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**Special Scripture Christmas Presentation**

On Wednesday 2nd December the Catholic and Protestant scripture groups will be combining for a Special Christmas Assembly. High School students from Kuyper Christian School will be presenting a play and singing several songs. Students who attend Bahai or Non-Scripture have been given a permission note to attend, which needs to be returned to school before 2nd December.

Parents have also been invited to attend the presentation which commences at 12.30pm.

**School Uniform**

A school uniform order form has been attached to this newsletter for parents wishing to order uniform items for 2016. The form and payment must be returned to Mrs Chapman in the school office by **Friday 11th December**. Late orders cannot be filled.

Payment must be made by cash or cheque, payable to the Bilpin P&C. Payment **CANNOT** be made online via the school website.

**School Presentation Night**

The School Presentation Night has been postponed until Wednesday 9th December due to the recent busy schedule including swimming school. The evening will take place in the school weather shed and commence at 7.30 pm. All the students need to attend as they will be participating in the musical items and each student will receive a personal achievement award. The students need to be at the school by **7.20 pm** in full summer uniform, dresses for girls and grey shirt and shorts for the boys. Sorry for any inconvenience the change in date may cause. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to celebrating the successes of our students with you.

**Final School Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea**

The final school assembly for 2015 will be held on Monday 14th December at 10.00am to be followed by the Thank You Morning Tea in the library.

We would like to invite all the parents and community members who have helped us during the year. We look forward to seeing you on this day so we can take the opportunity to thank you for your time and effort.

**Colo High School Orientation**

The Year 6 students will be attending the Year 7 orientation at Colo High School on Thursday 3rd December. All parents are reminded that they will need to attend the day with their child.

**Student Leader Speeches**

The students, staff and parents of Year 5 students had the pleasure of listening to the speeches of prospective captains for 2016. The staff were incredibly impressed with the high calibre of the speeches presented. All students spent a lot of time and effort preparing their speeches. That they had given much thought to the qualities that make a great leader was evident in the speech of each candidate. We wish all students the very best of luck. The leaders for 2016 will be announced on Presentation Night, Wednesday 9th December.

**Christmas Tree Competition**

We have entered the Telstra Christmas Tree competition at Richmond Marketplace. At the end of the newsletter is information on how to vote for our Christmas Tree at the Telstra Store in Richmond. Voting closes at 5pm on Wednesday 2nd December. We hope that you support us in this competition for our chance to win $1000 which would assist us in purchasing wildlife cameras for our fauna surveys. Thanking you in anticipation of your support!

**Bilpin Garden Club Donation**

I would like to thank Barb Miller and the Bilpin Garden Club for the generous cheque for $700 that was donated to us after the Bilpin Flower Show. We are truly grateful for the support of the Garden Club and have put the money towards the purchase of our chicken coop to house our Henny Penny hatchlings. The students are looking forward to next year’s competition.

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**P & C Meeting**

1st December 2015
The Staff Room 3.40pm

**Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows**

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**Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss**
Mrs Elena Denton, Principal Kurmond Public School

Last week Mrs Elena Denton, the Principal of Kurmond Public School, sadly passed away. Mrs Denton was heavily involved in the Hawkesbury with District Athletics, a major initiator of the formation of the Colo Learning Community and was very supportive of all programs in the Hawkesbury cluster of schools. We would like to offer our sincerest condolences to her family and to the school community at Kurmond for their great loss.

Hawkesbury Rotary Citizenship Awards

Tonight Mr Hynds and I will be attending the Hawkesbury Rotary Citizenship Awards to acknowledge the excellent citizenship and leadership qualities of our captains, Jack and Hayden. We will join with their families in celebrating the great work they have done this year. Congratulations boys and thank you for all of your efforts this year!

Salvation Army Christmas Fundraiser

The Salvation Army provides Christmas hampers and gifts to needy families within the Hawkesbury community each year as part of a national Christmas appeal. The Salvation Army prefer to give grocery gift cards for clients to have the opportunity to purchase their own Christmas items as they feel that this allows for more dignity to those in need.

This year we have attached to the newsletter an envelope for each family to make a donation if they wish, to this worthy charity. Please return your envelope to the school office by Friday 11th December, 2015. Your donation will be much appreciated by needy Hawkesbury families.

White Ribbon Day

Wednesday 25th November is national White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon is a campaign to promote the safety of all women, from violence. The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community.

Globally, White Ribbon is the world’s largest male-led movement to end men’s violence against women. At a school level, the students have been undertaking lessons about mutual respect and gender equity. I would like to thank Ms Wheen for all the time and effort she has spent researching sensitive and inclusive lessons for the students as part of our White Ribbon journey.

P & C Thank You

At the end of this year Nicole McEvoy and Angie Pirie are retiring from the P & C in their respective position of Treasurer and Canteen Coordinator. I would like to acknowledge the ladies for their incredibly hard work and unwavering commitment to P & C initiatives, our school and ultimately the students. For 6 years, the ladies have organised all P & C fundraising events including the stalls for Tomah Roma, Bilpin Back-2-Back, the Bilpin Bush Run, Xmas shopping trips, the canteen for the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival, car boot sales, the Bilpin Calendar and catering for visits by the Variety Club and National Trust. The P & C is an integral part of any public school and we are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and committed P & C. On behalf of the staff, students and parent community at Bilpin Public School, I would like to thank you for the endless hours you have contributed to enhance the learning opportunities of our students. Nicole and Angie you will be greatly missed!

Year 6 Shirts Orders

An order form for the Year 6 Senior Shirts for 2016 form is attached to this newsletter. The form, with payment, must be returned to the school office by Friday 11th December. On your order form written in pencil is a suggested size for your child. Your child has tried on a Year 6 shirt and this is a suggested size. If you would like to see the actual size shirt, please see Mrs Chapman in the school office. Kelly Haines will notify parents when the shirts have been delivered and are ready to be picked up from the school office.

P & C Meeting

The last P & C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 1st December at 3.40pm. As this is the last meeting for the year, please bring along a plate of goodies for an afternoon nibble to celebrate the end of the year.

Library News - Mrs Carroll

Thank you everyone for another great year in the library. We will be completing Christmas activities over the last weeks and are hoping that Santa leaves some lovely Christmas stories for us to read.

Book Returns

All library books are due back from this week. Please check your shelves for the books that have tried to hide!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The final certificates will be presented soon. I am looking forward to even more children participating again next year.

Lost Property

There is a crate in the Kindergarten verandah which contains many items of clothing in small sizes. If your child has lost a sloppy joe, please check the crate. If your child needs a spare sloppy joe, uniform, grey shorts, t-shirt or any other item of school uniform, please see Mrs Chapman. There is quite a number of uniform items in the second hand cupboard for sale. A minimal amount is asked for second hand clothing eg. $2 for a sloppy joe, t-shirt, shorts etc or $5 for a girl’s uniform.

Whole School Party Day

We will be having our school party day on Tuesday 15th December. This year we will again be having a combined party with all the classes. We will only need to have one plate/food item from each family for the party. This day will also be a mufti day.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their special day in December;

Olivia B (10 yrs old) and Aisling M (10 yrs old)

Canteen News - Angie Pirie

Thursday 10th December will be our last canteen day for 2015. The following parents are rostered on for the last 3 weeks of term. They are:-

Monday 23rd November  - Cristina Robshaw
Thursday 26th November  - April Vigurs and Vanessa Smith
Monday 30th November  - Rachael McKinlay
Just a reminder that Beef Burgers and Beef Wraps are no longer available for the remainder of the term.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the parents who have assisted in the canteen during 2015. We have had a very successful year raising funds for the library and have recently passed Hawkesbury Council inspection with flying colours. I would also like to encourage volunteers to come along to the ‘Thank You Morning Tea’ at 10am on Monday 14th December in recognition of your time and effort.

Chicken Coop

Our baby chicks have all grown up and are ready to be kept at school. Thank you so much to all of the parents who bought raffle tickets during education week, which has gone towards purchasing a coop. Also, a huge thank you to the garden club who donated the money they raised from the Spring Flower Show We have bought the ‘Taj Mahal’ coop for our 9 hens. We are looking forward to the coop being installed during the next couple of weeks and welcoming our chickens. Moving forward, the children will be caring for the chickens and during Science lessons will be learning about agriculture and sustainability.

Mrs M Mackie
PRINCIPAL

CLASS NEWS

K/1 Class News - Mrs Oram and Mrs McCloy

This week we will be finishing off completing individual assessments with the children for their final reports. If you have any questions about the assessments, please don’t hesitate to ask us.

All students should now have had time to prepare their speaking and listening task. We are looking forward to hearing their talks! The timetable for students to complete their talks is as follows:-

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In Week 9, we will be welcoming our Year 10 work experience student from Mackellar Girls High School, Laura. She is very excited to meet the children and can’t wait to get to know everyone.

After lunch in weeks 9 & 10 we will be completing Christmas craft. If any parents would like to come and get their sparkle on, there will be a calendar on the kindergarten door for you to place your name on the day you are intending on coming in.

Please make sure your child returns their home readers by the end of week 9.

During the summer break, we have made holiday activity packs so that you can help your child retain all of the things they have learnt this year. If you would like one of these packs, please let Mrs Oram know by the end of week 9.

2/3 and 4/5/6 Class News - Mrs Mackie and Mr Hynds

Homework has concluded for the year due to Swimming Scheme. I kindly ask that all home readers be returned this week as Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hulbert prepare for stocktake. The school is currently in the rollover process to a new library system. It is essential that the ladies have all books returned as soon as possible so that an accurate record of our school resources is transferred to the new system.

After Swimming Scheme concludes we will be beginning our concluding activities for the year, which include a variety of Christmas activities. I will send home a note at the end of the week seeking the availability of any parents who may be interested in joining us in these activities during Week 9 and 10.

Reports will be sent home during Week 10, if you wish to see me at any time before then, please let me know.
VOTE TO WIN YOUR SCHOOL $1000
SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS TREE
COMPETITION VOTING NOW OPEN

The Schools Christmas tree competition is now ready to take your votes. Come into the Telstra Store in Richmond and vote for your favourite tree. The best tree (in both Primary School and High School divisions) wins $1000. The runner-up (in each division) wins $500.

Enter your details when you vote for your chance to win the voter prize: a Harman Kardon Onyx wireless speaker valued at $499.

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