Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Well the end of another year is here. What a very quick one this seems to have been! Time seems to be rushing past us more quickly every year. We are busily finishing up our report cards so that the end of the year is official and then look forward to enjoying each other’s company and the last few low key days of school. Report cards will be sent home on Friday the 11th of December.

School Leader Speeches

Today we were lucky enough to hear our year 5 students give their school leaders speeches. Can I say how impressed we were by the calibre of the speeches these year? It was especially nice to hear every single student speak about how they would continue to make our great little school stand out in our community. Well done boys! We will be announcing our School Leaders and House Captains at our Pot Luck Dinner next Thursday night.

Crazy Hair Day

Wasn’t it great to see all our completely crazy hair today!! Everyone got right into the spirit of the day and we managed to raise $49 from Oxfam which will allow us to buy a goat for a person living in Mozambique and a chicken for a family in South Africa. Well done guys!! Also congratulations to Jayden Cowen, Riley & Damin Miller for winning Craziest Hair of the Day!! Great job!

Monto District Swimming Carnival

Our year 2-6 students have been invited to attend the Monto State School Swimming Carnival on Friday the 4th of December. I realise this short notice but we thought it was a great way for us to reconnect with our Cluster schools. Please see the note given to each year 2-6 student for details. We will be running a bus into Monto for our guys.

Year 6 Dinner

Next Wednesday I will be taking the year 6 students out to dinner at the Mulgildie Hotel for their traditional end of year dinner. This night will be beginning at 6.00pm and concluding at approximately 8.00pm. A note will be sent home soon with your child’s ordered meal on it. There will be no requirement for payment for this night as it is funded by the school.

Graduation

Our school graduation and presentation night is to be held this Saturday the 5th of December. We apologise for not having invitations etc. out earlier but time has gotten away from us this year.

Our year 6 students have chosen a Western theme for the night and are preparing decorations to go in the hall. If anyone has horned western saddles, old boots, spurs, catch ropes, whips etc. and would be able to lend them to us for the night it would be greatly appreciate. These can be brought into school or down to the hall during our set up time on Saturday.

For year 6 parents and anyone else who may be able to lend a hand we are setting up the hall from 10.00am on Saturday morning. We also, this year need to ensure that we are completely tidied up on Saturday night as the hall is used for a church service on Sunday morning. Please remember many hands make light work and any help on Saturday will be gratefully accepted.

Year 5 parents it is tradition that you man the BBQ on Saturday afternoon. If you could be at the hall at 4.30pm to help with this it would also be greatly appreciated.

Prep Preview Day

Don’t forget our last Prep Preview Day for 2015 is this Friday 4th December. We also have Tuckshop on this day also, if you would like to participate please send your order in ASAP. We hope to see you all there.
**Pot Luck Dinner and Sleepover**

Next Thursday night is our annual pot luck dinner and sleepover. Details of the Pot Luck Dinner will be contained in the P&C section of our newsletter. For the sleepover students will need to bring: a sleeping bag/swag, a pillow, PJ’s, toothbrushes, hair brushes and clothes for Friday. Breakfast the next morning will be provided and we will then prepare for our last day activities.

**Last Day of term**

On Friday (breaking Up day) we will be having water activities so students will need to have either togs or clothes that they can get wet in and a pair of old shoes (not thongs) to run around in whilst having this fun time. Students will need to have a sun shirt/t-shirt and a hat also. We have planned a couple of different activities this year (which we are keeping a secret from the students). Water pistols and water bombs are also a must for our last day antics!

We ask that each family please provide a plate to share for Morning Tea on this day (parents may want to bring this plate in on Thursday night at the P&C Pot Luck Dinner).

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support of our great little school throughout the year. I wish our graduating year 6 students all the very best for their high school career. We also have to farewell the Dendle family from our school, as the move to Emerald next year. Hope you all have a lovely relaxing holiday season with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Regards,

Kelly Low, Principal

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**PREP - YEAR 2 by Samantha Dow**

It is hard to believe that it is nearly the end of term four, and that Summer has arrived. We have been working hard on our assessment items over the last two weeks, and have nearly completed all of them. Next week we should be able to enjoy some fun activities to finish the year off and get into tidying up our desks. If possible, could you please send a plastic bag or green bag in to help cart our things home. Books etc that can be carried over or used again next year, will stored here at school.

Could any outstanding library books please be returned by next Wednesday. Our last day for home readers to go out will be next Thursday.

Our last day for home readers to go out will be next Tuesday; Wednesday - Friday will be return days. Thank you to the Mums who have helped out with our home readers this year, your time and help is always appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and safe holidays.

**YEAR 3 - 6 by Kelly Low**

Last week and a half of the year!! Can you believe it! We are all quite tired and in need of a rest but also looking forward to the last little bit of our time together in class.

We have all but completed our assessment tasks for the year. (We only have a short science presentation to go) This means that we are able to wind down with very little stress…. hopefully!

Next week there may be opportunities for us to watch movies, especially on Thursday night, so if you have any G or PG rated movies at home that you think suitable could you please send them in next week.

Our last lot of spelling and number facts 100% Congratulations for the year.

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**Spelling:** Week 7: Riley, Jack, Prue, Liam, Mitchell, Jayden, Clay, Ralph, Matylda, Melissa, Chloe, Rohan.

**Number Facts:** Week 7: Jack, Liam, Mitchell, Hans, Ralph.

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**TUCKSHOP**

ONE MORE TO GO!!!!

This Friday the 4th of December will be our last Tuckshop for the year. Please ensure all orders are in by tomorrow morning (Thursday 3rd). Thank you to everyone that has purchased Tuckshop throughout the year in support of the Mulgildie General Store.

**BOOKLIST**

With the end of year coming quickly we have finally finalised the costing for our 2016 Booklist! Please see the attached note to the Newsletter with all the details regarding our Booklist for 2016 including what students will receive when participating in the booklist along with what parents will be required to provide at the start of next year.

You will also find a form that will need to be filled out and signed by a parent and returned to the school along with a $20 deposit (per student) for parents that wish to participate in this booklist. As per previous years we will attempt to have all booklist sent home by the P&C Pot Luck Dinner for covering, to be returned to school on the first day of 2016. Thank you for your patience while everything has been organised.
UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES
With the end of the year coming up, it is time for us to finalise all our absences. If your child has any Unexplained Absences you will receive a letter with this Newsletter. Please fill the form out appropriately and return it to the school as soon as possible. We apologise in advance if you have already notified the school with any of these absences as you know we have had some technically difficulties recently.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
With only one more swimming session to go for the rest of the year. We have decided to instead hold a whole school swimming carnival next Tuesday morning the 8th December between 9:30 & 11:30am.

Parents should receive an invite for Graduation with their Newsletter today, as Graduation will be beginning at 5pm, for a 5:30pm start, we ask for all Year 5 Parent helpers to please be at the Mulgildie Hall by 4:30pm to help setup, cook and serve our BBQ dinner.

We ask that each family please bring a plate to share for supper after the conclusion of presentations.

Pot Luck Dinner & Christmas Raffle
Next Thursday 10th December is our annual P&C Pot Luck Dinner. Beginning at 6pm we ask if each family could please provide a plate for either Dinner or Dessert.

As the students will also be having a shared Morning Tea on Friday, the last day of school, parents may want to bring this in Thursday night or cook something that can be provided for both the Pot Luck Dinner & morning tea the next day.

Don’t forget our progressive raffle will also be drawn on this night. Raffle tickets and money will need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 9th December to ensure everyone has a chance to win. Each family is also asked to provide a present for this raffle, please bring these presents into the school as soon as possible so they can be wrapped before the night.

With the year drawing to a close we would like to thank everyone that has participated in helping the P&C throughout the year and a special thank you to our 2015 Committee for all their hard work and commitment.

Regards,
Karla Galloway
Secretary
**Week 7 Awards**

**Mackenzie, Clay, Prue, Mitchell & Jack**
75 Nights (Mackenzie & Jack), 100 Nights (Clay, Mitchell & Jack) & 225 Nights (Prue) of Reading! Well done everyone!

**Our Crazy Hair Day Winners**
Damin, Jayden & Riley

**Hayden, Dana, Ethan, Jayden, Riley B & Kobi-Jaye**
Certificates of Achievement!

**Ralph, Jayden, Clay, Chloe, Matylda, Llam, Mitchell, Ethan, Cooper, Claire & Dana**
Awarded for moving up within their Comprehension box. Great Work!

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**Week 9 Awards**

**Ethan, Prue, Chloe, James, Matylda, Jayden & Jack**
Awarded for moving up within their comprehension box. Great Work!

**Logan Goody**
25 Nights of Reading! Great Job!