Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Thank you again for taking the time to read the important updates from school via our Newsletter. We are certainly in the home stretch now with only two more weeks of school left before our December/January holiday break. Our expectations are still set high during this time and we look forward to seeing students at school every day up until school finishes by 3pm on Friday 11th December. Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent at any time as all late arrivals, absences and early departures from school must be tracked and must be explained by parents. Your co-operation here is appreciated.

2016 Teacher & Class Allocations – we will start 2016 with seven (7) classroom teachers including three Lower Primary (Prep to Yr. 2) teachers, two Middle Primary (Yr. 3/4) teachers and two Upper Primary (Yr. 5/6) teachers.

Teacher allocations for next year will begin as follows:
Lower Primary (Prep to Yr. 2) – Karen Edwards (Prep), Jess Ford & new teacher Lexie Quinn both on Yr. 1/2.
Middle Primary (Yr. 3/4) – Annika Crombie & new teacher Sarah Middleton both on Yr. 3/4.
Upper Primary (Yr. 5/6) – Lauren Mudge & new teacher Emily Harris both on Yr. 5/6.

Departing Staff – Emma Morgan will be taking leave for all of 2016 and Jacqui Craft is transferring to Brisbane at the end of 2015. We thank both these ladies for their input into our school and wish them well in the future. Jacqui Woods will move into a Local Relieving Teacher (LRT) role in 2016 and will work across all three Blackwater Schools to help manage the lack of available replacement teachers. We look forward to having Jacqui working in our school whenever possible in 2016.

Final staffing arrangements will be determined by student attendance from Day 1 2016 though to the end of February 2016. So in order for us to be able to count your child in the Day 8 Official Count that finalises our 2016 staffing you child needs to be attending school from Day 1, Wednesday 27th January 2016 and remain in regular attendance until at least Monday 29th February. If for any reason your child may not be attending during this time please notify the office, without an authorised absence reason this may affect teacher numbers for 2016. If you meet someone new to town, advocate for our school as any increase in the number of students we predict for 2016 is welcomed.

2015 Swimming Carnival – Monday 7th December will see us meet at Blackwater pool for our annual Swimming Carnival. All students from Prep to Yr. 6 will have opportunities to take part in this year’s carnival. A separate note will outline what times students will be participating etc. so that parents can take the opportunity to come along and support our students as they enjoy a day to culminate the efforts of their Term 4 swimming program. We look forward to seeing you at the pool!

Annual Awards Assembly – our Annual Awards Assembly will take place on Wednesday 9th December from 9am in the school hall. This will be an opportunity for parents, students and staff to come together with other members of the school community to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of our students from Prep through to Yr. 6. There will be a number of awards presented to students in each Year level including – Academic Excellence Award, Encouragement Award, Music Award, Sports Award, Attendance Awards and LOTE (Japanese) Award for students in Yr. 5 onwards. At this Assembly our students will also be performing a class number. We will also be able to make a student ‘guard of honour’ for our Graduating students to walk through as a final acknowledgement of the Primary School part of their educational journey being completed. I look forward to your participation in this assembly.

Prep 2016 Orientation Days – If your child was born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 then your child is eligible for Prep in 2016. Come along and participate in our Prep 2016 Orientation Days with some great hands-on activities that will help get your child set on their school journey. Each session will explore aspects of key learning areas, though stimulating and engaging activities. Children and their parents will have the opportunity to get to know our school staff and existing students in a safe and supportive environment. We look forward to seeing you from 9am to 12pm on the following dates in the Pre-Prep classroom opposite our Prep classroom in D Block:

- Thursday, 26 November
- Monday, 30 November
- Wednesday 2nd December

I will be taking some leave from Thursday 26th November through to Friday 4th December and during this time Megan Rauchle will be Acting Principal. I look forward to spending the last week of Term 4 together with our wonderful school community before our annual Christmas holiday break.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
**Mutual Respect Award**

**Congratulations**

**Dianthe Lammermoor—Gibson & Hannah King**

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**P & C Association News**

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the P & C throughout 2015. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated and it all helps to reach our goals.

As the year draws to a close, we would like you as a parent to consider taking on a role in the P&C next year. At this stage all positions are open. Without a P & C committee there will be no Tuckshop or vital funding to help support the school next year. We will keep you posted as to when the AGM will be held. It is definitely a rewarding opportunity to work closely with the school for the better of our children. Remember many hands make light work.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be closed on the last week of school.

From Tuesday 01st December until the end of the term only cash sales will be accepted for the purchase of uniforms.

**Delivery of Mangoes**

Mangoes will be delivered on Wednesday the 2nd December. The time of delivery is still to be appointed. We have extra trays for sale so to avoid delivery day disappointment order now. Pick up times will be posted on Facebook and via text message for those who have left their mobile number. Thank you for your support.

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**Pre Prep 2015**

Pre Prep Orientation Days has begun with over 30 pre prep students enjoying an introduction to their formal school career.

Students along with their parents and carers, engaged in pre-literacy concepts though hands-on activities and modelled reading. They also engaged in pre-maths activities and enhanced their oral language and their cooperative and problem solving skills, through interactive learning stations.

If you have a child or know of a child who is looking for quality learning in a safe, caring and supportive environment, we extend an invitation for you to join us in our remaining Orientation and Pre-Prep sessions, 9am-12pm on the following days:

- Thursday, 26 November
- Monday, 30 November
- Wednesday, 02 December

We look forward to seeing you!!!

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**Tuckshop News**

A reminder that the Tuckshop operates from Tuesday to Friday and does not operate on Monday's.

The Tuckshop will closed on Friday 11th December, which is the last day of term. Thank you to all of the helpers and donations of baked goods throughout 2015.

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**Library News**

A big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the library throughout the year, and we are looking forward to working with you again next year.

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**Library Returns**

There are a number of students who have not returned their library books from earlier in the year. We would appreciate it if you could help your child/children locate the book/s. If you cannot find the book/s could you please let the Library know by either a telephone call or a letter. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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**School Banking**

School Banking has been finalised for 2015. Thank you to Donna Hodgson for her assistance with the school banking.

We would like to welcome Maxine Ohl as our new volunteer School Banking Coordinator. We appreciate Maxine taking on this role and supporting our students.
## Dates to Remember

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## Birthdays

- 28 Nov Tyrell Kenzig
- 01 Dec Liam Harvey
- 06 Dec Cohan Trigg
- 13 Dec Khloe Williams
- 14 Dec Max Collins
- 15 Dec Tahlia Scales
- 15 Dec Emmanuel Morgan
- 19 Dec Jodie Walters
- 20 Dec Montana Partridge
- 27 Dec Estralata Bowman
- 27 Dec Ethan Richardson
- 29 Dec Cooper Ellis

## SKATE PARK SUPPORT

Community members are actively trying to raise support to build another Skate Park in Blackwater. A petition has been left at the school office for students and parents to sign.

It is also been asked if students could write a short letter to the Central Highlands Regional Council and submit it to the local office. Please support this local endeavour.

The initiative comes after the demolition of the skate park on the PCYC grounds due to safety reasons this month.

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## Come One, Come All to a Magical Show

An afternoon filled with FUN, LAUGHTER & ENJOYMENT

**WHEN:** Sunday 29th November, 2015

**TIME:** 3-5pm

**WHERE:** Blackwater Civic Centre

**Ticket Prices:**
- Family of Four (2 Adults & 2 Children): $20
- Adult: $10
- Child: $5

Tickets available Wednesdays & Thursdays from the Uniting Church, Cookinbah Street between 2:30 - 5:30.

Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door on the day of the concert.

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## Wesfarmers Curragh - Here for the Community

Curragh is committed to the development of a strong, healthy and vibrant community and through its Community Contribution Program looks to support these organisations that make a difference in our community.

Applications for the fourth round of funding from Curragh’s Community Contribution Program are now open with applications for funding and in-kind support welcome from local clubs, groups and not-for-profit organisations.

For information on the program and how to apply visit our website:

Applications for the fourth round of funding close on Friday, 6th November 2015.

See More. Be More


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