Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

I’ve been informed that in 2014 I will be teaching Year 5 at Currajong State School, Townsville. While the decision to relinquish was a personal one, it was made with great sadness. I’ve been blessed to work with a dedicated team of staff, parents, carers and students throughout my four years at Mutarnee and I consider it a real honour to have played a small part in the educational and personal growth of your children. Being at the busy end of another hectic year, I’ve been able to put on hold thinking about final farewells. To all the members of the Mutarnee community, I would like to say thank you. In my 25 years in education I will always consider my time at Mutarnee to be the most rewarding in my teaching career. As a community we have continued to build on the values of a strong work ethic, being respectful to self and others, as well as being responsible for our own learning. When I reflect on my time here, I will always carry a large piece of Mutarnee with me, and I hope that a small piece of me stays with you as well.

On Monday 9th of December Lydia Jamieson will be visiting Mutarnee SS from 9am for a principal handover. At 10am parents and carers are invited to a morning tea to meet Lydia before the commencement of the 2014 school year. Please fill in the attached slip and return to school by Friday 29th of November.

P&C Meeting

The final P&C meeting for 2013 will be held this Thursday, starting at 1:30pm. All members of the school community are invited to attend so they can contribute to the direction of the P&C in 2014.
Wild Life Visit

Wild life carers will be visiting this Thursday, 21st of November, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Parents, carers and younger students are invited to join in with students from Mutarnee SS.

Year 7 Graduation

Rory Barry is our graduating student for 2013. To make his graduation memorable all parents, students and staff are invited to attend his graduation ceremony being held at the Ingham RSL on Thursday the 12th of December. If you would like to attend this event please contact the school by Friday the 29th of November so we can organise catering for the night. Time and cost is yet to be confirmed.

Swimming

We have had very positive feedback from students, parents/carers and staff regarding the swimming lessons at Rollingstone Caravan Beach Resort. It is clear to see that students are more confident in, and around, the water because their coaches are familiar to them. I would like to thank Robyn Miko, Kathy Barry, Sonya Service and Jane Miko for their support during the swimming lessons. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who travel in the convoy each Friday to swimming; it is quite an awesome sight. I’m sure Lynn Crisp won’t mind my adding that she has confidently overcome her fear of driving through boom gates – which she has had to endure every Friday.

Cowboys Winner

Congratulations to Cody Barry, Year 2 student, for winning the Cowboys Christmas card competition. Cody’s design will be used on their Christmas card for 2013. The prizes include:

Cody’s Prize

2013 team jersey with his name, and favourite number printed on the back
$100 Stockland gift card

School’s prize

framed signed 2013 framed & signed jersey
$400 Stockland gift card

Parent/Carer & Teacher Interviews

Interviews to discuss your child/childrens progress will be held from Tuesday 3rd of December to Friday 6th of December. Please indicate three (3) preference times on the attached sheet and return to school as soon as possible.

Secret Santa

Students and staff have the opportunity to participate in Secret Santa. The idea is that each person participating pulls out someone’s name from a hat and then spends $5 on them, before wrapping it up and sneaking it back under the school Christmas tree. On Thursday the 12th of December each students is given their gift and will try to guess who their secret Santa was. If you would like your family to participate please fill in the attached form and return to school by Friday 29th of November.

Carols by Glowlight

On Sunday the 8th of December students are invited to join in Christmas celebrations being held at the Rollingstone Community Hall. Students will be singing two songs on the night, which starts at 6pm.

As part of the science assessment students in Prep to Year 2 will construct a toy to moves by either pulling or pushing. We need students to bring in as many container lids as possible by next Thursday in the event that ‘wheels’ are needed.

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**Year 7 Graduation – Rory Barry**

My family will be attending the Year 7 graduation in 2013 being held at the Ingham RSL, starting at 6pm. There will be …………………………….. people attending.

………………………………………………………….. (Name)

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**Lydia Jamieson Morning Tea – 9th of December**

There will be …………………………….. (number) people joining in the morning tea being held on Monday 9th of December at Mutarnee SS to meet Lydia Jamieson, our 2014 school principal and teacher.

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**Secret Santa**

I would like my child/children to participate in Secret Santa this year. Please draw a name out for:

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Please send back this sheet as 1 x A4. There is no need to cut each permission slip. If you do not wish to participate in any of the above events, please leave blank.

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