From the Principal’s Desk

It’s that time of year again when friends and family think about the Christmases of the past and plan for the coming holiday with their loved ones in mind. As we reflect on this wonderful holiday, we must keep in mind that Christmas is not just any holiday but may be the most important one of the year for some people. It is a time for remembering, a time to share the goodness of your heart with others, and for expressing with words and gifts what someone means to you. It is a chance to make wishes come true and to give something from your heart. It is a chance to give a message that will express love and caring to the ones we care about the most. On behalf of all school staff I wish you all a very happy, safe and cheerful Christmas together.

The Christmas Carols evening last Friday was a wonderful success and we thank you all as parents, students and extended family members for coming along and joining us for such a significant event. The kids were great in their performances, the alternate venue was necessary and we are incredibly grateful to you all for the support. On behalf of school staff I acknowledge the enormous task undertaken by the organising committee, led by Ms Gurney, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Burns. See over the page for some lovely photos from the evening.

The Year 6 Farewell celebration was held on Monday evening with a very special graduation ceremony hosted at the Wallerawang Bowling Club to wish year 6 well as they move on to high school and commence the next stage of their learning. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by staff, students and parents alike. The evening reinforced to us all the terrific partnership we have with parents and children in terms of learning and school support. A huge thanks is extended to our P & C President Katena Taylor and Vice-President Leanne Houison both of whom co-ordinated the evening, decorations and the menu. See page 4 for some pictures of the evening.

Yesterday we held a special assembly in the school hall where we farewelled four staff. Teachers, SLSO’s and office staff joined students, parents and community members in saying; best wishes on your retirement to Mrs Pangas, congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Morrow and Mrs Quinn, both of whom commence as Assistant Principals at Cooerwull PS in 2015 and also to Mrs Gale who will commence as a permanent teacher at Meadow Flat PS in 2015. Students sang, a slideshow was presented, speeches were given, tears flowed and gifts were given to each of the departing staff. See page 6 for some photographs and memories from yesterday.

Special thanks to Ms Graham for coordinating the assembly, to Ms Reid for coordinating the slideshow, to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Burns for representing the P&C and to our school staff that supported the planning for the assembly and spoke about the special qualities of all four teachers. Mrs Nancarrow then coordinated a beautiful luncheon for staff and some special guests in the Library.
Important dates for your calendar

School commences **Wednesday 28th January**
for all children in Years 1 to 6

The school uniform Shop will open:
**Thursday 29th January 9-11am & 2-3pm**
**Friday 30th January 9-10:30am**

The school canteen will open **Monday 2nd Feb**
**There will be NO CANTEEN open in Week 1**

Kindergarten children will commence in Week 2
**Monday 2nd February**

Primary Swimming Carnival—Portland Pool
**Wednesday 4th February**

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Invitation to the Opening of the
Wallerawang Public School Pottery Exhibition

Saturday, 20 December 2015
2pm at Eskbank House & Museum
Bennett St Lithgow

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Jackeroo Ranch

Horse Riding Spring School Holiday Riding Camps

Jackeroo Ranch (est 54 Years) and recently relocated to Bingletree Station at Upper Turon, are again running their popular horse riding camps in the winter vacation.

1st week:
Saturday 3rd January – Saturday 10th January 2015
(from 3 days stay to 10 days stay)2nd week:
Saturday 10th January— Sunday 18th January 2015

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