End of Year Message

As we count down to the end of a very busy year, I would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome at Bilpin Public School. I feel very blessed to have been given the opportunity to be the Principal of such an amazing school.

I would like to thank our wonderful teaching staff Mr Allan Hynds, Ms Nikki Wheen, Mrs Emma McCloy and Mrs Sam Carroll, for the support you have given me throughout the year and for the amount of time and effort you put into your roles as dedicated educators. I am very proud of the amazing work you do with the students of our school, both academically and extra curricular.

To our support staff Mrs Lesley Hulbert, Mrs Robyn Vaha, Ms Michelle Leer, Mr Michael Eugene, Ms Jodie Erixon and of course the amazing Mrs Chapman, for all that you do in your various roles to support our students and the operation of the school.

To the students of Bilpin, thank you for making my first year here so special and memorable. I will treasure every card and drawing I have received this year and will remember every time I’ve been hugged and called ‘mum’! Each and every one of you is special and important to me.

Lastly I would like to thank our parent community for your kindness and support and for making me feel that I have been part of your school community for more than 12 months. I thank you for entrusting me with the extremely important job of teaching your children and leading our school into the future. I feel it is a great honour to be at Bilpin and I look forward to working with you all in a time of great change.

I would like to thank all of the parents and community members who have assisted in classrooms, in the canteen, at carnivals, transporting students, fundraisers, classroom makeovers, chook pens, chook minding, working bees as well as school events and initiatives both old and new. We couldn’t have achieved what we did this year without all of you!

Wishing everyone a safe, restful and happy Christmas and holiday period. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

School Presentation Night

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.

Mobile Devices

Due to incidents that have been occurring out of school and being brought to school for discussion, mobile phones and devices of any kind are NOT to be brought to school for the rest of the year. Any devices brought to school will be confiscated until the last day. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Uniform

A school uniform order form was attached to the last 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. If you need another order form, please see Mrs Chapman.

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

Final School Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea

The final school assembly for 2015 will be held on Monday 14th

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

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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.

Canteen News

Thank you for all of the volunteers that have helped out in the canteen this year. Your help and effort has been much appreciated.

Please join us at the Thank You Morning Tea on Monday 14th December at 10am.

The following volunteers for the last week as follows :-

Mon 7th Dec - Cristina Robshaw and Nicole McEvoy
Thurs 10th Dec [last day] - Eleanor Brand

I would like to thank you all for helping me out in the last 6 years. It has been very rewarding seeing all of the children excited to look through that little window with their eyes lit up to see what they are going to buy. It has been very special.

I would like to welcome Michelle Coe as our new canteen manager for 2016. I wish her all the best and will be able to help out if she needs me too.

As we are now drawing to a close we are sold out of the following :-
Sausage Rolls, Lasagne, round oval crackers, JU’s, Vege Chips & Jumpies, Pizza slabs, Potato bake, yummy drummies, & chocolate breaka milk

Stock still available:-  Sweet chilli tenders, potato pies, mini and plain beef pies, jelly cups and garlic bread.

Thank you to Shane Muir for fixing the pie oven thermostat.

Thank you
Angie Pirie

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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)

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.

Bilpin School’s Got Talent

As part of our party day activities we will be having a school talent quest. It will commence at 10.00am in the weather shed. Students can perform dance, musical or drama items. Students wishing to appear in the show will need to audition for Mrs Oram by Friday 11th December so that she can assess if the act is appropriate and ready.

Student’s Final Day Term 4

The last day of term for students is Wednesday 16th December. On this day we encourage all students to wear some Christmas mufti. The whole school will be completing some Christmas activities together, as well as watching a movie on the day. At the conclusion of the day we will have a guard of honour as the Year 6 students leave for the last time. We would love to see parents here to get some final photos as we say goodbye.

Principal’s Luncheon

The final Principal’s Lunch for this year will be held on Monday 14th December. This will be held during lunch therefore students will only need to bring morning tea on this day. Students who have won student of the week and students who have achieved 3 Principal’s Merit Awards this semester will be participating in the luncheon. Students will be notified this Friday if they are eligible to attend.

Classes for 2015

Our numbers, although improving, will mean there will be three classes next year. The staff will be discussing composition of the classes during the staff development day. At this stage it will not be necessary to split grades.

Goodbye Year 6

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to wish our Year 6 students all the very best for the new journey they are about to take into high school. We know that the life skills and knowledge they have learnt over the years will hold them in good stead for the future. Thank you for being such a lovely group of students. Look after each other at Colo High School and we hope that you pop in to visit next year when you get the chance!

Mrs M Mackie
PRINCIPAL

K/1 Class News - Mrs Oram and Mrs McCloy

Christmas has well and truly arrived in the K/1 classroom! Last week, a magical elf arrived to watch the students and report back to Santa on all of the fantastic work they are completing in class. She flies back to Santa each night and then takes a new position in the classroom the following morning.

Please make sure your child continues to do a lot of reading over the holidays, so that they don’t lose all of the important skills they have learnt this year. If you would like your child to have the holiday pack, please let us know by the end of the week. They do not have to return these, it is just for them to complete in their own time.

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

Thank you to all parents who have helped in our classrooms during the year. It has been much appreciated.

We wish to take the opportunity to wish all our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Mr Hynds would also like wish all the families of Year 6 students who will no longer have children at our school all the very best in the future. He has enjoyed teaching the children immensely and has greatly appreciated your support and assistance over the years. We hope you will still pop in from time to time to let us know how things are going.
MACQUARIE TOWNS ARTS SOCIETY’S
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOP
PROGRAM

Christmas Holidays, January 2016

Monday 11th January
10am-12 noon Draw Fairies & Mermaids
1pm-3pm Make Little Clay Animals

Tuesday 12th January
10am-12 noon Make Tin Can Robots
1pm-3pm Paint Glass Candle Holders

Wednesday 13th January
10am-12 noon Paint Pet Rocks
1pm-3pm Pottery

Thursday 14th January
10am-12 noon Draw Dinosaurs
1pm-3pm Make Dragons

Friday 15th January
10am-12 noon Jewellery

Monday 18th January
10am-12 noon Paint a Landscape
1pm-3pm Papier Mache Sculpture

Tuesday 19th January
10am-12 noon Paint Wooden Name Plaques
1pm-3pm Make Mini Monsters

Wednesday 20th January
10am-12 noon Cartooning
1pm-3pm Pottery

Thursday 21st January
10am-12 noon Draw Butterflies & Bugs
1pm-3pm Make Dragon Wind Chimes

Friday 22nd January
10am-12 noon Coloured Sand Art

Cost: $14 per 2 hr workshop; all equipment supplied.

Venue: Richmond Art Supplies,
Shop 10 Magnolia Mall,
285 Windsor Street, Richmond

Bookings Essential: Phone Deidre 0412 979 731