Welcome to Week 11 Term 4

As the 2014 school year draws to a close, I’d like to acknowledge some people and programs that I didn’t cover on Presentation Day.

Firstly, the two teachers on Reading Recovery. Nikki Parsons and our recently graduating teacher Lyn Bourke. Next year Kate Frizell will begin her training and she will deliver the program with Lyn Bourke. Kate will not be on a class next year so the Reading Recovery Program will run without teachers sharing classes to minimise the disruption to programs.

Marlene Simpson - our School Learning Support Officer – for her wonderful support in the LaST program delivery.

Katie Hunt has delivered the EALD and the New Arrivals Program throughout the year. She has also assisted with the wonderful parents who have been facilitating our after school Language classes. This year selected K-2 students have had introductory interactions with Japanese, Chinese and Spanish languages. Thank you to Mayumi Takayama, Zunjie Wu and Priscila Julien Bilbao and the helpers on Monday afternoon.

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Richard Crockett will be on Long Service Leave throughout 2015. Enjoy your time off Rich!

During 2014 a number of teachers retired.

Wally O’Hara, our popular Deputy Principal decided to retire in October. His wife Carol has also retired and I’m sure you join with me in wishing them the very best of health and happiness and they move into the next stage of their lives.

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Anne Baillie will retire in early February after taking leave prior to retirement and Di Fullerton will do the same. Best wishes to both teachers as they assure me they are thoroughly enjoying their leisure time.

Thank you to the staff, parents and most of all the students for an amazing year. I wish you wonderful times with your family and friends and a peaceful, enjoyable time over the Festive Season.
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2014 Christmas Socials

Thank you to all the families who have supported Parent Club’s canteen fundraising days this year and thank you to all the mums and dads who helped out on these days. Wishing you all Merry Christmas!
Thanks Michelle Peak

Around The Classrooms

1D has made it to the end of the year, and what a busy time students have had!
Students have grown a successful snowpea garden in the sunshine of our window ledge, and discovered our predictions about plants without sunlight and water were correct - they didn’t grow very well.
Thank you to all the grandparents and significant adults who attended our grandparents morning in our class.
The students really enjoyed performing poems and sharing scones with everyone.
I also want to thank all the parents and carers in 1D for their support this year. Students have had a great time learning many new things.
I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas break. Jules Ditchfield

3J has been learning about National Parks this term.
Year 3 students went to Point Lookout and Julie Kennelly explained to us that there used to be a volcano there. It left behind the mountains and valleys. 3J explored a Snow Gum Forest and made a soundscape with Nina Drysdale whilst in the forest.
Students bushwalked through the rainforest and saw the Troll Cave fortunately there were no trolls there on that day! 3J also saw the Antarctic Beech Trees which are very rare. It was so much fun!
To finish off the year, 3J are doing some Christmas activities, and have made sequin ornaments and sewed some Christmas stockings! Merry Christmas! Bronwyn Paul and 3J!

KD students have enjoyed a wonderful end of year celebration party today with their friends from the four Kindergarten classes. Tomorrow the teachers will be handing out artwork, equipment and books so we would appreciate it if each child could bring a large sturdy bag to carry home all of their work. I'd also like to remind students to return home readers and library books this week.
We have had a very successful Kindergarten year and the students have made great progress. The Kindergarten teachers would all like to wish students and their families a happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break. Kellie Divall