***Ms Reid’s Message***

The end of year is fast approaching with many exciting events planned. Could you please keep your eye on the school calendar so that you are up to date with the happenings?

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C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6YO806XK\MC900030044[1].wmfThe children have started their swim school this week at Gunnedah Pool. Thank you to everyone for your assistance in returning the money & notes promptly to school. Also a very big thank you to Mrs Jodie Markwick for helping to transport the children to & from the pool. I’m sure the children will put in a very big week with two lessons per day & so may be very tired by Friday!

**Reports**

Semester 2 reports will be given out next Monday with a parent/teacher interview request note. The interviews will be after school on Thursday 11th December & the following Tuesday 16th December. If you would like to speak to the teachers or have any concerns please complete the form and return it to school with your child.

**Last Day of School for Students**

Wednesday 17th December is the last day of school for the children & is the class party. We have decided to take the children to the cinema for a movie – Penguins in Madagascar @ 10.15am & then to the pool for lunch & a swim in the afternoon. A note will follow later this week with more details & costs involved.

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 **Annual Presentation Night**

The children are preparing for the Presentation Night which is next Wednesday 10th December. We are looking forward to showcasing the children’s achievements & acknowledging their work & effort throughout 2014. We hope to see you there. Please remember that Santa will be visiting & families will need to bring a gift to the value of $10 wrapped & labelled for each child attending the night.

On display @ the Presentation Night will be our Picasso Cow that Somerton PS decorated for the Dairy Corporation Competition. Many local families kindly donated cattle brands & stencils to be painted onto the cow. We would like to thank & acknowledge this contribution on the night. He is a list of property brands/stencils that were donated:

**“Stratharlie”**

**“Turrawah”**

**“Chelseaville”**

**“Cleremont Park”**

**“Bective Station”**

**“Naours”**

**“Somerton”**

**“Warminster”**

**“Koorooya”**

**“Carol Gap”**

**“Menedebri”**

**“Glenara”**

**“Baroda”**

**“Donggalla”**

**“Keatabri”**

**“Cotswold”**

**“Ginnagulla”**

**“Inverburn”**

**“Glengarry”**

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\L1YE8W11\MC900442024[1].wmf**Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell is on Monday 15th December – bowling & pizza night! The office needs your RSVP of numbers attending so that final arrangements can be made.

**Christmas Tree Raffle**

The P&C need donations from the parents & the community for our Christmas Tree Raffle which will be drawn on the night. Items can be left at the school during school hours. All donations, however small, would be appreciated. Items could include beauty products, stationary, linen, home goods, food stuffs etc. Depending upon the amount of goods we receive will depend upon how many prizes there are. We hope to have prize baskets filled with goodies! In anticipation, the P&C thanks you for your generosity!

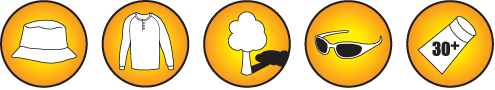
C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J29MMLP3\MC900048128[1].wmf**Christmas Scripture Service**

We would like to extend an invitation to all friends & families to attend our Christmas Scripture Service on Thursday 11th December at 2pm @ the church led by our scripture teacher Rev David Fisher.

**ISS Cleaners**

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**Sun Safety**

[](http://www.google.com.au/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=sun+safe&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&docid=AILYCc_mZtRwuM&tbnid=bWhZ0Zyr2lFzQM:&ved=0CAUQjRw&url=http://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/sun/how/index.html&ei=i1l4UrDVK8XVkwXC0IGwAg&bvm=bv.55980276,d.dGI&psig=AFQjCNF5ALvasz1-0K_qjRmZGvpBR9qrIA&ust=1383704792780013)

**Last Day of School**

**C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\V951K81K\MC900053321[1].wmf**The last day of school for students will be Wednesday 17th December. The last day for staff will be a Staff Development Day on Thursday 18th December.

**School Dates for 2015**

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| **Term 1** | **Tuesday 27th Jan – Thursday 2nd April** |
| **Term 2** | **Tuesday 21st April – Friday 26th June** |
| **Term 3** | **Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September** |
| **Term 4** | **Tuesday 6th October – Friday 18th December** |

C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4Q8R52GJ\MC900438099[1].wmf**Summer holiday fun**Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website [**www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/**](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/)

**C:\Users\mfritze\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4Q8R52GJ\MC900232107[1].wmfPleasures of free play** Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: [**http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child**](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child)

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| **October 6**  Public Holiday | **7** | **8** | **9**  Playgroup | **10** |
| **13** | **14** | **15** | **16**  Playgroup  AASC  7:30pm-  P&C Meeting | **17**  F**i**shing |
| **20** | **21** | **22**  3:15pm-Meet & Greet Principal | **23**  Playgroup  AASC | **24** |
| **27** | **28** | **29** | **30**  Playgroup  AASC | **31**  F**i**shing  SRC fundraiser Due  Day for Daniel Morcombe |
| **November 3** | **4** | **5** | **6**  Playgroup  AASC | **7**  **Book club Orders Due** |
| **10**  Picasso Cow Judging | **11** | **12** | **13**  Playgroup  AASC | **14**  F**i**shing |
| **17** | **18**  11am-Pete the Sheep Performance &  Gallery Visit | **19**  3:30-6:30pm  Be Self-Care Aware | **20**  Playgroup  **Kindergarten Orientation**  AASC | **2** |
| **24** | **25** | **26** | **27**  Playgroup  **Kindergarten Orientation**  AASC | **28**  F**i**shing |
| **December 1**  Swim School | **2**  Swim School | **3**  Swim School | **4**  Swim School | **5**  Swim School |
| **8** | **9** | **10**  6pm Presentation Night & Community Christmas Tree | **11**  2pm Scripture Christmas Service | **12**  Fishing |
| **15**  6-8pm  Year 6 Farewell (Level Up Bowling) | **16** | **17**  Movie & Pool Excursion  Students last day of Term 4 | **18**  Staff Development **Day** |  |

**TERM 4 DATES:**