Teaching staff participated in our schools ‘Strategic Plan Review’ last Wednesday. The review was conducted by external consultant Geoff Emmett along with peer reviewers Loren Peavey and Susan Little. It was affirming to get feedback that our school is doing exceptionally well in educating our students.

Having said that, there are always areas that can be pursued to further improve. Meagan and Meg as graduate teachers were given several options to continue to expand their knowledge and skills.

There was also considerable discussion about the possible structure of the school in 2015 when at the moment our confirmed enrolment is 39 students. Issues raised were around class sizes, meeting the learning needs of all students and learning spaces.

There was broad agreement that whether we have three classes or another model, we will need an additional classroom learning space. We have decided that the newly carpeted library will revert to a classroom which may be used for a third class or break out room for learning activities. The library is being relocated in the music room which has sufficient space for both the library and the music programs.

Early next term we will discuss with School Council the proposed 2015 class structure or structures and then schedule a meeting to consult with parents.

The new shade sail was installed last Friday. Parents are reminded that we are a Sun Smart school and students are expected to wear a brimmed or legionnaires style hat during terms one & four. It is also recommended that sunscreen be applied 20 minutes before going outdoors and should be reapplied every two hours when outside.

Students without an appropriate hat will be supervised in shaded areas.

Lastly thank you to all the parents who provided cakes and manned the stall for the Bolinda Fair last Sunday. Also thanks to Jess for the face painting. We raised $345.50 which was a great result. We also sold two old filing cabinets for $100.

Year P–2
Melissa Salmon - For always being willing to help the younger students with their learning.
Deegan Collins - For concentrating and trying really hard with his writing.

Year 3-6
Lauryn Bonnici - For being helpful to a new student at our school.
Congratulations to the following students

Seth Harris - 175 nights
Dakota Harris - 175 nights

All building works will be completed during the holidays and we can start next term without being inconvenienced by scooting around tradesmen. The roster for feeding Sooty over the holidays is on the wall in the office. Could people please fill it in asap. Sooty says ‘meow’ which is cat for thank you.

This Friday 19th September is the last day of term and we will be having a pyjama dress up day. We will also have a ‘Healthy Lunch’ day. We will make our own sandwiches with students choosing their own fillings such as tomato, lettuce, shredded carrot, cucumber, cheese, ham or chicken. The cost will be $2.00 per student. We also ask that each student bring a piece of fruit to make a fruit salad. Please complete the attached order form and return by Thursday. If we don’t get the form by Thursday we will assume that your child(ren) will be bringing their own lunch.

Janine and Glenn have announced the safe arrival of a baby girl Arabella Charlize Fernandes last Sunday weighing 3.362 kg. I know we all wish them well.