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#### **Calendar of Events**

Last Day for Lunch Orders
This Friday
11th December

Boardie/Ice-cream
Scoop Day
Tuesday 15th December

**Year 6 Graduation**Wed 16th December

Metro Cinemas Grade 3/4

Thursday 17th December

Last Day Term 4, 2015 Friday 18th December 1.30pm finish

Wednesday 27th January 2016 Office open for payments and supply pick up

School Starts
Thursday 28th
January 2016—9am

Lunch orders recommence on Friday 12th Feb 2016

**Senior Swimming**Mon 1st Feb—Fri 12th Feb

**Curriculum Day** Friday 26th February

School Photos Monday 21st March 2016



**WE ARE** winding up as the year is rapidly coming to a close. We were only going to have one assembly next week but I did forget that the PFA need to have the Christmas Raffle drawn, ergo, there will be 2! We will NOT BE HAVING an assembly on Monday as PFA will draw the raffle on WEDNESDAY and winners will be notified!!!! Next week's assembly is to be held at 12.45 on **FRIDAY 18**<sup>TH</sup> **DECEMBER 2015**.

We had a busy one on Monday morning, with lots of awards, special mentions and students Tameika and Amy showing us their special medals. We enjoy having the kids highlighted in this way and are happy to have more in 2016.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made last Friday the fabulous night that it was. It is so nice to get the positive feedback, face to face, on social media and through phone calls. The students really enjoyed themselves and manage much better without a high level of organisation imposed on them. We couldn't have asked for the night to be any better so thank you one and all.

WE HAVE (in the past couple of weeks) invited any and all students to enter the 'Wattleview's Got Talent' show (I also mentioned it at assembly a couple of weeks ago). We were going to audition, shortlist and then provide an opportunity for the performers to share their talents. However, it all got bigger than Ben Hur so we decided to let anyone who was keen, participate in the show. We said that the criteria was to be planned and well organised. We are going to host this extravaganza (very low key) on Friday  $11^{TH}$  between 12.00 - 1.30pm. It is just another way for students to express themselves creatively, so if you want to come and have a look, you are most welcome.

STAFF READ a lot of information as part of their professional reading and we often share articles etc that we have found. One of our staff recently suggested we read an article on resilience and I thought it was well worth passing on. We are moving to the time of the year whereby children are moving to new schools/grades/teachers/student groups and they need to have a number of skills to deal with these transitions and changes. We also have a number of young people who nominated for student leader roles for 2016 and they are anxiously awaiting the outcome. The difficulty of course is that there are far more nominations than positions so there will be disappointment. This is true for many aspects of life (many of us have gone for jobs and have been unsuccessful, but we have the tools to deal with it) it is our collective responsibility to ensure that young people are resilient and confident so that setbacks can be confronted and dealt with. The following is an excerpt from the article that was passed on. If you want the full article, just do a search using "get grit Jenny Anderson" and you should be able to find it.

Jenny Anderson

December 02, 2015

Research shows that resilience, or the ability to recover from adversity, is critical. It is a stronger predictor of graduating from high school, reaching the final rounds of the National Spelling Bee, and remaining in the US Special Forces than IQ, standardized achievement test scores, and physical fitness.

It's importance has been heralded on both sides of the Atlantic. Last year in Britain, a cross-party parliamentary report, the Character and Resilience Manifesto (pdf), concluded that schools needed to give character and resilience significantly more emphasis and that the country's schools watchdog, Ofsted, should measure and report on both.

In the US, author Paul Tough made the case that grit is the key element kids needed to succeed at both ends of the socio-economic spectrum in his book How Children Succeed. More recently, teacher and author Jessica Lahey argued that we need to let kids fail, in part so they can build some resilience, or coping skills.

**WE HAD** some disappointing news that on the weekend the garage was broken into. Thanks to Cathy Strichow, Marg Robert and Narelle Tate the problem was quickly rectified, the graffiti cleaned up and nothing stolen. However, the irritating part is that the vandals used our paint to paint their graffiti! Hopefully it is a one off event!!

**WE ARE FINISHING** AT 1.30 on FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> so please note that in your diaries.

**REPORTS GO HOME** on Monday.

**GRADUATION** is next Wednesday.

Have a good weekend.

Elaine

#### PERMISSION FORMS/ PAYMENTS DUE

Grade 6 Hoodie 2016—payment of \$60.00 due by Wednesday 17th December 2015 Metro Cinemas Grade 3 & 4— payment of \$7.00 due by Friday 11th December Senior Swimming payment of \$130.00 due by Friday 29th January 2016

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

CASH
INTERNET BANKING - BSB 033-326 ACCOUNT NO—300047
EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

# FOR DECEMBER

**Brayden K** 

Rhys H

Aidyn B

**Peyton W** 

**Cooper W** 

Alana M

Max C

Paige S

Jaiden B

Elyse A

**Dylan M** 

Chelsea D

**Hayley C** 

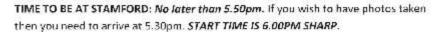
Alana L

Kerri Z

Tyler M



#### GRADUATION REMINDER.





ENTRY: Please ensure you have you tickets with you- they will be collected at the door.

**DRESS CODE:** No thongs or clothes with rips or tears in them. If girls are wearing tops or dresses with shoestring straps, shoulders must be covered for the presentation part of the evening.

PHOTOS: Photos taken on the night will be available for sale from 9.30pm onwards.

**PICK UP TIME: 10.00pm from Inside the Macarthur Room.** If your child is going home with someone other than family, their teacher needs to be informed prior to the night. Graduation bears and other items on their tables need to also go home at this point.

**AT END OF PRESENTATION AT 7.00PM APPROXIMATELY:** We would be grateful of help to stack chairs and move tables into position. Please take your child's graduation pack with you as you leave to ensure its safety.

Thanking you

Karen, Andrew B, Andrew H

## SICK BAY ROSTER TERM 4, 2015

Thank you to all families that have helped with washing the linen in Sickbay





#### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

We have **EXTENDED the return date to Wednesday 16th December.** Don't forget to get your raffle tickets in so you can go in the draw for some great prizes.

If you don't have any just ask at the office and they will be able to help you.

Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Some of the prizes that you can win are.

Hamper

Libby Lou Settlebear

**Cupcake Tower** 

Throw Rug

Gingerbread Tree

Precious Repairs Voucher

**Christmas Pudding** 

**Christmas Stockings** 

and more

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