EARLY DISMISSAL – FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER
SCHOOL FINISHES 1.30PM, FINAL ASSEMBLY 1.15PM

Hi Everyone
The year draws rapidly to a close, and on behalf of all the staff, I wish our students and families a very happy Christmas and holiday break. The school year seems to get busier as we aim to offer children the best possible range of learning experiences. Looking at some of the tired faces at the drive-through yesterday, I am sure they are ready for the time away from bells and school routines - just as the teachers and support staff are!

It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the Family Night performances on Tuesday. We have had some very positive feedback and comments which are appreciated.

We again congratulated Eliza Shiels and Gabe Watson (Walter Bob Harris Award) and Alice Townsend and Glen Lovett (Mary Baldwin Award) on their success. Wendy Martin also presented the Athlete’s Foot Sports Award to Angus McLean, and Ros Janas presented the Collins Bookstore Artist Award to Alice Townsend. Both Angus and Alice have excelled in their respective fields and have been very positive role models to others.

This morning’s Graduation Assembly was also well-attended. Outgoing President of APPA, Susan Christie, assisted and presented each of our Grade 6 students with a gift from APPA. Ros Janas presented them with their collected self-portraits. The students’ Prep buddies (now Grade 1) gave them a special card. These mementoes will hopefully become treasured artefacts.

Children visited their new Grades this morning and will be able to tell you all about that once they get home. Class lists are on the windows of the staffroom if you want to have a look.

RAFFLE WINNERS: 1st Prize (Cubby House donated by GOTAFE) - David Hocking
Hampers (drawn order) - Todd Brereton, Nicole Godde, Sienna Fuller, Liam White, Debbie Ald, Paige & Layla Elliott and Sean Hughana (sic?).

Thank you to all who bought tickets and donated items to the hamper, to our dedicated band of volunteer sellers who sat at markets and in the street, and to Kel Vincent for his organisation and donation of the cubby house. The raffle raised $2500 due to these efforts.

Farewell - we said goodbye to Michael Jenkins and Veronica Tyler on Tuesday evening, and Bon Voyage to Beth Roseby. We look forward to welcoming Beth’s ‘swap’, Nancy Cole - and I know Nancy is very excited to be leaving –20deg!!

Again - have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Please remind your friends that school finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow. Bus travellers will be dropped off two hours earlier than usual. If it is a declared CODE RED DAY (fire danger) all school buses will be cancelled.

School resumes for all students on Thursday, 30th January. Best wishes to those families who have finished their time at APPS and to our Grade 6s as they head to high school.

Wendy Larcombe

Thank you! To the many volunteers who have helped throughout the year with reading, camps, excursions, in the canteen, fundraising activities and other events.