Leader’s Report

I can’t believe that another school year is over. It certainly has been an interesting year with a number of highlights, in particular our specialist soccer programme and a couple of interesting moments. I would like to thank all members of the school community for your support and I look forward to working with you next year.

I would also like to publically acknowledge the great work our staff does for your ‘kids’. They are all a very dedicated group of professionals who have the students at heart.

I wish also to acknowledge our teachers who will be leaving us at the end of term. Megan Jane has been EALD teacher for terms 3 & 4, Mandy Hackett has been in the yr 1/2 class the past couple of years and Kipp Jones has been doing PE NIT for the past year. I wish them all good things! Special mention to Paul Taylor who sadly is leaving us after 4 years. Paul has been an integral part of re-shaping our culture and making our school the great place it is. Paul has won the Deputy Principals job at Paringa Park PS which is a great step in his career.

Class placements have all but been finalised. Letters will be sent home with reports. Lists will also be posted on the community notice board the week before students return to school. That date is Tuesday 27th January 2014.

OUR NEW BUS!

MERRY XMAS & HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN!
SCHOOL CONCERT - Heather Smith

Many thanks to everyone who supported our students’ learning by attending the school concert.

Items are student driven. I suggest and help but ultimately the item is up to them and they should be very proud of what they created and performed. I certainly felt very proud and privileged to be part of it.

Our local member of parliament Mrs Annabelle Digance with Mr Cox.

Pam Barrett with the school choir.

Reception class performing ‘Freeze’.

Year 1 / 2 class performing ‘Rain Is Falling’

Miss Zollo’s class performing ‘The Little King’

Junior Gym & Sport class performing ‘Happy’

Braxton showing what Gym Jets can do!

Pam’s class on the ‘drums’

Shaun & Harvey introducing the Senior Gym & Sport class item.

This was good practise for Shaun who is assisting in comparing the Thunderbirds Game on Thursday 4th Dec.
Grace & Gabby showing what gym girls can do.

Gym boys upside/down...again!

Yr. 7 class performing 'The Birdsville Monster' by Doug MacLeod

Yr. 7s proving that those lessons on the Hokey Pokey in Reception weren't wasted!

Grace proving that winning a gold medal in gym doesn't stop you from getting other awards.

Our other Year 7 award winners. What a buzz receiving this from our local member of parliament Mrs Annabelle Digance.

Thanks everyone for attending.

An important part of the night was saying farewell and a big THANK YOU to Tully Barnett who has worked tirelessly as Chair of our Governing Council over the last seven years.
Family Maths Challenge

I hope you have enjoyed solving the Maths Challenges from the Newsletters during this year.
Congratulations to all the students and families who have submitted their solutions.

Congratulations to Dee-Jaye Roach for correctly answering the riddler puzzle.

#13 Answer – Christmas Dinner
How did your family go with solving last time’s problem?
1. a) 10.45am
   b) 12.30pm
   c) 12.45pm
   d) 1.10pm
2. 11:00am

Enjoy your celebration dinners during the summer holidays!

School Fees 2015
At the start of November we polled regarding our Materials and Services fee for the specialist sports programs in 2015.

We are pleased to announce that the poll was successful and the fees for 2015 will be as follows:
Standard school fee: $229.00
GymJets program: $526.00
Specialist Sports Program: $376.00

All school fees will also be able to be paid by direct debit next year. The required paperwork will be sent out with your 2015 school invoice. Payment via Cash at the School and EFTPOS and School Card will also still be available. If you have any questions then please contact the school.

Regards
Andrea May
Finance Officer
Ascot Park Primary

KOKODA TRAIL
By Rosemarie Fermin (Yr 4)
On Thursday in week two, Rudi Kriek talked about the Kokoda Trail.
Firstly, he introduced himself and then he told us about who helped him and his group along the trail.
Next, he told us about a village that he went to. They were able to watch a welcome dance. Then he showed us a picture of an old man; he wasn’t just an ordinary man, he led a lot of soldiers in war. He was called a Fuzzy Wuzzy. After a few days of walking the Kokoda Trail they went to another village and they were welcomed with a dance. Rudi also showed us a boy climbing a big coconut tree to get some coconuts and he told us about his souvenirs. He said to us that the children there play with sticks and tyres. I liked the presentation and the coconuts and I enjoyed it.

Garden Club – Heather Smith

We had our last harvest of cherry tomatoes from the bushes you can see behind the group.

BASKET BALL GRAND FINAL – Kipp Jones
All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth!!” Do you remember this catchy title from a song written in 1944 by a teacher, Donald Gardner? Mr Gardner was asking his children in the grade 2 to tell him what they wanted for Christmas when he noticed that most of them were missing one or two front teeth and the song was born. It is normal for your first baby teeth to fall out and be replaced by adult teeth. However that is not so for all of us! No amount of singing that ditty was going to get me my two front teeth for Christmas. You see – I was born with two front teeth missing!

1. Everybody pauses and stares at me
   These two teeth are gone as you can see
   I don’t know just who to blame for this catastrophe!
   But my one wish on Christmas Eve is as plain as it can be!

Chorus:

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth,

my two front teeth, see my two front teeth!

Gee, if I could only have my two front teeth,

then I could wish you "Merry Christmas."

2. It seems so long since I could say,
   "Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"
   Gosh oh gee, how happy I’d be,
   if I could only whistle (thhhh, thhhh)

Repeat chorus

If this happened to me today I would embroiled in a big debate as to whether I should celebrate this difference which made me unique and do nothing, accept the difference or do something about it! Back in those days there were only two choices – accept it or remove all my teeth and replace them with an artificial set. Fortunately the dental industry was beginning to realise the vital importance of your natural teeth and so I accepted the situation as it was. By the time I became an adult the emerging dental technology allowed me to do something about it and I got my two new teeth! I was pleased as punch!

Unfortunately even new teeth do not last forever and I am now having to repeat the process all over again – do I celebrate it, accept it or do something about it?? Fortunately dental technology has developed once again to allow a solution to be found and I am excited about Christmas as I will get my two front teeth for the new year! I have learned that it is also not only about a nice smile but that keeping your teeth and gums healthy is essential for your overall health and well-being. So don’t forget your dental appointments!

I would like to thank you all for the chats and smiles that we have shared during this year! Best wishes to the Grade 7’s as they embark on new adventures next year. It has been fun and a privilege to watch you grow over the year.

Merry Christmas and have a great holiday,

Karen Tromans

CPSW