Dear Students, Parents/Carers & Staff,

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

This will be our last newsletter for the 2014 school year. Thank you to everyone for your continued support this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Mutarnee State School and I am so glad that I made the move this year. Like all teaching principal roles, it has had its challenges but the rewards of being the Principal at such a beautiful little school outweighs them. I will be leaving in Term 1 and will be Acting Principal at Garbutt State School but I look forward to working with you all again in Term 2. I am excited to announce that Mr Keith Poulter will be relieving me. Keith will be joining us from Oonoonba State School and is very excited about meeting you and working with you all next year.

To the students, I have had a wonderful year with fond memories of each and every one of you, the smiling faces, excitement of learning and respect you show for each other and the staff is exceptional. I am incredibly proud of the progress you have all made and how much each of you have grown in your own way.

To the parent community, the dedication and commitment that I see each year astounds me. The work that you all do to bring this wonderful school to life is extraordinary along with the passion you have for your child and their education.

To the staff, words cannot express my gratitude to you all. Your devotion to the students and their educational outcomes is out of this world. Thank you for all of the support you have given me.

To our volunteers, I have appreciated all of your assistance and support this year. Mutarnee is so lucky to have so many people so generous to donate their time and help this school. The school and I would be lost without you.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 Students, Corey and Jesse on finishing primary school. Thank you for your excellent leadership and we wish you every success in your future.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Travel safely if on the roads.

Kind regards,

Lydia Jamieson
Principal
STAFF

Mrs Brown
We would love to thank Mrs Brown for inspiring our future scientists and always creating exciting and engaging learning experiences.

Mrs Miko
Thank to Mrs Miko for teaching every Friday this year and for volunteering so much of your time to the education of the students at Mutarnee. You have made teaching so many grades so much more manageable and your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Berra
Thank you Mrs Berra for both of your roles here at Mutarnee. You are both the efficient administration officer and an exceptional teacher aide.

Mrs Burgess
Thank your Mrs Burgess for going above and beyond in your role of teacher aide. What you have achieved with all of the children is amazing especially the Prep and 1s. You should be so proud of your efforts.

Mrs Barry
Thank you to Mrs Barry who has been our wonderful teacher aide every Thursday. Mrs Barry works very hard to ensure that students are constantly engaged.

Mr Triffit
Thank you Mr Triffit for keeping our school buildings and grounds beautiful.

VOLUNTEERS

Bec Davy
I would like to thank Bec Davy who has accepted the role as Tuckshop Convener and has proved to be very capable as the P&C raised as massive $800+ from tuckshop. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Mrs Service
A huge thank you to Mrs Service for volunteering her time to work with the students here at Mutarnee. The students and staff absolutely adore Sonya and we have loved having you here every Thursday and Friday.

Ms Lennox
The 2014 school magazine looks amazing thanks to Simone. She is has invested an incredible amount of time and effort for this publication to exist. I have appreciated not only your support with the magazine but also so many jobs that you have helped me complete when volunteering your time. I would have been so stressed without you.

Mr & Mrs Zander
Thank you Mr & Mrs Zander for teaching religion to the students at Mutarnee. We have enjoyed your visits every Thursday.
NOTICES

Christmas Concert & Awards Ceremony
Our end of year Christmas Concert & Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 11th starting at 9:00am. The children will sing a few Christmas carols and we will have our academic and achievement awards. All families are invited to attend and are asked to bring along a plate of food to share. There will also be a special guest arriving. We will spend the remainder of the day with fun water play. Please dress children in full school uniform including shoes for the morning session. They can change for water play in the afternoon.

Water Play Afternoon
Students may bring water play equipment with them on Thursday. Water guns and play equipment is okay but water balloons are not permitted. Students may bring old clothes and thongs that they can change into for this wet play. They must be wearing shoes in the morning.

Secret Santa
Students and staff will be involved and will exchange gifts on Thursday 11th December. These gifts can be secretly placed under our Christmas tree any time from now.

Graduation Dinner
The Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held tonight from 6:30pm at the Bushland Beach Tavern.

2015 Booklist
The 2015 Booklist will be sent home with Report Cards.

Christmas Raffle
The P&C Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Thursday 11th of December. Tickets have been sent home and are $1 each. Please return any money and unsold tickets by Monday 8th December.

Report Cards
Semester 2 Report Cards will be issued on Thursday 11th December.

Clean Up Day
Friday 12th December is our designated Clean Up Day. All children will be cleaning furniture, rearranging classrooms and resources and preparing for our painting and carpet cleaning. If attending, children must remember to bring lunch as per usual. There will not be a lunch provided on this day. They also may wish to wear old clothes that are able to get dirty.

Board Game Day
Students are asked to bring along their favourite board games to play with each other on Wednesday 10th December.

School Watch & Grounds
The school grounds are not to be accessed over the holiday period. Families are asked to vigilant and keep an eye open for any suspicious activity. There will be painters and contractors painting the internal and external walls of Block B during the holidays.

2015 School Leader Elections and Induction
The new School Leaders will be elected in early 2015. This will be followed by their induction ceremony.

Summer Reading Club
The Hinchinbrook Shire Library is holding a Summer Reading Club. Please see flyers attached if interested.

School Magazine
The 2014 School Magazine will be given to each family on Thursday 11th December. This is our gift to you for your continued support throughout the year. Thank you again to Simone Lennox for doing such an exceptional job.

Enrolments for 2015
Enrolment for 2015 are being taken. Please see Nellie in the office for an enrolment pack.

Bags for Belongings
Just a reminded to send along shopping bags so that we can start sending home belongings.