving a few hugs) for my last official presentation night ceremony this Friday. Blandford Public School has been good to me. I have very much enjoyed my teaching role with our children, working closely with our staff who have become my friends, and being an integral part of the parent and school community here. I know that I leave Blandford a little better than it was before, as every principal of our school has done. That is what has made this place so remarkable.

Best wishes and good luck for a wonderful future.

Regards

Isabel Fox         Principal
Students of the Week

K-2 Robert—terrific work in Christmas craft
Jensen—great improvement in all areas

Y3-6 Camilla—focussed on task and always tries to “do her best”
Anekah—Mature, steady work habits—ready for high school!

Community Christmas Carols at Murrurundi—Saturday 12th December
Community Christmas Carols at Belltrees PS—Saturday 12th December

As there are two functions scheduled for Saturday night and families have made other arrangements, we will not be officially singing at the Murrurundi event. Please have children join with Murrurundi Public School for singing.

Murravale and Hospital Christmas Visit—Monday 14th December
We will make our annual visit to our seniors at Murravale and the Murrurundi District Hospital on Monday 14th December.
If you are still to send gifts please do so by Friday.

Tuesday 15th December Clean up Day
Old clothes can be worn for our scrub and clean everything day. Remember a hat and joggers please. Cleaning equipment can be brought along also.

Wednesday 16th December Family Fun Day
This will be our last school day for 2015. Sports at the oval in Murrurundi then lunch and a swim at the pool has been organised. Permission note attached.

Sports Joggers
If you are purchasing joggers for sport next year please remember that our uniform policy states ’white joggers’. These are available in leather and man-made material at all major chains and department stores.

School Resumes 2016
School resumes on Thursday, 28th January 2016.
PRESENTATION NIGHT GIFTS

Just a reminder that if you would like to contribute $10 per gift to help the P & C cover costs for the evening it would be greatly appreciated.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – FUN DAY – LUNCH ORDER

The P & C will be providing a delicious lunch at the Wilson Memorial Oval Park on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December after our games morning. Lunch will consist of a beef burger and a popper.

To assist with catering please indicate below the number of burgers you would like to order for your family.

Numbers must be returned by Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} December to allow for ordering.

**No payment is required.**

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