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Week 10 Term 4, 2015

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
HB1  Miah I, Mathew G
HB2  Celleste B, Travis B
HB3  Brandon L, Sophie D
HB4  Esther B, Lucas N
HB6  Lei K, Abby B
HB7  Joshua F, Shuntay P
HB8  Abby V, Branden S
HB9  Scelai T, Conner B
HB10 Simone s, Hunter D
HB11 Jayden K, Nic M
HB12 Lachlan C, Bailey T


Positive Behaviour for Learning:
Congratulations to Nevaeh B from HB 1 and Jack C from HB9 for displaying positive behaviour and winning a $5.00 voucher from Dizzy Lizzy Country Store.

COMING EVENTS TERM 4
08/12/15  Stage 2 Celebration 9.30am
09/12/15  Stage 3 Celebration 9.30am
10/12/15  BSG Rewards Day
11/12/15  Beach excursion K-6
16/12/15  Students last day at school

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY

COMING EVENTS TERM 1 2016
26/01/16  Australia Day
27/01/16  Staff Development Day
28/01/16  Students Return Years 1 - 6
03/02/16  Kindergarten starts

Rotary Citizen of the Year Award
Congratulations to Fergus H who was awarded a Rotary Club of West Kempsey’s Citizen of the Year Award at a recent awards ceremony.

Photo above: Nevaeh and Jack

Have a safe and happy vacation. Best wishes from APS staff

A timely reminder
Please consider our school neighbours and not park your vehicle across neighbouring driveways. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Photo below: Well done Fergus!
Community Partnerships
Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

It's a (Christmas) wrap!

It's that time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner. "Where did the last twelve months go?" That's the adult viewpoint. Kids think, "What took so long?" Different ages, different perspectives. Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That's only natural. But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you'll round out the year, and bring it to a close. If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next. Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. **Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:** Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year's end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. **Celebrate improvement and success:** Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It's important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. **Show appreciation:** Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. **Look forward:** It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. **Now relax:** It's time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it's a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!
Judy Wright
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Community Partnership Officer

A HUGE thankyou to all our wonderful kitchen and garden volunteers. This year we have had over 140 volunteers come in to our school to assist in the kitchen and garden over the last 12 months – that's such an awesome effort!

Also thank you very much to Danny and David Powick for the construction of our new pizza oven.

From the students and staff, thank you, we really appreciate your help and support. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

From Ben and Gaye (Kitchen and Gardening Crew)
Schools Spectacular
The Schools Spectacular was a wonderful success again this year. Miss Giorgi and Miss McNamara accompanied 13 Year 5/6 students to Sydney during Week 8. We travelled down to Sydney by train and had the opportunity to work with amazing choreographers and singers to help produce our creative dance segment. We met a lot of people who rehearsed and performed with us. We did four live performances at the Qantas Credit Union Arena.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in such a gala event.

Macleay Educational Community of Schools Recognition Awards
We are pleased to announce that both Mr Ross Westerman (School Learning Support Officer) and Mrs Julie James (Administration Support) received recognition for their outstanding commitment to Public Education. The Awards were presented to Ross and Julie at the Macleay Educational Community of Schools Spring into Art exhibition and we thank them for their invaluable contribution to our school.

Congratulations Ross and Julie (pictured above).

CANTEEN NEWS:
We wish to thank all our families for utilising the canteen this year – we appreciate your support.

A big THANK YOU to Lorraine and Ang for your voluntary commitment throughout the year.

We would also like to thank Fergus, Eve, Serenity, Shakira, Ruby, Brooke, Paige, Olivia, Emily and Emma for your contribution to the canteen during recess and lunch. Your help in providing a service to your fellow students was exceptional. Good luck for next year and we hope you enjoy your new adventure.

Merry Christmas to you all
Meagan and Leah

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

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COMMUNITY NEWS:
Bunnings Christmas Family Night
Thursday 10th December 6pm-8pm
FREE event, bookings are essential for catering purposes and the various activities planned. The kids can get creative in our Santa’s Little Helper workshops, plus there’ll be a gift wrapping service, light refreshments and a special visit from Santa.
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