Christmas Cards
Each classroom now has a post box for children to 'post' their Christmas cards to each other. The box will then be opened on Tuesday 17.12.13 in the afternoon session.

For many years, there has been a culture of handing out candy canes or other sweets with the cards. I urge parents not to allow this practice for the following reasons:

- We have many children with food allergies. It goes against the Nutrition in Schools Policy. We have a serious ant problem at present.
- If your child brings candy canes or lollies with their cards, the sweets will be taken by class teachers and returned to parents.

Our school party day is on Friday 13.12.13 and is part of the Tintenbar on Teven Regatta day. THIS is the day when children can bring lollies and other sweets to share. PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WHO HAVE NUT/EGG/FISH ALLERGIES. Do not provide any food with these products.

The canteen committee will have a BBQ and other products for sale.

Canteen
The Canteen will be open for counter sales only this Friday, 6th December.
No lunch orders will be available.
Charity Christmas Presents
We are collecting **unwrapped new toys** for delivery to needy families at Christmas. This is run with the Salvation Army. Gifts can be left under the Christmas tree in the front office. Please see flyer later in newsletter.

Regatta & Party Day
The school regatta will be held on Friday 13th December starting at 10am on the top oval.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in boxes for us. Please see class teachers before delivering boxes to school.

We hope to see you at the Regatta. We have designed more obstacles than last year, so there will be much more laughing at the antics of the racers.

Children are encouraged to wear swimmers and bring a change of clothes and shoes- YOU WILL GET WET!

TT Idol
TT Idol will be held on Wednesday, 18th December in the 6T and 4/5H classrooms. It will start at 9:40am and go till 11:25am. Entries will be taken by the SRC next week. There is a guest ‘celebrity’ judge this year. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Acts are drawn out randomly so we are unable to confirm the timing of particular performances.

There is a limit of 1 act which each person can perform in. You can do singing, dancing, acrobatics, jokes or anything else you want.

You don’t have to wear your school uniform; you can wear whatever you like for the whole day (with the exception of no thongs).

Of course, as is our tradition, the teachers are dressing up on the last day. We’ll keep our 2013 theme under wraps until the day but it’s sure to be a funny sight!

2014 Captains
We wish the seven very capable Year 5 students running for leadership roles all the best for their speeches tomorrow. The rest of us have a very difficult decision to make as they are all fantastic young people who will represent our school with pride. Good luck Carla, Raelan, Maddy, Lilly, Sam, Lachie and Harvey!

A reminder that assembly is starting at the earlier time of 2:30pm for the speeches and normal assembly, before students will return to their classrooms to vote.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell is on Tuesday 17th December. Invitations will come home with the students later this week. The event will be held at school from 6:30pm until approximately 8:30pm. Each Year 6 child will be able to invite 2 adult guests. There is nothing for parents to do other than come along and enjoy the night with your child.

Year 6 Photos
Year 6 are currently putting together their yearbook and slideshow. If anyone has any photos of these students - at school events or others outside school - please send them in or email them to Kristie.talbot@det.nsw.edu.au

### Awards this week

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### iCare Awards

Ben, Saoirse, Taidgh, Abby and Lucia
Raelan created this wonderful artwork at an Artsmart workshop recently. Well done!

**Year 6 Bucket lists**

Last Thursday Hannah, Scarlett, Hannelle and Kallista ticked off another item on their bucket lists. The students of our school became very excited with the appearance of four very famous performers – Katy Perry, Taylor Swift, Kesha and Nicki Minaj, who signed autographs and posed for their adoring fans.

Don’t Forget
Tonight, December 4th, the band is performing at the Ballina Xmas Light Up, outside the Ballina Tourist Information Centre.

Band members need to be at the venue by 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Band Uniform and Xmas Bling! This Sunday, December 8th, the band is performing at Lennox Head Carols. Students will need to be at the Venue, Williams Reserve Lennox Head by 5.25pm for a 5.40pm start. Band Uniform and Xmas Bling!

The L.S.T.T Showcase night is on Thursday, December 12th. This is a Free Concert for Family, Friends and any students who are interested in starting an instrument in 2014, so spread the word.

**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.**

However, spaces are limited and forms must be signed by a Parent/Caregiver and handed back into the office by Wednesday, December 11th.

Students who gain a spot in the guitar program for 2014 will be informed before the end of term. **Current students need to let Fiona know before Dec 11th if they are returning to lessons next year.**

**Congratulations Jaden Partridge**

Jaden is a past student and was Captain of TTPS and the son of Julie and Warren Partridge. He has just completed his HSC at Alstonville High and was chosen as the winning student for the ‘Products Award’ at the University of Wollongong for his Design and Technology HSC major work. Jaden designed and built a hand controlled Go-Kart for people with a disability, so that they are able to compete in kart racing events.

Jaden’s project has also won a place in DesignTECH. This will see his project displayed in the DesignTECH exhibition at the Power House Museum in Sydney and will also join the travelling show around schools throughout NSW.

**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.

**Guitar students 2014**
Spaces are now available for the Teven Tintenbar Guitar Program in 2014. Forms are available at the School Office. Any students who will be in Years 2,3,4,5 or 6 in 2014 are welcome to join.

Charlee and Casey performed Principal duties yesterday. Mrs Latta consulted with them over many issues and they also helped the office staff with their duties.
Why we request unwrapped gifts
This allows parents to personally select suitable gifts for their children. This is a more dignified way of allocating gifts and for this reason we do not supply children’s names. You may wish to include some wrapping paper and sticky tape to allow parents to wrap the gifts themselves.

Gift vouchers – what a great idea!
Gift vouchers really are a great gift idea, even for the Salvo’s Christmas Toy Appeal, because of their flexibility. They’re an ideal gift for older children, teenagers and adults. Alternatively, a gift voucher means a parent who is struggling to make ends meet doesn’t have to miss out on the joy of purchasing their child a gift direct from the store.

Why we request ‘brand new’ toys
Sadly, the gift you donate might be the only present a child receives this Christmas, and so we try our best to ensure each child receives a gift that is ‘brand new’. We know Christmas isn’t only about receiving gifts, but this is one way we can help families feel special at Christmas and enjoy its wonders like everybody else.

Gift Ideas for All Ages

Here are some popular gift ideas to suit all age groups urgently requiring presents this Christmas

Gift Vouchers
- Surf shops
- Clothing shops
- CD/DVD shops
- Kmart, Myer, Target
- Cinemas/movie tickets
- Diva Jewellery

Clothing
- Clothing and accessories
- Shoes and socks
- Baseball caps

Outdoor/Sporting Equipment
- Kites
- Bat and ball games
- Beach towels, sunglasses, body boards
- Jogger radios
- Netballs, footballs, cricket sets
- Tennis racquets and balls

Hair and Beauty
- Make-up, beauty cases
- Perfume/aftershave
- Hair dryers
- Jewellery (eg. from Diva)
- Trendy toiletry bags
- Toiletries (lip balm, glitter gels, hair accessories, nail polishes)

Miscellaneous
- CDs and DVDs
- Meccano, Lego
- Puzzles and games (eg. board games, card games, pinball machines)
- Bags (eg. back-packs, teen handbags, wallets, purses)
- Books, diaries, photo albums
- Art and craft packs (eg. stationery, art pencils and paints, sketch books, coloured paper)
- Toy cars (eg. Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Super Blast, Robo Wheels, car packs, remote control, snap models)

Baby shopping tip:
When buying for under 3s, carefully read the labels as many of the toys that look like they’re baby toys are actually for children over 3.

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