FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
The school year is quickly coming to an end. December is always such a busy month with many tasks still to be completed before the end of the term.

2015 LEADERS
Congratulations to the Year 5 students who nominated for positions and presented their leadership speeches this week. The students spoke extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. I am pleased to announce the following students have received leadership positions for 2015:
School Captains- Leo Holden & Hailey Wright
House Captains:
Archer - Sera Bostancioglu & Freya Oades
McLennan - Tegan Nicholson & Chloe Vickery-Salter
Cowper - Joshua Ponteras & Keely Madgwick
Morrell - Jarrod Van Someren & Quinn McCarron
School Leaders:
Nyeisha Lammon, Caitlyn Glasson, Katelyn Macansh, Preston Kennedy & Dana Sly

STAFFING
On behalf of Mooroopna Primary School, I would like to wish the following staff members, who are leaving our school, the very best for the future: Katherine Hallam, Chloe Nisbet, Sue Heywood, Wendy Fulton. Emily Hunter has taken 12 months leave to travel.
I would like to welcome Samantha Gill, Biannca De Angelis and Rachelle Hannam to our staff.
Our 2015 Teaching Staff will include:
Prep - Mrs Liz Young and Miss Biannca De Angelis
Year 1 - Mrs Ellen Grieve and Miss Rachelle Hannam
Year 2 - Mr Sam Fenton
Year 3 - Miss Kara McCann and Miss Alicia Ritchens
Year 4—Miss Samantha Gill and Mr Andrew King
Year 5/6—Mrs Kristen Pritchett and Mrs Stacey Hill
Art/Music—Mrs Bec Newham
Mrs Kayla Whittaker will be assisting in the classrooms until she takes maternity leave mid term 1.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS
Reports are being finalised and will be sent home at the beginning of next week.

CANTEEN
Tomorrow is the last day of Canteen for 2014. Thank you to the wonderful workers in the canteen who have done a fantastic job running the canteen this year.

LAST DAY TERM 4
The last day for students for term 4 is Thursday, 18th December. School will finish at 3.30pm.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
The Year 6 Graduation is on Wednesday, 17th December at 6pm at Westside. The Graduation ceremony celebrates the successful completion of our Year 6 students primary school education and is a chance to wish them well as they move on into Year 7. There will be a Graduation Dinner at the Mooroopna Golf Club following the event.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
A reminder that the raffle will be drawn on Monday at assembly. We would appreciate all hamper donations and raffle tickets being dropped in to the office by tomorrow if possible.
VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA
We are very lucky to have such active parent support within the school and to show our appreciation, the staff invite all parents and volunteers who have helped in some way to a special morning tea in the Learning Centre on Monday, December 15th at 11.00am. Please let you child’s classroom teacher know if you are able to come along.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
Next Thursday, the last day of term, is an out of uniform day. No open shouldered clothing (including singlets), no caps, thongs or open footwear is to be worn.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Mooroopna Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday 14th December at John Gray Oval. Mooroopna Primary School Choir will be performing. Choir members have received information about the evening. If you require more information please see Miss Hunter.

HEAD LICE
Unfortunately there have been a number of cases of head lice reported over the last few weeks. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. We realise that treatment can be expensive but if all parents act promptly we can minimise the impact head lice can have across the school.

Steve Rogers

LIBRARY BOOKS
Do you have any of our Library Books at home???
Please ensure books are returned to the red tub outside the Library room door before the end of the term.

BILLY’S BAKE HOUSE BEE-ING MPS AWARDS
Congratulations to the award winners for the last week:

Year 5/6
- Presley Adams for displaying exceptional leadership qualities and being a role model to other students.
- Briannon Moon for reading her speech confidently during leader rehearsals.
- Jay Kuiper for being a wonderful & responsible student.
- Joshua Ponteras for presenting a wonderful speech during leader rehearsals.

Year 3/4
- Elisha Pye-Fasham for displaying our school values of being “Motivated, Persistent and Successful”.
- Rhys Kennedy for applying new knowledge learnt in persuasive writing.
- Jada Madgwick-Lea for developing supporting reasons in persuasive writing.

Year 2
- Quinn Keep-Barlow for asking great questions during our Big Book Learning Sessions on Spiders.
- Charlie Nicholson for always lending a hand to her fellow students.

Year 1
- Jean Firebrace for her hard work and persistence in everything she does.
- Jade Robb for getting her work done and being organised.

Prep R
- Marcus Turner for trying hard to complete all of his work.

Prep Y
- Lincoln O’Brien for persisting with all of his work.
Hi everyone

I would like to thank everyone I have worked with over the past 5 months. It has been a pleasure meeting and working with you and I know the students have loved doing programs with me. I look forward to continuing working with the students and parents in 2015. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period. See you next year.

This is a simple idea for the kids to make and enjoy with their family, or even to wrap up in cellophane as a gift idea. Hope you enjoy.

**Ingredients**

- 1 bag of marshmallows
- 1 bag of jaffas
- 1 bag of lolly mint leaves
- 1 bar or bag of cooking chocolate

**Instructions**

1. Place some baking paper on a tray and set out your marshmallows approx 1cm away from each other (gives you room to make it easier).
2. Take your mint leaves and cut them in half.
3. Melt your chocolate in a saucepan or microwave.
4. Using a small teaspoon, pour a little chocolate on the top of each marshmallow.
5. While chocolate is still melted, place a jaffa on top (cutting jaffas in half makes it easier to get them to stay on).
6. Finally, while chocolate is still melted, place one half of a mint leaf on one side of the jaffa and the other half on the other side.
7. Place them in the fridge for the chocolate to harden.
8. Enjoy

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GUITAR & KEYBOARD LESSONS IN 2015

Cliff Doornkamp will be conducting both guitar and keyboard lessons at the school in 2015. Lessons are held each Tuesday with individual lessons lasting 20 minutes. The cost is $17 per lesson (payable at time of lesson). For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 0474 769 963.

Please complete details below and return to the school office to express your interest.

Name ...................................................... Grade ......... Room .........

Guitar ☐ Keyboard ☐ Parents Signature ........................................... Phone ................................

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Stepping Stones Bourchier Street - Vacation Care Programme!

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Call the office on 0306 696 190 to secure your place but be quick, numbers are limited. Remember no enrolment! No booking!

Friday 19th December
Schools Out Party
Yay! School's over for the year, so let's celebrate!

Monday 22nd December
Christmas Craft
We'll make Snowmen, Wrapping Paper and Cookies.
Christmas Crafts Galore.

Tuesday 23rd December
Christmas Craft
We'll make Christmas Trees and Stencils.
Christmas Crafts Galore.

Wednesday 24th December
Christmas Eve Party
Let's relax and get ready for the Holidays.

Thursday 25th December
Christmas Day
Tomorrow is Christmas!!

Monday 5th January
New Year's Celebrations

Tuesday 6th January
Cinema Excursion
Off to the movies we go!

Wednesday 7th January
Mini Games
What's your favourite Mini Game? Come & share it today.
Mini Golf, Mini Soccer & Much More

Thursday 8th January
Under The Sea
Today's all about sea creatures & under the sea.

Friday 9th January
Alphabet Dress Up
Make a Fishing Game

Dear Parents,

Please note: Please bring a packed lunch as you would for school unless stated otherwise, a labelled hat and water bottle and a change of clothes/underwear in case of accidents. A healthy morning & afternoon tea is provided. **We are a NOT AWARE SERVICE** **Please do not pack Nut products or Nutella. We will apply sun screen morning and afternoon, if you have a problem with this please let us know.** **Extra charges apply for Excursion Day**

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The Lions Club of Toolamba Presents...

Twilight Christmas Festival 2014

When: Saturday 13th December 2014 from 5pm until late.

Where: At Toolamba Community Hall & Recreation Reserve

Entry is Gold Coin Donation

What's on Offer

- Jumping Castle & Dodgem Cars
- Train Ride & Children's Animal Farm
- Art and Craft Displays
- Large Variety of Market Stalls
- Live Kids Entertainment & Magic Show
- By Enchanted Rainbow
- Santa arriving by Fire Truck

Lots of free & low cost kids activities

- Vintage Machinery Display
- Wood Turners Working Display
- Food and Drink Stalls
- Licensed Bar