



Whorouly Primary School

COMING UP:

Wed Dec 14th	School Concert at Rec Reserve
Fri Dec 16th	PnF BBQ Lunch
Fri Dec 16th	Year Six Water Fight
Fri Dec 16th	FREE DRESS!
Fri Dec 16th	Early Dismissal—2:30pm



Excited campers ready for bed on Monday night.

From the Principal:

A brief newsletter today in the midst of a fun-filled week. I will also be preparing a short newsletter for Friday that will contain some farewells and images from the concert.

On Monday we had our Prep, Year One and Year Two sleepover. It was a simply wonderful event (and a pretty good night's sleep as well). I was thrilled with how beautifully and perfectly all our excited Junior students behaved—they were excited but polite, well mannered, listened and showed incredible consideration for each other. The Lego workshop was awesome and we had fun taking over the Senior Room and making it our restaurant for dinner. Thank you to Rajanna and Libra and Carol for helping make our night walk special and we did enjoy the robot reindeer on Carol's lawn. Thank you also to Renee and Vanda for being part of our sleep over and helping it be such a success. More photos later in the newsletter. And a HUGE thank you to our Junior students for just being super. I had fun.

Our concert is tonight and Pauline and I finalised the program last night. It will be a showcase of drama, poetry and singing, and I think the Year 3 skits will provide lots of laughs. There will also be our graduation and presentations to departing families and staff. The concert begins at 7:00pm, with students required by 6:45. Please remember to bring a plate of supper to share.

We are hoping reports will go home this week, but it has been a busy week and Renee has also been unwell. I would prefer to give staff time to make sure that our reports are not rushed, and are detailed and thorough, so if need be, we will post them home on Monday. I will certainly let you know and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Fran Waterman

MOWING:

Peter Halloran

Fresh Fruit Friday:



What's On:

CERTIFICATES:

Reading Eggs:
None last week.

Maths Seeds:
A certificate for
Helina—great
work.

Mathletics:
The December
Deluge of
certificates!
Violet, Ryder, He-
lina, Ryley, Shelby,
Bryce, Ebony and
Shae. Wow!

Bus Certificate:
Well done Taleah,
sounds like she is
the perfect bus
traveller.

Parents and Friend's BBQ:

This Friday will be our annual end of year BBQ. Parents and Friends are organising and cooking. This is a lunch order not just for the kids! Parents, siblings, you are all invited to come along and join us for a BBQ lunch. If you would like to come and need a lunch order form, please speak to Mirella tomorrow so we can make sure we have ordered enough. Thanks.

End of Year:

A reminder to bring a green shopping bag along to school on Friday—we will be sending books home as we start cleaning out lockers and these bags are nice and strong. We know from previous years that there isn't enough room in just your school bag!

School this Friday will conclude at 2:30pm. There will be an assembly at 2:25 and the bus will also be leaving school at 2:30pm.

Don't forget....

Free Dress Friday!

OVER DUE LIBRARY BOOKS:

Mr Lawler has given us a list of overdue books from the Library Van. There are some still due from 2015!

He would really appreciate if students could have a good hunt at home and return any Library Van books to the school office where he will pick them up next week.

His books have the **orange sticker** on the spine.

Thank you in advance.



Well Being:

App of the Week:



A Call from Santa!

Free personalised call from Santa—a sure way to amaze young children.

Michael Grose: Rounding out the Year:

The school year is almost over. The 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.



The Sleep Over:



The Sleepover: By Violet.

Last night we had a sleep over at school. My favourite parts are:

Lego with Maddy from 5:00—6:30. The Lego had 3 parts. 1st—Robots. 2nd—Tiles. 3rd—Challenges. We also watched part of a movie called Bedtime Stories. The night walk was awesome and we got chocolates and lollies.

The Sleepover: By Helina.

Last night was our sleepover. My favourite part was when we set up the beds because I had a brand new sleeping bag. My other favourite part was when the robot reindeer was watching us.

The Sleepover: By Ryder.

Last night was our sleepover. My favourite part was the night walk. First stop was the tennis, then chocolates at Rajannas. Then we went to Robbos and saw Charlie, then we went to Carols.