Principal’s Report

Well this is the final formal newsletter for 2015. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for their hard work this year.

Our classrooms are being painted this week so there has been some adjusting to programs. Also, we are moving classrooms and the classrooms need to be made ready for carpet cleaning during the holidays so the last few days will be extremely busy.

Thursday, 10th December is our Celebration evening. We have decided to change the venue to here at school due to a few issues and will allow for more room so the fun can be unlimited. We have great facilities here so let’s use them. The night begins at 6pm.

Presentation Night is Tuesday, 15th December to commence at 6:45pm. This is a night to celebrate the school’s and the students’ achievements for 2015. Of course, not all students will receive awards, trophies or medallions. We will need to congratulate the ones who do and encourage the students who don’t, to try harder in 2016, the ability to do so builds resilience and discourages, “It’s not fair” or the blame game.

The students will need to be here at school, meeting in the library at 6:30pm. Supper will be served in the kitchen. See you there.

Thursday, 17th December is the final day for students due to having a Staff Development Day in Term One, 2nd April. We will be watching ‘The Witches’ DVD as a culmination activity because the students have been reading the book by Roald Dahl during library.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Carol Sellers
Principal

Around the School

Swim School
During the past fortnight students in Years 2-5 have participated in the Swim School Program at Bombala Public School. It has been wonderful to see the students actively participating in the PDHPE program.

Book Week
The year’s Book Week did not disappoint with students dressing as their favourite book characters. The week involved a book stall, storytelling session, parade and special assembly. More photos on the back page.

Kitchen Christmas Party
Green Group thoroughly enjoyed their annual Christmas lunch in the kitchen - complete with cookie decorating and carols. Yum, thanks Mr Rocke!
**Classroom News**

This fortnight in 345

We have been participating in, and enjoying, the school ‘Learn to Swim’ program. The following excerpts have been taken from recounts students have composed in class:

‘I think swimming lessons were good because they can help save lives.’ – Callan

‘I learnt to breathe properly in freestyle and I enjoyed diving…backstroke was tricky when I went off track.’ – Mack

‘I thought swimming was really fun because I got to improve my strokes’ – Brigid

‘I also enjoyed doing laps of the pool… I found diving tricky because I was scared that I would do a belly flop.’ – Alex

‘Before swimming lessons I was very, very, very, very excited because I liked swimming lessons last year and I couldn’t wait to see what group I was in.’ – Ajay

‘I liked practicing my dive and safety step into the pool.’ – Rochelle

‘I enjoyed being under the water because there was peace and quiet’ - Hunter

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**Important Dates**

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**Book Corner News**

Congratulations to our Radical Readers

Week 9 **Connor**  
Week 10 **Charlie**

Thank you to the students and parents who have supported our home reading program this year. Week 10 is the last week of home reading.

Robyn Mikula
Student Spotlight

Jason McKenna

What is your favourite thing about Delegate Public School?
Playing with Ajay

What have you learnt in class this week?
All about Tornadoes

What is your favourite activity?
Writing Minecraft stories

What do you like about living in Delegate?
Playing with my pet puppies and dogs in my very big back yard

 Platypus Pride Award

Connor – Kindergarten

Safety
Carrying and using utensils correctly in the kitchen

From the Office

Could all accounts be finalised ASAP. Please also pick up your book fair purchases and make payment, thank you.

Live Life Well @ School

As part of the Under the Sea unit students in K1 have been learning about healthy food options for summer. The class have also been learning how to follow and write procedures. Last week the students combined their knowledge of both topics and followed instructions to make a delicious and healthy summer fruit salad.

Attachments

- Fishing Workshop for children
Activities at Delegate Public School
SAKG Garden

Although the 2015 academic year is now ending the growing season is just getting into full swing. There is always considerable academic learning involved in understanding how the different living organisms function and interact to form the ecology and productivity of the garden. The children have also gained a diverse range of practical skills. They have built structures such as trellis, and horizontal plant supports, strawberry towers and a new raised bed. This involves measuring, safe use of tools and organising a logical order for the work involved. They have planted seeds, bulbs and plants, and watered and weeded (not a favourite job). Most importantly they have learned to judge the harvest readiness of the various crops and the correct methods for harvest and storage. This past fortnight the children have learnt to shell peas and broad beans and to plait their garlic bulbs.

We have also harvested snow peas, strawberries, parsnip, lettuce, beetroot and parsley. Sadly, the frost last week did a lot of damage to tomatoes and cucurbits and we lost the Kiwi fruits but we are busy replanting. There will be lots of fresh vegies ready for the start of 2016.