Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Angus – for a lovely letter to Santa

Lester’s Learners
William – for excellent work ethic in recent weeks

Double Js
Tony – for being a great classroom helper
Finley – for consistently demonstrating beautiful manners in class and for his outstanding performance on his testing

Macs
Charlie – for her friendly polite manner and always giving her best
Tom – for using his initiative to solve problems and for his growing willingness to overcome obstacles

December
12th – Cody
14th – Brooke
21st – Makaela
29th – Ayla

December
13th – Latisha
17th – Jemima
22nd – Braye
31st – Tarnay

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 4
Wednesday, 11 December End of Year Concert
Thursday, 12 December Break Up Day
(Movie at Reading Cinema)
Friday, 13 December Clean Up Day
Tuesday 28 January 2014 Frist Day of School for 2014
(2014 calendar on page 4)

NEW ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Brisbane company, Sure-Play Pty Ltd, has been selected to construct our new adventure playground on the same site as our old adventure playground.

A computer-generated illustration of the proposed playground is shown below along with an overhead plan.

A huge thank you to both Michelle Lester and Leon Spencer for the time and effort they’ve put in to make this playground a reality. Without them, I can assure you that we simply wouldn’t be getting the new playground.
Work is not expected to start until the new year.

SCHOOL WATCH OVER THE HOLIDAYS
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
CONCERT NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Our concert night is being held on Wednesday, 11 December with a sausage sizzle operating from 6:00 pm until 6:45 pm. Please aim to arrive by 6:30 pm if you are planning to have a sausage sizzle.

Last year, we had a massive queue at 6:45 pm and simply couldn’t get everyone served by 7:00 pm.

Please remember that our servers are volunteers who are keen to watch all the performances as well. Cold soft drinks will also be on sale. Concert items are due to start at 7:00 pm. Small concert items will be performed by the children as well as presentations. Our P&C Association will be selling raffle tickets on the night so bring your money! It’s also a good idea to bring your own chair and insect repellent.

A space will be left at the front for children to sit. Although students are mainly under the care of their parents on the night, I’d ask that parents help us by encouraging their children to sit in this group at the front. This allows teachers to quickly organise the performance groups as well as giving the children a good spot from which to view other performances. We have tried having the children sitting in amongst the main audience in the past. However, this has resulted in delays “searching” for kids along with children occasionally missing out on their performance.

I do need to remind everyone that Education Queensland has a No Smoking Policy which applies anywhere within the school boundary at any time. Please understand that this is a legally enforceable policy.

Being a night for the kids, no alcohol is to be brought in.

BREAK UP DAY – THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

Our Break Up Day at school for 2013 is Thursday, 12 December (not Friday). This day usually involves a movie trip, lunch and a final tidy up.

This year, we’ve organised a movie morning at the Reading Cinema for our students.

The Movie is “Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs - 2”. It has a “G” rating.

Cost, after subsidy from sausage sizzle funds and our P&C Association, is $6 per student. This is great value as it includes:
1/. admission to the movie (actual cost is $8.00 per child)
2/. morning tea and
3/. transport to and from the Reading Cinema.
Children who do not have permission, or have not paid, will remain at school with teacher supervision.

Our P&C will provide the morning tea (which can be consumed during the movie) of a popper, packet of chips and a packet of lollies.

Lunch will also be provided back at school which will be pizza, watermelon and an icy cup. If your child doesn’t eat these foods, or you wish them to have something else, you will need to provide this for them. Please remember this is fun day for our students. High school students, ex-students and students from other schools are not invited to attend.

What do the students wear on Thursday?
Being “break-up day”, the children do not have to wear school uniform – even if they are going in to see the movie.

However, the sun’s damaging rays do not take a break on this day. With this in mind, our students are still expected to wear sunsafe clothing, i.e. shirts/tops that protect the shoulders and upper arms along with legionnaire or broad brimmed hats. Wearing singlets or caps to school is a waste of time. In previous years, we supplied students with spare uniform shirts to wear.

Parents are welcome (encouraged – urged!) to collect their children early after lunch on break up day as the afternoon will be tidying up.

Please understand, however, that we’re legally obliged to supervise children until 3:00 pm unless they are taken under the care of THEIR OWN PARENTS.

We cannot, (and will not!), let a child go with another family or leave for home early simply because of a “Mum said I could” coming from the student. If students are to leave early, (which most do by the way!), they must have a signed note or be picked up by THEIR OWN PARENTS.

CLEAN UP DAY – FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

(Hmmm! Black Friday. Might be safer to stay home?!?)
Sharon is having a “Clean-up” Day again this year. While most families will choose to finish their year on Thursday, we are still on duty,
and will have jobs for students to help us with on the Friday. Old clothes that can get wet, (not uniforms) and hats are needed on this day. Please note: As for break up day, children will need to be picked up from school by THEIR OWN PARENTS or have a signed note from their parents if they wish to leave early.

SMILE AWHILE

Who’s the new heifer?
Never seen her carnivore.

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
A mince spy!

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?
Santa Jaws!

How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sack?
Only one, after that it’s not empty anymore!

What carol is heard in the desert?
Camel ye faithful!

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
Can you smell carrot?

What do you sing at a snowman’s birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!

Who gives puppies Christmas presents?
Santa Paws

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As this will be our last newsletter for the year, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Relax and enjoy the time with your family until we return to school on Tuesday 28 January 2014.

Kind regards,

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop Volunteers and the P&C would like to thank students, parents and staff for their generous support during 2013 and look forward to a fantastic 2014.

If you are able to assist with cooking or helping out on Concert Night and Break-Up Day (Thurs) please contact Hayley Lerch 0407 652 056.
There are 196 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**
Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when these are held, provided they are on school holidays or out-of-school hours.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local school are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
November 21 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 26 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.

In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.