From the Principal’s Desk

Thank you to the all our parents who have supported us in our industrial action this year. In particular the December reports not having written comments. It is interesting that only 6 years ago, schools had the autonomy to report however they saw fit. Some schools did not provide written comments. The government has indicated it is looking at once again allowing schools to report (with consultation with the school community I would assume.) on how they would like to report on student progress. I am sure this will be an interesting issue in 2013.

Lastly I am pleased to announce we have accepted a quote for the construction of the deck outside the classrooms and music room. It should be completed during the holidays.

Staffing news

Congratulations to Kayla Bacchetto who received a phone call late yesterday offering her a 12 month contract teaching Year 3/4 at Yarrawonga P - 12 College in 2013. I spoke to the interview panel last Friday as a referee and I was confident that they were impressed with her application and interview. Once again we thank Kayla for her contribution over the past year at our school and wish her well in the future.

School Council

School Councillors are reminded that our last meeting for the year is tomorrow night Wednesday 12th December at 7.00pm.

Christmas Raffle

We will once again have our annual Christmas Raffle. We ask that parents donate something which can be put into the Christmas baskets as prizes for the raffle. Tickets were sent home with the newsletter last week, see John if you require more tickets— $1.00 each or three for $2.00. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert and Graduation.

Thank you to those who have already donated, it would be nice if we could have some more things. There is a collection box on the desk in the office.

Curriculum Days 2013

We have received very positive feedback in relation to piggy backing our curriculum days this year onto long weekends. We were asked to nominate our days for 2013 by the Regional Office last week. Our curriculum days for 2013 will be Tuesday 29th January, Friday 8th March, Friday 7th June and Monday 4th November.

More staffing news

We have advertised Kayla’s position and applications closed last Thursday. We had 35 applications. Janine and I shortlisted five for interview this Thursday. This was a very difficult and time consuming task but we are confident we will be able to appoint a suitable applicant by the end of next week.

We have also advertised Lisa’s Office Manager position. Applications close on the last day of term. Interviewing and making an appointment can hopefully be completed during the holidays.

Christmas Concert

Parents are reminded that the Christmas Concert & Graduation is next Tuesday 18th December at 7.00 pm sharp in the Bolinda Hall. Students should arrive at 6.45 pm to prepare for the concert. Could each family bring a plate for supper.

Chook & Cat Roster

The Chook and Sooty roster is now in the office. Could parents who are available to feed our animals over the holidays complete the roster. It would also be good if people could donate cat food for Sooty.
Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Student Achievement Awards:

**Year Prep- 2**
Lili Taylor — For being a lovely friend in the playground ‘Buddy Day Fridays’
Hunter Collins — For having a go, attempting words when writing.

**Special Awards**
Angus, Declan and Grace McLaughlin — How well they have settled into our school.

Mural

Thank you to Janine, Tuula and Amanda for their work on the murals in the hallway outside the office. They are starting to take shape and will look fantastic when completed.

Meat 2 You

Parents at our school Ann & Danny Honeychurch (and of course Jenna) are owners of a family butchery “D & S Meats”. Although they are located in Melton they do have a home delivery service. See the following Christmas specials.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

**20% off**

**BIG X-MAS HAMPER**

- 4 KG LEG HAM ON THE BONE
- 3 KG BONELESS PORK LOIN
- SIZE 40 FRESH TURKEY OR
- 2.5 KG TURKEY BREAST ROLL
  - WITH PLAIN OR CRANBERRY & WALNUT STUFFING

$ 140.00
Serves up to 18 people

**SMALL X-MAS HAMPER**

- 1.5 KG BONELESS LEG HAM
- SIZE 22 ROASTING CHICKEN
- 2 KG BONELESS LEG OF PORK

$ 55.00
Serves 8 – 10 people

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If any other parents have businesses and they would like to inform our community, we are happy to provide advertising when space is available. Other people in our community can also advertise for a small fee.