Important Dates

Wednesday 9th December
Kinder to Wahroonga Park

Thursday 10th December
Year 6 Farewell

Friday 11th December
Stage 1 & 2 Celebration Day
Whole School Assembly—items by 2M and 4R

Monday 14th December
Reports go home

Wednesday 16th December
Talent Quest
Stage 2 and 3 to the Pool
Stage 1 and Kindergarten Class Parties

End of Year Holiday

Wednesday 16th December: Last day for students
Friday 18th December: Last day for staff

Wednesday 27th January: Staff return to school
Thursday 28th January: Students return

Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten

Wednesday 27th January: 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 28th January: 9am to 12.30pm & 1pm to 3pm
Friday 29th January: 9am to 12.30pm

Kindergarten parents should have received notification in writing of the date and time of their child’s Best Start Assessment. If you have not received a letter please contact the school
All Kindergarten students will commence class on Monday 1st February.

Uniform Opening Times

Tuesday 19th January: 8.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday 20th January: 8.00am to 11.00am
Friday 22nd January: 9.00am to 11.00am
Monday 25th January: 9.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday 27th January: 9.00am to 11.00am
Thursday 28th January: 8.30am to 10.30am
2.45pm to 3.45pm

From February the Uniform Shop will open on Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8.30am to 9.30pm as normal. Parents are able to use flexischools to place orders. The Uniform Shop will be closed all next week due to stocktake.

From Sharon

Well done—the power of our Voice!!! Recently plans were passed to have a ramp built through our OLGA. After much discussion with the fabulous boys of “Deloma” and Richard Naden from Asset Management Unit, the ramp was redrafted and moved to veer away from 2 trees. Both a well grown jacaranda and crepe myrtle have been saved and will remain due to cool heads and communication. Thank you to Nick from Deloma, Mr Naden and those concerned parents—your voice does make a difference!

Excellent effort to Mr McBroom, Mr Tierney, Mrs Geering, Mr DeLyall and Miss Pengilly for the wonderful Presentation Evening last Tuesday. It was great to see the fabulous talent of our school band under the baton of Mr Justin Screen. All students looked great in their school uniforms and our special hosts Mr Troy Grant, Mr Des O’Malley and Mayor Matthew Dickerson were very impressed with the quality of performances and the flow of the evening. I was very proud of our efforts this year. Congratulations to all of our Year 6 award winners.

Classes for 2016 have been organised. Students will receive notification of their teachers on Monday along with their school reports. Please remember that when we return next year there may be slight changes if numbers change greatly.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held this Thursday and will be our last official event for 2015. I look forward to seeing all of our students attending and dressed appropriately in smart casual wear. It will be a fun evening—a fitting celebration to their end of schooling.

Congratulations to our Year 2 students who graduated on Friday at their assembly. Great job by Miss Rogers and all the Year 2 teachers. Our Year 2 students will be participating in an orientation program in Year 3 throughout this week.

Students finish Wednesday 16th December and teachers remain until Friday. We look forward to a positive end to the year with students attending class parties and Stage 2 and 3 students participating in water activities at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. For students to attend they must remain on track and be well behaved.

Have a great week, Sharon
The Canteen will be closed on Wednesday 16th December.

**Library News**

**Stocktake**: Stocktake is underway. Please check under beds, behind cupboards and in bags for any books that may be hiding and bring them into the library as soon as possible.

**Kindergarten News**

**Home Reader Bags 2016**: Kindergarten are asking for volunteers to sew some home reader bags for the Kindergarten students arriving in 2016. If you are able to help out please let Mrs Gray or the ladies in the office know. Thank you to the families who have donated material and ribbon for this!!

**Year 6 Farewell - Thursday 10th December**

The Year 6 Farewell is this Thursday 10th December from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. We ask that students dress in smart casual clothes and arrive no earlier than 6.15pm in order for adequate supervision to occur. A big thank you to the parents and families who have volunteered to help on the night with decorating and catering.

All students must be collected by 9.00pm. A photo opportunity will occur. A big thank you to the parents and families who have donated material and ribbon for this!!

**Year 5 Hosts**: Don’t forget that Year 5 students need to bring in $5 to assist with the cost of the Year 6 Farewell.

**Return of Home Readers**

**Home Reading** has finished for the year. Please return all home readers to school. A $5 donation for any lost books is requested. If you find any books during the holidays please return them as soon as you can in 2016.

**End of Year Class Parties**

**When**: Wednesday 16th December 2015.

**Kinder**: Children are asked to bring a plate of food to share for their own class next Wednesday to celebrate a successful first year at school.

**Stage 1** will have a combined party in the COLA. Children need to bring $4 to cover the cost of pizza, watermelon and an ice block.

**Stage 2 & 3** will be heading to the pool to swim and use the waterslide. Permission notes have been issued today which will need to be returned with money for students to be able to attend.

**Talent Quest**

The annual school talent quest will be held on Wednesday the 16th of December form 9:30 onwards in the hall. You are all welcome to come and watch the amazing talented students of DAPS. The students have all done a fantastic job auditioning. Unfortunately, we cannot put all acts in the final show however, we thank all those students for trying out. Students who are in the final show on the 16th will receive a slip letting them know. We look forward to seeing you all at the show.

**Kinder Celebration Day**

A reminder that Kindergarten students have the opportunity to attend a celebration day to be held at Wahroonga Park. Please ensure that permission notes are returned to ensure your child’s participation.

**When**: Tomorrow Wednesday 9th December

**Cost**: NIL

**Transport**: Walking

**Stage 1 and Stage 2 Celebration Day**

The Stage 2 celebration day for good behaviour will be on Friday the 11th December. The students will need to bring their swimmers, towel and rash shirt to school in a plastic bag. Closed shoes must be worn to school. They will need to wear sunscreen and a hat. They will change back into their school uniform at the end of the activity.

**Band for 2016**

A flyer is being issued to day for all students in Years 2, 3 and 4. If you are interested in being part of the school band next year please complete the slip on the bottom of the flyer and return it to Mrs Blekemore in the school office.

Mrs Geering will be in touch with all parents at the beginning of next year.

**2M Item**

Boys are required to bring a singlet and shorts.

Girls are required to bring party clothes.

Please bring all clothing in a plastic bag clearly marked with your child’s name on the front by this Thursday.

Assembly will start at 1.35pm if parents would like to come along.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Jodie at the Canteen 6882 2957.