Coming Soon

- 9th Dec - Report Cards out
- 10th Dec - Year 6 Graduation
- 11th Dec - Year 6 Fun Day
- 11th Dec - Last day of Term 4
- 22nd Jan - Meet & Greet Sausage Sizzle
- 25th Jan - Pupil Free Day
- 26th Jan - Australia Day Holiday
- 27th Jan - First day of Term 1 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to our final newsletter for the year!

Whilst the year rapidly draws to a close, we focus on celebrating achievements and also on wishing our graduating Year 6 students everything of the best for the next exciting chapter of their education. Last Thursday night we recognised the achievements of students from across Years 4 – 6 in another very successful Awards Night. Particular congratulations to the students who received Dux Awards – April Wilson and Brennan Collis.

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The Year 6 Graduation will be held tomorrow commencing at 12pm in the school sports hall. Many thanks to Mrs Simpson and her committee of Year 6 helpers for their assistance in the organisation of this event. The ceremony will conclude with a special whole school parade where the Year 6’s will be farewelled by all the students in the school. The end of term will also see us farewelling Ms Helene Ciranni, Ms Christina Ciranni, Ms Melinda Westerman, Ms Chantell Saddler, Ms Christine McAuliffe and Ms Gemma Brownie. Special thanks to these staff members for their dedication and contribution to our school. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff who will be joining our team next year:

- Ms Sandra Stewart – Tronconne - Prep
- Ms Maddison Wilkins – Year 3
- Ms Sara Denman – Year 5
- Ms Gemma Quigg - Music
- Ms Anita Fitzpatrick – Year 3
- Mr Han Yin Tan – Year 4
- Ms Naomi Cross - Year 6
- Ms Ros Serginson and Ms Bindi McGill in Inclusive Practice Support

We also welcome Mr Michael Nielson who will be joining our leadership team as our third Deputy Principal. Michael is currently Principal at Thangool State School and will be moving to the Tablelands with his family to assume this new position.

Finally a big thank you to the P & C, all our wonderfully supportive parents and carers and our dedicated school staff for another successful year. Enjoy and safe and happy break. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

Year 4 Book Launch

Year 4 students had their book launch in the library on Monday and Tuesday. They shared their stories with friends and family at the launch and there was some brilliant books. The students wrote and illustrated the books themselves.
Resource Fees
Parents and carers are welcome to call in at the office and pay the annual resource fee of $50. EFTPOS is available. If you are unable to pay the total amount, we accept part payments. All monies go directly towards purchasing resources for classrooms.

TUCKSHOP
Today is the last day of tuckshop for 2015. (CLOSED Thu & Fri)
The tuckshop would like to thank everyone for their support in 2015, either with ordering lunches or helping in the tuckshop.
It is much appreciated.

DENTAL CLINIC
The School Dental Service will be operating over the Christmas holidays at the Mareeba Hospital Dental Clinic. Feel free to call - 1300 300 850

Poets in the Park
On Tuesday, Year 3 students gathered on the oval with their teachers, parents and friends to read poetry and get their class awards.
PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Wow! Another year has just flown by. Our students are another year older and we are getting ready to say goodbye to our year 6’s. We are also looking forward to welcoming a new group of Prep students. We have had a fantastic year with many highlights. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning team has been engaged in a coaching process throughout the year which is timely as we have ‘re-vamped’ our school expectations and responsible behaviour plan. Look out for the new language on our expectations signs for next year!

In week 5, the Year 4 and 5 Super Star Sports students were rewarded for continually displaying Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) with a trip to Walkamin State School for some friendly competition. The 12 students selected enjoyed a game of soccer and dodgeball, with our school walking away with the victory in both. The students had a great time, and Mr O’Neill is hoping to take students in the lower grades to Walkamin early next year! Also, congratulations to 1F, 2T and 4B for winning the Term 4 subway parties. They will be held this week.

Chris Sheppard Cup

Congratulations to the members of our boys and girls rugby league teams who recently competed in the Chris Sheppard Cup and Debbie Sheppard Shield last Thursday. The girls played a hard game and were rattled in the first half after St Thomas’ got over the line twice early in the game. The second half was a more settled affair with our girls aiming up in defence and completing their sets. The score was 18-16 with a conversion being the difference. Congratulations to Doreen Ketchup for winning the NRL Player of the Match and Tenean Brimm for winning Most Valuable Player (MVP)

The boys’ game was much more one-sided, with the Mareeba SS boys coming away with a convincing win, 24-0. The first half was a battle of the forwards with Brendan Grogan-Creed and Cody Schaaf creating a solid platform for the backs. The heat had an effect in the second half, but Tyreke Banjo steered Mareeba home earning himself the NRL man of the match, with Cain Hastie winning MVP for his fearless tackling and support play.

- The PB4L Team

THANK YOU
We would like to thank Brumbys Bakery Mareeba & Howe Farming for donating bread and bananas for emergency lunches. We appreciate your generosity.

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