



# WAKOOL BURRABOI PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
TERM 4 – WEEK 11  
MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012

## Upcoming Events TERM 4 2012

17th December  
Presentation Night

18th December  
3/4/5/6 Swimming  
Bowling, Pizza- Echuca

19th December  
Last Day – Students

Santa Visit 10.30 a.m.



## Hello to everyone in Wakool Burraboi's Learning Community

Congratulations to our Year 6 students, who celebrated their graduation from primary school with a special farewell dinner last Wednesday. It was a wonderful evening with parents and staff joining with the year 6 students to celebrate the end of their primary school years. The student's actions on the night displayed a sense of respect and understanding of others and certainly the manner in which they dressed and presented themselves for the evening showed that they had also acquired a sense of an important occasion. This certainly made me as Principal extremely pleased but must also make you as community members, parents, or as past or present teachers, proud of the children's efforts. John Paul and Des'Lea did a special job of setting up and decorating, they created a lovely atmosphere. A big thank you to the wonderful helpers in the kitchen, Mrs Rose Landini, Ms Kate Pitt and Nikita Lowry the meals were presented beautifully and we loved Mrs Heywood's Donna Hay inspired cones. Thank you to Nikita for creating the special slide show and Mrs Mathers for collecting the photos, Vicky for making such a beautiful cake, Miss Biti for keeping us healthy with a Greek salad, Alex Bracken for sharing his music talents to another Yr 6 farewell, Mrs Sue McMillan for her lovely words about our senior students, and Anne & Chelsea for donating and cooking the yummy curly fries.

As a part of the school's Assessment Schedule, Semester 2 student reports were handed out last Friday. The reports provide a summary of your child's progress this year in key learning areas, as well as comments of their development, both socially and culturally. Importantly also the report indicates the effort your child is putting into their learning. As always if you wish to discuss your child's progress please don't hesitate to contact the school. Happy reading!

I would like to formally share some staffing news and announce that Mrs Roslyn Buchanan has transferred into our school as a permanent teacher. Mrs Buchanan is a Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) teacher trainer, kindergarten Best Start teacher consultant and very experienced infants teacher. Mrs Buchanan will be teaching the K-2 class in 2013. Mrs Buchanan will be relocating to our district with her husband who has accepted the Assistant Principal position at Barham High School.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank Miss Biti for her contributions to our school. She has had a lovely positive influence on her young and very impressionable students. In 2012, Cassie has undertaken Reading Recovery style teaching Professional Development and is currently completing her NSW Teacher Accreditation. Miss Biti has had a wonderful year on the K-2 class and enjoyed teaching the infants. We look forward to still seeing Miss Biti lots in 2013.

We also wish Mrs McGowan much happiness in her new appointment as the welfare teacher at Kerang Primary School. Mrs McGowan, the school has benefited from your expertise in Sport, Health, Personal Development and Physical Education.

Our Annual Presentation Day Ceremony will be held this Monday evening, 17th of December at the Wakool Hall commencing at 7pm. The children will be walking down to the hall after recess to set up and practise the program. This process is particularly important for our Yr 6 school leaders. The students will be having a very special treat in the park after lunch, this is a surprise as all students completed the homework challenge this Term in week 9. Miss Biti and I look forward to letting the children have lunch in the park rather than school. Vicky, will kindly bring any canteen orders down to the park and children who have brought in lunch will carry it down after recess. Delena Gaffney, our music teacher from South West Music will be directing a singing rehearsal in the afternoon. We will all walk back to school at 2.45 so that students will be there in time for buses.

On Tuesday the 17th of December the 3/4/5/6 class will be visiting the Echuca heated pool for swimming lessons and a reward. The students will be going bowling and having a pizza lunch. We are thrilled to announce all senior students are able to attend the after swimming celebrations due to exemplary behaviour. The 3-6 class have written some very insightful 'did you know facts' in the 3/4/5/6 class report after their last visit.

To finish at this time of year, I will use someone else's wise words. 'Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for kindness, forgiveness, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself... - Norman Wesley Brooks, "Let Every Day Be Christmas," 1976

Have a lovely Christmas break, take care, be grateful and take the opportunity to smell the roses.

*Early Doyle*  
Principal

## Presentation Night

Please have children at the Wakool Hall by 6.50pm tonight. Children should be neat and tidy in full school uniform, having already had dinner. Could each family please bring something to share for supper.

## Books

It would be appreciated if all families could please have a hunt for school readers and any library books that may have been misplaced at home throughout the year. All books need to be returned by Wednesday.

## Artwork

Just a reminder that the Kath Powderly clay fish and geckos can be purchased for \$15 each and collected from the school.

The 3/4/5/6 individual lolly canvases are also available to be purchased at \$40.

# If I met Santa....'

*If I met Santa the 5 questions I would ask him are.*

- 1. How do you live in the North Pole because the North Pole is made up of tiny frozen islands?*
- 2. Do you speak Russian because you live so close to Russia?*
- 3. Approximately how tall are elves?*
- 4. How do you remember or read through the list to remember who is naughty or nice?*
- 5. Is it hard to decide who is naughty?*

*By Kasey McClay*

## Pets for Christmas

*Pets are not the best Christmas present if they are not given by your mother or father. Because you may not particularly want it, have time to care for it or know how to look after it properly. It might cause allergic reactions to you or who you live with and make a mess of your home. If you want to go on holiday or move and start new you have to revolve it around your pet too.*

*By Kasey McClay*

## Year 6 Graduation



## 3/4/5/6 Class Report

Last Monday the senior students went to the Echuca pool for swimming, they learnt lots of new skills and wanted to share them with you.

Did you know...

Des lea - Did you know... when you float on your back with a kick board you have to stare straight up so you float, if you look to the side you sink.

Bridie - Did you know... to float with a kick board correctly you must lay on your back and have a smile under your chin - not a frown (there is a curve in the kick board).

BJ - Did you know... when you dive you need to dive diagonally.

Samual - Did you know... that the Echuca pool is heated and you can swim in it in winter.

Kasey - Did you know... the swimming instructors name was Jordy at the Echuca swim centre.

Felicity - Did you know... when you are kicking you need to have straight legs so you don't sink.

Jana - Did you know... the Echuca pool is one giant pool divided into two sections.

Will - Did you know... when you float on your back in the water you can hear the jets.

Rhiannon - Did you know... the Echuca pool does water aerobics, it looked fun.

John Paul - Did you know...when you do backstroke your pinky finger must enter the water first

Steele - Did you know...when you do backstroke your arms have to brush against your earlobes

Darcy - Did you know...never dive with your hands pointing down

Leonard - Did you know... in swimming lessons we are divided into two groups.

# Wakool Christmas Carols

In the Park next to the Hall

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30 P.M.

Sausage Sizzle  
Ice Cream  
Visit from Santa

BYO Chair

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# Kids In the Kitchen

Week Ten

Term Four



## CHRISTMAS TREATS



The last Kids in the Kitchen had a festive feel to it. We were up to sweets in the menu - so what better thing to do than make Christmas Treats.

Each group used the food processor to crush the biscuits. We think that this appliance may be the next thing we purchase for KIK - because Mrs. Mathers' one is holding together with super-glue!

was taken and there was little keenness for this to happen. Instead we opened a packet for a taste test. We hope that your families enjoyed the sweet treat. Merry Christmas to all and we look forward to KIK in 2013.



In the morning session the Senior Class constructed Mini Trifles in tall glasses. They looked great as we could see the layers clearly!

Miss Doyle, Kelly and Mrs. Mathers assisted with the mixing and rolling.

Next we had a whole School Cooking session. The students worked in groups to make batches of Rum Balls that were later packaged up and adorned with festive dec-

The smell of coconut filled the room as the balls were rolled in the snow like ingredient.

The Rum Balls were to be decorated with glazed cherries, however, a vote



SPICIL POINTS OF INTEREST!



Each Family has special food they have only at Christmas. Rum balls may become your family favourite!



You can add Imitation rum essence to your Rum Balls



You can use fruit juice as a substitute for sherry in Trifle



Use seasonal fruit in you Trifle or frozen berries if out of season

