Principal’s Report

Well the end of another school year is upon us and we have good reason to celebrate our achievements in 2014. At our presentation day today we recognised the outstanding efforts of students across a range of academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. I congratulate our award recipients but reiterate once again that each and every one of our fabulous kids has made a positive contribution to our school in their own unique way.

We also announced our new captains and vice captains for 2015 (listed below) and I know they will represent our school with pride, as did their predecessors.

Huge thanks must go to our outstanding team of teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. We welcome some new faces to the team although our core group of staff remains largely unchanged. Next year we bid farewell to Mrs Sampson and Mrs Hedley who are taking time off for the birth of their first babies, and we wish them both all the best. They will be replaced by Mrs Pearce who is joining us from Fassifern PS and Mr Britt from Fennel Bay PS. Ms Kelly is also leaving us and will be replaced by Miss Gorton on the MC class. As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, Miss Bullivant is also joining our teaching staff in place of Mrs Stallard. There will be other minor changes in 2015, but by and large it will be business as usual. At the same time we will continue to provide the same high standard of teaching and learning in the classroom which we know is essential for quality educational outcomes and happy kids.

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 class of 2014 heading off to their respective high schools all the best. During the excitement of their hectic last two weeks of primary school they have conducted themselves with maturity and respect and I commend them for that. Your new School Captains & Vice Captains for 2015 are:

Alana G (Captain)   Cayleb L (Captain)   Lakota O’N (V.Captain)   Riley T (V.Captain)

PBL focus for this week…..

Dunkley says  
“I am a Safe, Respectful, Learner!”

PBL Award Recipients

This week PBL awards were presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in our three core areas of "Safety, Respect and Learning". The following students received awards this week.

- K/1E: Saige H, Angel J & Jacob M
- K/1S: Jorja R & Jazmin B
- 2H: Chloe McE & Jake F
- 3/4/5P: Donte J, Kailin D & Kian N
- 5/6S: Isis Egypt B, Alex M & Jasmine F
- K/6K: Brendan D

Carols on the Green!

Despite having to quickly revert to plan B during the storms, last Friday night’s Carols on the Green was a big hit with our local community. A huge thank you to our marvelous P&C who did a fabulous job organizing the event, Mrs Michalak who coordinated the class items and choir, the Sing Australia Choir who performed beautifully and to you the residents of Mount Hutton who continue to support our local school.

URGENT NOTICE

Friday 12 December will be the last day the canteen will be open for this year. The canteen will not be open AT ALL next week. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch from home everyday next week. Thank you for your support in 2014.
**Important Dates to Remember**

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**Urgent Reminders**

- Last day of trading for the canteen this year will be tomorrow Friday 12 Dec.
- Overdue Accounts - All overdue accounts need to be finalised NOW! If you have any outstanding accounts, swimming or camp they need to be finalised NOW.
- All library books are now overdue and need to be returned ASAP.
- Mount Hutton OOSH and Vacation Care will be operating these holidays. Contact OOSH via their website [www.mounthuttonoosh.com](http://www.mounthuttonoosh.com) to make a booking.
- No parking or dropping off/picking up in the school car park unless you have written permission.
- Canteen closed all next week.

**Library News**

Please return all loans to the library this week. Thank you to the students who have already returned their books. The class who returned all their books and the winner of the class prize was K/1T. Congratulations this was an outstanding effort! Thank you to all the library monitors who have helped in the library this year. These students give up their time to help and they do a fantastic job! Their hard work is much appreciated.

**Canteen News**

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**P&C News**

Another year is coming to an end so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our lovely volunteers who have helped us in the canteen and at all of our events over the year. Our annual Christmas teacher and volunteer dinner is on next Monday 15 December at 6.30pm at the Lake Macquarie Tavern. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see you all next year.

Kym Holland

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open next Monday 15 December from 2.15pm until 2.55pm. A uniform order form will be sent home tomorrow with your child. Uniforms that have been ordered can be picked up on Tuesday 27 January 2015 from 10am till 1pm.

**IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS**

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too. You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html).

Have a safe holiday break!