From the Principal

Year 7 Graduation
This week we held the year 7 graduation on Monday night. It was a great night for the year 7 students and their parents to reflect on the time spent in primary school. I would like to congratulate all of our year 7 students for the wonderful ambassadors they have been for the school this year. The tone of a school is often set by the students in the oldest grade. So for this we should all thank them for the example they have set the younger students. Also a very special thank you goes to the very dedicated group of mothers, staff and community members who prepared everything of the night.

Prep Graduation
Tuesday morning was the 2013 prep graduation. The prep students presented a song and were given their book from the P&C association. The students had a great time and enjoyed having their parents at school to celebrate their achievements this year.

Presentation night
Presentation night is on tonight, the 11th of December at 6pm. Classes will present one item eg. Song, dance, skit and we will present the awards. The evening will be followed by a supper with parents asked to bring a plate to share. We hope to see you there.

Booklist
Parents who ordered their child’s 2014 booklist through the school are asked to come up to school and collect them any time this week. If you want any more information about the booklist please contact Lisa in the office.

School Holiday – Reading is the Key!
This year our students have shown teachers that they are capable of some wonderful academic achievements. It is important that this development of knowledge doesn’t stop just because school has. While most students are happy to have a well-earned rest over the Christmas break they need to keep their brains active if they are to retain facts learnt throughout the year.

The easiest way to ensure that your children don’t suffer from holiday brain drain is to read to them, have them read to you or make sure they are reading individually if they are able. Reading is a quick and simple task and will keep your child’s brain working through imagination and creativity.

A five minute book at bed time is all it takes!
Classes for 2014
A letter has been sent home with the report cards outlining what class individual children are in. Next year we will start the year with the following classes:
Prep/Year 1 – Miss Franks
Year 1/2 – Mrs Raine
Year 2/3 – Mrs Hoare
Year 4/5 – Ms Moore
Year 6/7 – Mrs Gudenswager & Mr Goodwin
If you have any questions about the school classes please contact the schools office.

School Newsletter emailed home
A reminder to any parents wishing to have the school newsletter emailed to them directly to send in an email address so we can add it to our list. Parents are welcome to add extended families email addresses if they would be interested in reading our newsletter.

Free Dress Day Aussie Helpers
Thank you to the students and parents who supported the free dress day on the 5th December. Our school has raised $102 for our farmers this will buy 5 bales of hay.
Finally I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal

Chaplain Update
Holidays are almost here!!

The past few weeks have been busy fitting in last assessments, report cards and end of year activities. It’s with a huge sigh that many begin the holiday season with a change to daily routine. It also is a time that can be frustrating as children relearn how to occupy themselves. Holidays are a great way to reconnect with yourself, family and friends.

Some of our most memorable holidays have been spent playing board games, doing jigsaws as well as having technology free days! Somehow, my kids never got so bored that they managed to clean my skirting boards (it was the standard response to ‘I’m bored’), funny how they always decided that they were not that bored anymore!!

If your kids are looking for ideas of what to do and you don’t need your skirting boards cleaned you might get some ideas from Michael Grose parenting ideas website blog: such as ‘Slow parenting during school holidays, Create a memorable family brand these holidays and Parents Holiday Survival Guide.’

Christmas holidays are also a wonderful time of year to spend catching up with family and friends. I would like to wish you all a lovely safe holiday period and hope you get to spend this time by either having some quality family time, resting, having fun, or doing something a little different over this time of year. I also hope it rains enough, so that dams are full and there’s plenty of new growth and feed for stock over the coming months.
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Stay Safe

Chappy Averal

Date Claimer
Carols by Candlelight
Monday 16th December
7.30pm
ANAKIE HALL
Reverse Christmas Tree
(grocery items for hampers)
Shared supper
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2 December
- Prep Violet King - showing persistence when completing addition problems.
- 1/2 Riley Hardess - always being an organised and focused learner.
- 2/3 Lilly Hardy - using great descriptive language to write her story about a fear she has overcome.
- 4/5 Christopher Johnson - neat presentation of his cross country map.
- 6/7 Bradley Smart - persisting to complete assessments.
- Gotchas - Maleika-Taj Roan, Chelsea McCandless, Kathleen Wilson, Jack Ashton.
- Principals Award - Curtis Freeman - outstanding contributions to class discussions about the evaluation of the movie “Finding Nemo”. Caine Marsh - presenting all work to a high standard.

9th December
- Prep Krystal Tulk - an outstanding year of prep and working hard until the very end.
- 1/2 Lochie Tucker - Trying hard to write great descriptive sentences.
- 2/3 Amarah Lee - consistently neat and well presented work.
- 4/5 Hannah Iona - outstanding participation having a positive attitude towards all tasks and persisting at all class activities.
- 6/7 Matilda Martin-Maher - being responsible, respectful and polite.
- Gotchas - Jackson Deacon, Shakira Parsons, Lilly Hardy, Jacob Gittens, Sarah Titheradge.
- Principals Awards - Bonnie Berry - 100% attendance in 2013, Rhett Sampson 100% attendance in 2013, Jacob Grasser 100% attendance in 2013.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION 2013

2013 PREP GRADUATES