As the year comes to a close I would like to thank the entire school community and especially School Council for their support. Just some of the challenges/achievements were the installation of deck outside the classrooms, installation of the storage container and of course the kitchen. Every time I show this to someone new to the school I get the same response, ‘WOW’. So we hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck to Luke and Cassie at Gisborne Secondary. Everyone else, we will see you back at school on Wednesday 29th January refreshed and ready for another busy year.

So we hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck to Luke and Cassie at Gisborne Secondary. Everyone else, we will see you back at school on Wednesday 29th January refreshed and ready for another busy year.

**Principals Desk**

As the year comes to a close I would like to thank the entire school community and especially School Council for their support. Just some of the challenges/achievements were the installation of deck outside the classrooms, installation of the storage container and of course the kitchen. Every time I show this to someone new to the school I get the same response, ‘WOW’.

So we hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck to Luke and Cassie at Gisborne Secondary. Everyone else, we will see you back at school on Wednesday 29th January refreshed and ready for another busy year.

**Achievement Awards**

**Year P– 2**
Jenna Honeychurch— For being a caring co-operative member of our classroom.

**Year 3- 6**
Harry Warburton — For completing a writing task to a high standard.

**Graduation & Concert**

The graduation and concert begins tonight at 7.00 pm sharp. Students should arrive no later than 6.45 pm. Please bring a plate.

**For Your Diary**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17th December</td>
<td>Graduation &amp; school concert</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 18th December</td>
<td>Gisborne Pool Break up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 19th December</td>
<td>Student reports go home</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 20th December</td>
<td>Last day term 2.00 dismissal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 29th January</td>
<td>First Day term one</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Pool**

The end of year break up with Darraweit Guim and Clarkefield primary schools will once again be at the Gisborne indoor pool. Students should arrive at the pool at 10.30 am and be picked up at 2.45 pm. They will need lunch and a drink. The cost will be $6.00.

**Christmas Raffle**

The draw will be at the Graduation and Christmas Concert. Raffle books have been sent home with the newsletter. Tickets are $2.00 or 3 for $5.00. If you still have tickets and money bring it tonight and give to one of the teachers. A big thank you to Sarah and Amanda for preparing the baskets as prizes and all the parents who donated the prizes. It is very much appreciated.

**Prep students 2014**

Parents of Prep 2014 students are reminded that Preps will attend on Wednesday 29th January, the same as other students. For the remainder of February they will not attend on Wednesdays. Their first Wednesday will be the 5th March.

**Parent payments**

Invoices were sent to a number of parents last week with outstanding sums of money owed to the school. Please make sure these are paid by Thursday 19th December. If you have any queries see Katie. If you have difficulty with payment see John to work out payment scheme. All correspondence is confidential.

**Sooty and Chook Roster**

The chook and cat roster is now in the office for the holidays. We will also ask that people water the vegie garden regularly. It will be pretty simple with only the timer to be set. There are still many vacancies on the roster.

**Guitar Lessons**

It is now confirmed that guitar lessons will continue in 2014 with a new teacher. I have asked him to e-mail the fee structure but have yet to receive it. Lessons will be at 9.30 on Mondays.