End of Year Celebrations & Events

**Thursday 11th December**
**Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 5:00pm**
Students from Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to this event. They will have dinner with staff at The House of Gabriel starting at 5:00pm. The cost of the dinner is $20.00 and should be paid to the school office.

**Thursday 11th December**
**K-6 Presentation Night 6:30pm**
Following the Yr 6 Farewell Dinner, we will hold our Tumbulgum PS Presentation Night in Mrs Rowsell’s classroom. This night involves annual awards, presentations from both classes and the cutting of the Yr 6 cake. All students, along with parents and families are invited to attend. The evening usually concludes at approximately 8pm.

**Friday 12th December**
**K-6 Fun Day**
As the name suggests this day is about fun! Students can wear “mufti” on this day. Following recess, students have class parties and a video. Each child is asked to bring in a plate of party food (no lollies or fizzy drinks please) to share with their class mates.

After lunch, students put on swimmers with rash shirts and participate in “water play” with the teachers. Students are reminded to bring a towel and plastic bag for wet swimmers! All these events occur at school and there is no cost.

**Wednesday 17th December**
**Year 6 Ringing of the Bell**
It is a tradition at Tumbulgum PS that students in Year 6 get to ring the bell for their last day at primary school. This will begin at 2:45pm around the “old” school bell. Our Year 6 students are then farewelled through a “tunnel of students” to the front gate. It marks a very significant event in the lives of these students so we ask that family and friends all join in this special event.

It seems amazing to me that we have already reached the end of yet another school year. They seem to go far too quickly for me! Having spent time with our new 2015 Kindergarten students over the last few weeks, I am reminded of just how much all our students have grown over the course of the last 12 months. Each and every one of them has grown in so many different ways. I look forward to seeing them (and their families) again in 2015 to continue our journey together.

**Student Reports**
Reports will be sent home Wednesday of this week. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s report please make an appointment to see your child’s class teacher.

**It Takes A Village To Raise a Child**
I’d like to take this time to say thank you to all the staff at Tumbulgum. They are an enthusiastic and professional team dedicated to providing the children of Tumbulgum PS with the best educational environment for their learning. Thank you to the P&C team who have once again worked tirelessly for our school. They give of their time and energies to raise much needed funds that have benefited each and every one of our students this year. Thank you.

Thank you to Tumbulgum Community Chest who have kindly donated significant funds for our students as well. The full cost of an excursion to Byron Bay, prizes for the Melbourne Cup raffle and $500 towards excursion travel costs for our two end of year excursions.

Finally, thank you to you, the parents. Whether you assisted your child with Easter dioramas, transported students to outside school activities, prepared them for camp, were a special visitor to the classroom, helped with literacy groups and sporting events and activities, we say thank you. If you assisted with homework and home readers we thank you as well. It all goes towards helping the children of Tumbulgum PS reach their fullest potential.

**2015 School Uniforms**
To ensure your child is in correct school uniform next year please be advised that Get Smart Clothing in Murwillumbah now take approximately 2 weeks to process your order. They now make the uniforms upon you placing an order, it is no longer possible to buy them off the shelf. A reminder that students should be wearing black shoes to school. These can be either joggers or leather school shoes.

Get Smart Clothing
6672 8738
3 King St, Murwillumbah
**2015**

**Starting Dates**
Staff Only Tuesday 27th January
Years 1-6 Wednesday 28th January
Kindergarten Thursday 29th January

**P&C Welcome Breakfast**
On Tuesday, Week 2, P&C will host a Welcome Breakfast for all families and students. This is a fabulous way to meet with new (and not so new) families in our school. Please save the date and come along!

**Week 4 Leadership Camp**
In Week 4, all our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be taking part in a leadership camp with 2 other small schools (Tyalgum PS & Manifold PS). This camp will be at Tallebudgera Resort Park and will be lots of fun but will also entail leadership building activities. There will be further details in the new year, however, to assist with families’ budgeting, the cost of the camp will be between $70—$100. The camp will begin Wednesday 18th February and students will return Friday 20th February. In addition to this camp, Yr 5-6 students will also be involved in a Leadership Conference at Tweed Heads in Term 2, 2015. Both these activities will enhance our student’s leadership attributes and allow students’ to have a greater voice at Tumbulgum PS in 2015.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2015 for another fantastic year at Tumbulgum PS!

Samantha Rowsell
Principal

**Safety Message**
As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

Hold your child's hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

Talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

Point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at Transport for NSW.


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**Canteen**

**Red Food Day**

Friday 12th December

All food provided by the House of Gabriel
Christmas Lights 2014 — Visiting Christian Show

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
It’s a (Christmas) wrap!

How will you close up the school year and set the scene to make next year your child’s best year ever?

It’s that time of year again!
The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

“Where did the last twelve months go?” That’s the adult viewpoint.

Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year: Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. Celebrate improvement and success: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. Show appreciation: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. Look forward: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. Now relax: It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean.

Enjoy the break and see you next year!

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