

# Lansdowne Public School

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Kindergarten students for next year enjoyed some fun activities at the school during their Orientation Week. Making Patty Cakes... did they get any icing on the cakes??

Kiara Guerin, Charlotte Outtrim, Casey Fletcher, Brayden Knott, Katie Byrne and Aaron Moore loving their cooking. Then K1G and Mrs Gilchrist hosted the 2013 Kindies to a Teddy Bears Picnic.



Thanks to Mrs Elsie Everingham who once again dressed our Infants children for the Nativity play at the Christmas Service at the Uniting Church last week. The students played their parts very well.



Ray Manual and David Freeman speaking at the Christmas Service in Lansdowne Uniting Church. Happy Retirement to Father Ray in 2013.



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

**Presentation Day** - CHRISTMAS BUSH still required if anyone can help with supplying some could they please let me know!

We will be enjoying a morning tea together at the conclusion of the ceremony so if you can donate a plate of food that would also be most appreciated.

### End of Year Dates

Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day and Community Morning Tea, 9:30am -12:00ish
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Party Day (each class to organise)
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for students

**Return of Library Books** - Thank you to all the households that have searched and recovered overdue books. If everyone with outstanding loans could have one more look that would be very much appreciated.

**Outstanding Fees** - If you have any outstanding fees from Stage 3 camp and/or swimming school could you please pay at the office as soon as you can so we can finalise this year's budget.

**Holiday Period** - We have unfortunately been the target of some senseless vandalism over the past few months. I have spoken to the police about my concerns and have been advised that if our community sees any unauthorised people on our school grounds, particularly behaving in an anti-social fashion they should contact Taree police and report the incidents. Our school and our grounds are very important to us and it is very upsetting and disappointing when we have "intruders" damaging or not respecting our special space.

**2013 News** - We have been doing lots of planning and look like we will be able to have a similar class structure to what we had this year. We have also been very pleased with the outcomes from the literacy support class Mr Price implemented during the second half of the year. Depending on our final enrolment numbers and funding at the start of next year we hope to continue this program and extend it to include stage 3 students.

**ALL STUDENTS, including new kindergarten students** return to school on **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY!**

Kind regards, Christine Wild



TERM 4 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 10	Wednes 12 December	<b>Year 6 Day Out with Mrs Wild</b>
	Thurs 13 December	<b>Student of the Week Morning Tea for Term 4 at 11.00am, thanks to our P&amp;C</b>
WEEK 11	Monday 17 December	<b>Presentation Ceremony for 2012 this morning at the school, all welcome</b>
	Tuesday 18 December	<b>Party Day</b>
	Wed 19 December	<b>Pack up Day and last day of school for all our students for 2012</b>
	Thurs 20 December	<b>School Development Day Programs for Staff</b>
	Friday 21 December	<b>School Development Day Programs for Staff</b>
Have a very Happy Holiday over the Christmas break everyone		
TERM 1 2013 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 1	Tuesday 29 January	<b>School Development Day Programs for Staff</b>
	Wednes 30 January	<b>First Day Back at School for all Students, Welcome to our new Kindies too</b>

### P&C NEWS

**P&C Christmas Mystery Raffle:** Only two books of raffle tickets have been returned so far to the school. The raffle will be drawn at the school presentation morning on Monday 17 December. We need the tickets returned to the school by this Friday, 14 December.

We have some great prizes to be won for instance a \$100.00 meat voucher from a local Taree butcher, a hamper worth \$100.00, a large outdoor umbrella, a camp lantern, an iced Christmas cake and lots of other prizes. Hopefully there will still be more prizes to come yet. The prizes will be on view from this Friday.

Please support this raffle so that the P&C can be able to support next year's swimming program and excursions. At the moment the P&C bank balance is looking very poorly.

**A very big thank you to everyone who supported the visiting school band at the school just recently. The response for cakes and savouries for the morning tea was absolutely amazing.** The canteen was jammed packed with food. Our visitors were in awe of just how much food there was and everyone enjoyed the wonderful feast. The Manly Selective High school band put on a great performance as well. A really remarkable day.

**A big thank you to our wonderful Principal Christine and staff who supplied the children with a mouth watering feast every day after swimming.** Christine called it a snack for the children but I can assure you it was much, much more than a snack. These children are so lucky to have such a thoughtful and caring lot of teachers.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Taree and Wingham Catholic Parishes**, information about **Sacraments of Initiation 2013** – Parents and carers of Catholic children in the Taree parish who are 7 yrs and over and would like to be confirmed in 2013 are invited to attend an information session at Taree, following the 9.30am Mass Sunday 10 Feb 2013, or at Wingham, following the 8.30am Mass Sunday 10 Feb 2013. For more information please ring the Taree Catholic Parish Office on 6552 1084.
- **Taree Great Lakes Physical Culture Club** invites girls who are looking for an amazing, fun dance class in 2013 to come along and try Physie! Great fun, awesome music and FREE classes for beginners. Classes in Gloucester, Taree, Stroud and Forster/Tuncurry. Find out what Physie is all about at our website: <http://rjlmccreek.wix.com/tqlphysie#> or ring Lyn on 65581576 or 0428210800
- **Sinfonia MNC** – As a community orchestra, Sinfonia is open to players from teens to seniors and we welcome interest from the community. For more information please visit our website at [www.sinfoniamnc.com](http://www.sinfoniamnc.com) or phone 65518926 or 0428509024