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Dear parents and carers,

Well another year draws to a close, all too fast for my liking. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been of assistance in the school throughout the past year, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

What a wonderful presentation night. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and not too many itchy heads on the way home. The students out did themselves. The dance and play went off without a hitch. And how well did the students behaved during the more formal part of the evening? You should be very proud of yourselves.

Being the end of the year also brings some sadness. The school will be saying farewell to the year six students. I have enjoyed their company this year and wish them well for the future. It will certainly be a different school without them, but in saying that they are definitely ready to move on to bigger things.

We also said goodbye to Ms Steele last Friday. She was an excellent help in the classroom and also on the play night. I'm sure that the infants class in particular will miss her. I wish her the best of luck for the future and am sure that she will make an excellent teacher one day.

Just a few house keeping bits;

First day back for teachers is Friday 27th January

All students (inc. Kindies) Monday 30th January

Please ensure any outstanding documents (mainly for Kindies) are returned with your child on the first day back.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable break. I wish you a merry Christmas, a happy and safe new year

Have a good holiday and drive safely

Jo Boland

Principal

Infants News

As the term draws to an end it is time to reflect back on all of the extra things that have kept us busy over the past few weeks...

Swimming – cold and wet!!!!

Presentation Evening – After lots of hard work and weeks of rehearsals the night finally arrived! And what a night it was! The children all performed beautifully and were a credit to the school! Well done, guys! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!



Miss Steele – Miss Steele finished her four week practicum at the end of last week. We appreciated all of the hard work that she did during her time here and we were very sad to see her go. We wish her the best of luck for her future career as a teacher.



Clean up – For the past two days the infants' class have been having a major tidy up of the classroom. All of their books and belongings were sent home on Wednesday.

It is at this point that I would like to personally thank all of the staff, children and parents who have made my transition into Stratford Public School such an easy one. I have felt welcomed and accepted from the very first day that I arrived. It is a pleasure to work with such a great group of children and staff.

I would like to wish all of the year 6 children the best of luck for their high school career. I leave them with this quote:

'By not trying too hard, we avoid learning what our true potential is, and having to fulfil it. Doing our best can be deeply threatening. It forces us to consider what we're actually capable of accomplishing. Once we learn the lesson we can't unlearn it. Our true potential becomes a shining light we can follow...' Farson and Keyes

To conclude I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday!

See you all again in 2012.

Mrs Hughes

Primary News

During this past fortnight we have been finishing off tasks that have not been completed, as well as play practice. So it has been quite a busy time.

I've heard comments from the year 6 students, reminiscing about; this will be the last time we get to do this or I'm going to miss this. But when I asked about how the orientation went, there were comments like; it was great, can't wait to get there and the most popular one of all was—there was so much bubblegum under the desk and heaps of spit balls on the roof! Good to see high school hasn't changed a bit!

Anyway it will definitely be a lot more quiet in the primary class next year. Looking forward to that!

Ms Boland.



Library Day - Thursday

Stratford School participates in Holiday Reading is Rad each year, so all students have received free kits that include magazines, a reading diary, bookmarks and stickers. The aim of the Holiday Reading is Rad project is to encourage adults and family members to read with their children each day of the holidays to prevent summer fall-off in reading skills. So please go through the RAD Bag with your child and see what they have. And remember to Read, Read ,Read, even the older students love to have stories read to them.

Have a lovely safe Christmas

Teacher/Librarian

Tina Robinson

Office News

Week 10 of Term 4 2011 and I cannot believe how quickly the year has flown past. I have enjoyed being with you at Stratford P.S. this year and I will see you all again in Term 1 2012.

What a hectic last couple of weeks we have had. I hope the Year 6's got a little taste of what High School will be like next year and are excited if not a little nervous, it certainly is the next 'Big Step' in your lives!

Presentation Night was a huge success. I was very lucky to have avoided any sight or sound of the 'Nit' play during the term and I thoroughly enjoyed the performance. What a fantastic job all the students did and each suited their part perfectly. It was very funny and us older people loved the musical accompaniment throughout the performance. It brought back many memories of watching The Benny Hill Show with my parents as a child, I wanted to get up and 'chase' also when that tune came on.

There were many happy and excited students on the night and it is always so good to see children rewarded for their hard work and achievements throughout each year. Well done to everybody.

Thank you to the P & C for the beautiful flowers, I am very appreciative of your kind and generous thoughts.

To year 6, I wish you the best of luck and success when you start High School in 2012 and to all the rest of the students have a great Christmas Holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

To the wonderful teaching and support staff, P & C and community members I thank you for all of your support and kindness this year, I have certainly enjoyed every day of being here.

I wish everybody and very safe and Happy Christmas, enjoy the break, be safe and I will see you next year.

Mrs. Waters

Attached to this weeks newsletter:

- Manning-Great Lakes Waterwatch Update



P&C Notice

Presentation Night Winners

Christmas Hamper: First– Trish; second– Andy Ryll; third– Connor; fourth– Connor; fifth– Matt Turnbull.

100s Club: Jack

2012 Dates

Next Meeting: Monday 20 February 6.30pm

AGM: Monday 19 March 6.30pm. In 2012 we need a to form a new P&C Committee. The positions that need to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We also need volunteers to help cook for healthy canteen.

Canteen Dates Term 1 2012: Canteen will be run on Mondays- 13 February, 27 February and 12 March, 26 March. Please let Dani (65588119) know if you can volunteer for recess and/or lunch preparation on one of these days.

Week 2

Monday 30 January

- All students return to school
- Music

Tuesday 31 January

Wednesday 1 February

Thursday 2 February

Friday 3 February

Week 3

Monday 6 February

Tuesday 7 February

Wednesday 8 February

Thursday 9 February

Friday 10 February

Summer fire safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf



It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start. Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.

Orientation information

Monday 5 December was the official Orientation Day for Year 6 students around the state. This is one of many opportunities your Year 6 child can be introduced to the high school environment.

During the holidays, have a look at the great information on the School A to Z website about starting high school and what to expect in the senior years. You'll find a wealth of tips and hints about moving up to high school, including a vodcast you can watch together at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

You can also download a handy high school checklist at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php