WELCOME TO WEEK 11—14th to 16th December

Well done to our last merit award recipients for 2015. I am looking forward to seeing our beautiful students achieving again in 2016. Also, what an amazing job our students have done this term in working towards bronze certificates. Tomorrow, I will be holding a special morning tea for the top 5 award winners in each grade. These awards are based on the being safe, being respectful and being a hard worker reward system. Tomorrow afternoon will also see the clap out of our Year Six students. We wish them all the best as they begin their new journey into High School next year.

WHOOPING COUGH
The school has now received two confirmed cases of students who have been diagnosed with whooping cough. Whooping cough is a serious infection that usually causes a long coughing illness. In babies the infection can be life threatening. Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough. The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting. Older children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn’t go away. In adults the cough commonly lasts 5-7 weeks, sometimes longer. This is why in China it is referred to as the 100 day cough.

If you have any of these symptoms, please see your doctor and arrange for a swab to be taken to determine if you may have this respiratory infection. Teachers have commented on many children coughing in their class. It is wise before the Christmas break to take the time to make a doctor’s appointment to be certain your child is not contagious to prevent this infection spreading in the community.

INFANTS SEATING AREA
Over the weekend our Infants seating area was completed. It looks amazing. This will now be the spot for children to wait if they arrive before the bell rings in the morning. It is also a nice spot for parents to wait in the afternoon. We are looking at different shade covering options for the area and hope that it will be installed early in the new year.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY
Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Presentation Evening Ceremony. It was lovely recognising our outstanding students who have achieved either academically or in sporting endeavours. Our school is one of only a small handful who holds their presentation ceremony at night. We have done this so working parents are able to attend. I know from personal experience, I was not able to attend my children’s presentation ceremony this year as it was held during the day. It was also the first year my daughter has ever received an award. I understand it is a busy time of year and I am truly appreciative for parents organising their schedules in order for our presentation evening to be well attended. I’d like to take the opportunity in this last newsletter for 2015 to again thank our dedicated teaching and support staff, students, parents as well as the wider community for the support you have given me as Relieving Principal this year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe and enjoyable start to the new year.

Allison Thompson
Relieving Principal
Congratulations to all Award Winners and our wonderful performers on the night!

A very big thank you....

to everyone who supported our Xmas Raffle this year. We raised an amazing $861! All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a Commbox for the classrooms. Your support at this time of year when there are so many demands on the family budget is greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday.

Uniform Shop:
Once again we have had a very busy year. Unfortunately our supplier has informed us that our new sports uniform will not be delivered until the 1st week of next year. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will ring parents in the first week of school to advise when your order is ready for collection. Please remember that as we do not have any volunteers to assist in the uniform shop that we request you fill out an order form and leave it at the office. We will contact you when the order is ready for collection. Payment (cash/cheque only) is expected at time of collection. Thank you for your support this year.