



Principal's Message

Thank you for all your donations to our hamper appeal. The box was overflowing and we delivered all the goodies to Maycare Café in Mayfield. The staff were very grateful for our generosity and told us that they were putting together hampers to give out for Christmas to needy families and that our donations would help them greatly. Well done everyone!



Presentation Day was fabulous again this year. A great roll up of families and friends. It was a bit longer this year with our special performance and I do appreciate everyone's patience, particularly the kids! We are very proud of our school, its students and all their achievements. We love to celebrate this with all of our families. Special thanks to Dionne and Paul Walker for their kind donation which enabled us to set up our School Leaders Shield, which will be hung proudly in our school foyer.

Next Monday is Christmas Party Day for classes and Tuesday is Year 8 Graduation Lunch where we will celebrate and farewell our Senior School graduates.

As this will be our last newsletter for 2013 I would like to thank all our families for their continued support and to all our staff for their efforts over the year.

Enjoy the holiday period and we look forward to walking together on your child's learning journey in 2014!



Regards

Belinda Ryan
Principal

Diary Dates - Term 4

Week 11

Monday, December 16th	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday, December 17th	Yr 8 Graduation Luncheon 11.30am
Wednesday, December 18th	Last Day of School (Students)
Thursday, December 19th	Staff Development Day
Friday, December 20th	Staff Development Day

Diary Dates - 2014 Term 1

Week 1

Monday, January 27th	Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday, January 28th	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, January 29th	First Day (Continuing Students)
Thursday, 30th	First Day (New enrolments)

Student Christmas Party

When: Monday 16th December

Place: COLA

Time: 11.30am -1pm

Food: Sausage sizzle provided

Could you please send in some party food to share eg potato chips, lollies, cakes etc

If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa, please send one in before the day.

You are more than welcome to join us on the day, please let your child's teacher know so that we can cater enough sausages and bread. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together with our students and their families!

Jenny Lewis
Teacher



Sailability



Every second Thursday during the 2013 school year, classes 3 and 5 participated in the Sailability at Belmont Program.

This was a wonderful opportunity enjoyed by the students to sail with expert mariner volunteers on beautiful Lake Macquarie.

Many of the students' parents and grandparents also joined us down at the lake. The sailability volunteer staff also supplied lunch each time for us all.

To thank them for their wonderful programs and hospitality, last week class 3 presented a cheque for \$150 from the "Friends" charity to them. This great program will continue for more of our students next year.

Lenore Hanney
Co ordinator



Highlights from our
Presentation Day