IT’S ALL HAPPENING!!! Week 10, so far….

GRADUATION DINNER
Monday night

Ryley, Lucas & Cameron were MCs on the night.

The Grade 6 students dressed to impress, and enjoyed the evening with their parents and a large group of staff (past & present).

TRANSITION (Tuesday): And, as we farewell one group of students, we welcome our new Preps for 2017. Tuesday was Orientation Day and the children happily settled into their new class group. They met their Grade 5 buddies and played happily with each other. A number of the families came back to school on Tuesday evening for a sausage sizzle tea, expertly cooked by Andrew Lovett, Thom Knox and Kevin Feldtmann. Thanks to those school councillors for their help in welcoming our new Preps and their families. Fiona, Jo, Heather and I enjoyed the chance to better get to know those who are new to the school, and to see the children enjoying another chance to play in the playground.

It is a big responsibility being a Buddy, and we thank our 2016 Grade 4 students for nominating for this job next year.

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HELPERS’ MORNING TEA (Wednesday): It was good to see a number of our regular volunteers, who willingly give their time and energy to supporting programs and fundraising activities at school. Thank you to all parents and grandparents for your help during the year. THANK YOU especially to the School Council parent reps and our APPA committee who get ‘frequent flyer points’ for the number of times they turn up at school events!!

GRADE 3/4 EXPO (Thursday): Parents and students from across the school had the chance to look at the Fit For Life board games created by teams of Grade 3/4 students as part of their Quest this term. The 3/4s headed off for tenpin bowling after this.

BUDDIES MORNING TEA (Thursday) As you can see, there’s always something happening! Our current Preps presented their Grade 5 buddies with a beautiful Christmas Card and shared some special reindeer biscuits. The Grade 5s have made their buddies a special booklet with memories of their year together.

WHAT’S COMING UP??? Tomorrow our Grades 3-6 students will be at the Olympic Pool. The weather forecast is for cool conditions. Children will have other activities to do while they are there, so if the water is a bit cold, they will be actively engaged in games.

NEXT WEEK: On Monday we will all have a practice run through for Family Night in the morning. School Council and APPA have their ‘dinner meeting’ at the Gateway on Monday evening.

On Tuesday, Family Night will be on the oval from 5.30pm (weather forecast is for hot conditions). Students must be here by 5.50pm so that we are ready to start promptly at 6.00pm. We will present awards and farewell departing staff during the evening.

On Wednesday, the junior school will be treated to a performance by the WHS Santa Band at 12.30pm—with carols and fun songs performed by staff and students from the high school. If you would like to come along and watch—you are most welcome!!

On Thursday, we have the Grade 6 Graduation assembly at 9.10am under Big M. All children will attend this formal farewell to our Grade 6s. Parents and other family & friends are VERY welcome to come along to this. Grade 6s have a special pool event in the afternoon.

Then, on Friday, we will have a final whole school assembly where attendance awards and other student achievement awards will be presented.

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30pm ON TUESDAY, 20th DECEMBER

AND FINALLY... Congratulations to our major award recipients for the year. At the Graduation Dinner, Cameron Lovett and Caitlyn Delaney were presented with the Mary Baldwin Award. This award recognises excellence in academic achievement and dedication to learning. Emily Doig and Lucas Paola proudly accepted the Walter Bob Harris award for commitment, citizenship and contribution to the school community. On Tuesday evening at Family Night we will hear from these students as they formally acknowledge their selection for the awards. Another grade 6 student will be presented with the Ian Ward Memorial Scholarship for all-round effort and commitment to being their very best. The Artist of the Year and Sportsperson of the Year awards will also be presented to two grade 6 students on that evening. See you there.

Wendy Larcombe

Swimming Day

For those Grade 3 - 6 students who paid for and participated in the swimming program earlier this term, there will be a fun day at the Olympic Pool tomorrow, Friday 9th Dec. They will need to have bathers, rash vest/t-shirt to swim in, towel, sunscreen and wear a hat when not in the pool. Appropriate footwear will need to be worn to and from the pool. There is no cost for students who have paid their excursion levies ($6.00 for others). The pool kiosk will not be used. Those students not attending the pool will remain at school and be supervised by the Junior School teachers.
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APPIN STAR AWARD

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SPORTS AWARD

Jordan Gosbell for his great understanding of a new game and the strategies he encouraged his team to set in place, to restrict the score of the opposition. Well done, Jordan.

Josh Sgarioto for his leadership and encouragement when participating in a new game. He showed an understanding of both offensive and defensive strategies that were required for his team to be successful.

Artist of the Week

Isabelle Nish and Emma Crawford for the wonderful Christmas tree decoration they made for our “Christmas Tree Decoration Challenge”. Congratulations, girls.

APPA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Could everyone please return raffle books and money to the office by Monday, 12th December. The raffle will be drawn at Family Night on 13th December. Thank you.

Thank you to all those families who have supported Book Club and Book Fair this year. Your support helps the library to purchase books for our children to enjoy. Special thanks to Fiona Carson who assists the Book Club team. Keep reading over the holidays. See you all in the library next year.

Could everyone please check at home for library books and return them to school ASAP. We need all books back by 9th December.

Fruit Roster 9th December

Lisa Bell & any volunteers

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