FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final newsletter for 2014. Once again I want to thank you, the staff and of course, our wonderful students for a great year.

We held 2 Kindergarten Orientation Days last week. We welcome little Ruby who you can see working with Milly on a Maths task last Friday. Our final Orientation Day is this Friday morning.

And as the year draws to a close…

THANK YOU to Eliza for cooking a load of sushi/nori rolls last week for our 'canteen' and THANK YOU to Karla who volunteered her time to prepare the hot dogs, croissants, and 'bag' the orders. This proved to be an enjoyable activity for everyone who participated in the ordering from our unofficial canteen. Between the mufti day just over a week ago, and the canteen day last Friday, the senior girls have calculated that we have made $70.45 towards the cost of the musical that we will be presenting next week.

THANK YOU to Kathy, Sarah, Aimee, Karla and Ms Austin for taking our children to the Author and Illustrator Day at Wyrallah PS last Thursday. By all accounts it was an enjoyable day and a great opportunity to join with another small school to see their learning environment.
THANK YOU to all the many parents who intend to transport their own / plus some other children, to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Excursion, this coming Thursday. We should all meet at the Currumbin Sanctuary entrance at 9:30am (Qld time) ready to enter. We have booked the educational centre at 10am so it is important that everyone is there on time. Please ensure your child/ren has a **hat, sensible closed in shoes and sunscreen** as the weather is predicted to be over 30 degrees at this stage.

Should the forecast change and the weather be totally unsuitable, school will be on as normal. I will contact parents by 8am our time (NSW) if the excursion needs to be postponed. Parents should be aware that if they want to purchase their tickets earlier, (rather than at the gate) you can go to [www.cws.org.au](http://www.cws.org.au/)

THANKS to Kristie for this information. THANK YOU to the P&C who are funding the student participation in this excursion. Please be reminded that the student insurance held by our P&C now covers ambulance in Qld, should any of our students need it on Thursday.

THANK YOU to Anne who has been offering our students private guitar and ukulele tuition this past 6 months. This has been taken up by many of our students and has assisted in musical understanding and learning.

THANK YOU to Don, Ms Winfield and Sarah for assisting with the transport to our **dress rehearsal on Wednesday this week at the Bright Horizons Childcare Centre**. We are looking forward to performing for the ‘little ones’ and showcasing the talents of our students. **Each child should please bring a pair of denim shorts to school to wear with their Tshirt costumes. If your child does not have denim, please send in black shorts. We ARE hoping that they will all have denim shorts, or be able to borrow a pair if need be.**

THANK YOU to Aimee, Eliza and Sarah who have all assisted in sewing our end of year costumes for the production of the **Noble Gnarble next week**. Weather permitting, this will be in the shed, starting at around 3pm on Tuesday. Prior to that we will hold our end of year assembly and awards. **This will start at 2 pm.** There will be a short break between the officialdom of the assembly and the presentation of our musical. During this time (10-15 mins), we hope that parents can bring a **slice/cake/savoury plate to share** and have a cup of tea or coffee or cool drink, while the students change into their costumes.

Your child/ren should be bringing their **end of year reports home on Friday** this week. As usual, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with any or all of the teachers re your child’s progress if you would like to discuss the report further or you would like more information.

Finally, THANK YOU to everyone for making our little school such a pleasant place to be. Fernleigh PS is truly a very special place and that is because of all the terrific support of all the families involved.

As usual, this time of year we are working on the **Annual School Report** and we need your feedback. I have sent 2 forms home - 1 about **School Culture** and the other asking for your feedback on **English** in the school. Please take a little time to complete both surveys and return to school by Friday this week. I appreciate that we are all busy, but the school wants to know your opinion about how we are going and to help set some targets for next year.

We’re looking forward to another successful year in 2015.

Dawn Douglas
Principal

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North Coast Region

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