FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Music Captains 2017
Over the last few weeks I have announced our 2017 captains and in this last newsletter for the year I congratulate our music captains.

Choir Captains are Isabella S and Kara B
BWP (Band) Captain Annie C
Strings Captains Ben B and Hannah M

I look forward to working with all of our elected student leaders in 2017.

I have scheduled the official badge presentation ceremony for Thursday 2 February 2017.

Staffing
At the end of this week we farewell a number of teachers who have contributed very well to the school and who have had left an indelible mark on the students that they have taught. Late last week when I farewelled Miss Markus, a Year 2 teacher. Many of her students commented to me how “Miss Markus is the best teacher that we have had”. When I mentioned their previous teachers that they had had in Prep and Year 1 the chorus response was “all our teachers have been good.”

Farewell to: Adam Carrigan, Catherine Howells, Ceri Frost, Dylan Parer, Jess Markus, Rob Askew.

Next year we welcome Ash de Somer, Julia Trimmer, Laura Gilchrist and I’m very pleased to announce that Kelly Thorburn will be returning after a year on the Darling Downs.

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Christmas Wishes
I’d like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the positive ways that our students have conducted themselves this year. I thank our 2016 School Captains, Scarlett, Joshua, Clarinda and Jonathon for the manner in which they have attended to their responsibilities. Collectively and individually they have been outstanding!

I would also like to thank the staff for the professional way that they handled themselves this year. I would like to wish every family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that the holidays will be a safe, relaxing and happy time with family and friends. The first day of school for students is Monday 23 January 2017.

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Principal


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2016 Swimming Carnivals
Congratulations to all students for their performances at the various swimming carnivals over the last week. Despite the heat the carnivals were a great success with some outstanding results.

The overall house winner for 2016 was Lawson.

Results:

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Age Champions:

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Thankyou
I’d like to take the opportunity to thank all parents that have helped out during PE swimming lessons throughout the year. Your contribution in assisting both in the water and as spotters on the side of the pool ensures that our swimming program can run smoothly.

I’d also like to thank all parents that have contributed to the success of our school on the sporting fields throughout the year. Your continued support in getting our students to events all across Brisbane to represent the school is very much appreciated.

Hopefully 2017 will be as successful as this year has been. Have a great Christmas break and I’m looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist