This is the final newsletter for 2013. It has been a successful year for our students and teachers. We wish everyone safe travels through the festive season. Enjoy your Christmas time with family and friends.

Baby Toscan

Congratulations to Leigh and Claude Toscan on the safe arrival of their beautiful son, William last Thursday, 7th. Welcome to the TT family.

Farewell Dear Friends

It is with sadness that we farewell some families as their youngest child finishes their primary education. You will be missed by the teaching staff and wider community. We wish you all the best in the future.

Austin, his parents Kyla and Andy and sister Tarni

Kallista, her parents Kyla and Andy and sister Tarni

Cody, his mother Nerida, father Richard and brother Alex

Charlee, her parents Robin and Owen and siblings Chris and Becky

Bronwyn, her parents Caroline and Adrian and sister Elsie

Zach and his parents Debbie and Jim

Nathan, his parents Ruth and Graham and siblings Patrick and Isabelle... although we may see the Hillier family again in a few years...

Scarlet, her parents Becky and Huw and sister Eva

Jai and his parents Mellissa and Spencer.

To other families who may be moving on at the end of the year, we wish you the best in your new adventures.

Kivlan and Jazmine enjoying reading time in the Library

What’s on ...

12th December
Semester 2 reports home
No Assembly

13th December
Regatta and party day

16th December
Presentation Day 9.45am

17th December
Year 6 Farewell event 6.30-8.30pm

18th December
TT Idol 9.40 – 11.25
Last day Term 4

19th – 20th December
Staff Development Days

28th January
Staff Development Day

29th January
Year 1-6 student return

3rd February
Kindergarten commences
2014 Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival for 2014 will be held on Friday 7th February 2014. This is for all students turning eight years old or older in 2014. The permission note will be provided to children on the first day of school 2014. All eligible students are expected to attend either as participants or spectators.

What’s happening in the next few days?

Thursday 12th December
No Assembly today.

Choir visiting retirement village to sing carols. Thank you to all parents who are transporting our children.

Year 6 sleepover.

Friday 13th December
School Regatta Day. Starting at 10am on the oval. This is a RED FOOD day so please consider that when giving your child money to spend. There will be a top shop and counter sales at the canteen. No lunch orders.

Parents are welcome to join us. This is the class party day. The children can wear mufti - preferably swimmers as they will get wet. Please pack a change of clothes, although they get dry during lunch time.

Monday 16th December
Presentation Day starts at 9.45am. It should conclude by 11am. 2014 captains and vice captains will be announced.

Mrs Latta sends her apologies for being unable to attend Presentation Day as there has been a death in the family and she will be attending the funeral on this day.

Tuesday 17th December
Year 6 farewell. This is an evening, invitation only event.

Wednesday 18th December
Last day for students.

TT Idol starts at 9.45am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Year 6 arches at 3.15pm.

Teacher Dress-up Day

School resumes in 2014 on Wednesday 29th January for Years 1-6. Kindergarten will start on Monday 3rd February.

Due to an influx of new students in recent weeks, we hope to start the year with 7 classes. This will be confirmed at the start of 2014.

Canteen this Friday

A BBQ and top shop will be held on the oval while the children are running their boat races. Also over the counter sales only (no lunch orders) from the canteen. As this is our last red light day for the year we are hoping parents can donate a baked cake or maybe some biscuits to sell. I appreciate this is a hectic time of the year so it is ok if not possible but very much appreciated if you can. Please remember no nuts!

 Helpers are needed on the day, just come along and join in while watching your kids enjoy themselves. This is probably the most fun event of the year, hilarious to watch so please if you can come along and support the school and the students.

Look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Regards,
Canteen Committee
L.S.T.T. Band

2014 - Any Students not returning to the L.S.T.T. Band Program in 2014 will need to inform Fiona or Mr Whitney by Friday, December 13th. Band Shirts and any Hired instruments need to be returned by Wednesday, December 18th.

Attention budding musicians!
Any middle or upper Primary students interested in learning an instrument in 2014 are invited to attend........

The L.S.T.T.
Showcase Night
6.30pm, Thursday Dec 12
@Lennox Head P.S. Hall
A Free Concert featuring the musicians of the L.S.T.T. Concert Band.
“Come along and learn about what instruments are available to learn in 2014.

Harvey received a prestigious award at the North Coast PSSA 29th Annual presentation in Yamba on December 2nd. This was presented to students who represented the North Coast PSSA with distinction while displaying personal behaviour and attitude of the highest order at all times.
He was one of 11 recipients across all sports to receive this award which he earned by winning the NSW PSSA State Golf Championships.

P & C News

Volunteers
A massive thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!
Without your generosity and help the school would not be able to host events such as disco, small schools cross country, the regatta day etc. To all the committee coordinators, and members of the canteen, fundraising and uniform teams as well as the treasurer, secretary and vice president and everyone who has helped out at the Country Fair or in classrooms you have all done a great job and it has been appreciated.

A special mention must go to Natalie and her mum Heather who have done a wonderful job in the canteen. It is a huge role and without them stepping up and taking over our children may not have had a canteen. They have done a brilliant job opening on a regular basis whilst running a full time business and family.
On behalf of the parents of the school and myself I would like to applaud you all!

Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday season and 2014!
Regards, Sara Remfrey, P&C President

Fundraising News

Recipe Books quickly disappearing
Thank you to all those people who have already purchased a school recipe book. The books are selling fast, and with stories appearing in local media and on social media, and a planned stall at Bunnings this weekend, we are planning to sell out. So, if you haven’t ordered a book yet, please do so before Saturday. Order forms are available for download from the school website.

Fundraising Wrap-up for 2013
Our committee is on the wind-down after a busy year which has seen us organize an Easter raffle ($1,071.50), a mother’s day stall ($620), a beach party disco ($1,220), a trivia night and raffle ($1,261), an Election Day cake stall ($395), and a recipe book. Total raised (excluding recipe book sales to date): $4,567.50.
By far the biggest project of the year has been the school recipe book. Working together, we have managed to secure a great resource with over 130 great recipes. The work involved soliciting the recipes (difficult); formatting and editing; engineering a photo shoot to complement the book with big thanks to Tony Partridge on camera; layout (an enormous job) was beautifully undertaken by Kat Walters; securing of advertising; printing; and sales. To date, we have sold around two thirds of the books, which are also on sale at Lennox Head Butcher, Creative Blinds, East Ballina Newsagent and Tintenbar Shop. When we sell all 250 printed copies, we will have raised approx $3,000 from this project.

The Committee is planning to use funds raised in 2013 to purchase classroom aids and/or pay for specialist interventions to assist students with learning difficulties. We are currently investigating a few options and will report on our final decision soon.

Big thanks are extended to our dedicated band of Committee members: Barbara–Ann Wyatt-Peters, Jodie Gow, Sue McLachlan, Belinda Johnson and Donna Jaszewski for their magnificent efforts throughout the year.

Thanks are also extended to all those people who have supported us throughout 2013 – whether you purchased raffle tickets, attended an event, baked cakes, helped with sales or gave money to your kids to buy items at a stall. Our success is directly linked to the support we receive from the school community, so to everyone who helped in any form, we say thank you.

Michelle Mahon