As we enter the final week and a half of school I trust that students and families are coping with the hectic pace of events. We have already had the annual Swimming Carnival and Big Day Out, the Term 4 Merit Assembly is being held today and we have the Freaky Friday Fete, Year 6 Farewell and School Presentation Night still ahead of us.

**Merit Assembly**

At this point in time our school's SENTRAL File Server has been sent off for some much needed repairs. This has meant that Term 4 Merit Awards have been printed minus the school logo. Until we have our file server back here on site this problem cannot be overcome. Hopefully this will be returned to us and certificates reprinted and re-issued to students before the end of term. It is deemed important though that we still celebrate the students’ successes in front of a school gathering. Congratulations to all students who earned merit awards this term.

**Coming Events**

Parents and students are reminded to keep all coming events fresh in mind. Being on time will be beneficial to all others and not have students missing out on moments that may involve them.

Until next week...

**Carols In the Park**

The Woodburn Public School Choir will be singing at Carols in the Park at Riverview Park, Woodburn Saturday 14 December 2013 (this includes all children in KJ, 1J and 2/3). Our choir has

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been performing at this event for several years now and we have been working hard toward this performance all term. In order for us to perform and to be a success we will need as many of the children in the School Choir to attend. Carols will commence at 7 pm and I would like to meet all students at 7:15 pm near the performance area. The children are to come dressed in red, green and white clothes. They can also wear anything Christmassy e.g. a Santa hat, tinsel or antlers.

Suzanne Johnston
Choir Co-ordinator

School Choir Performance for the Woodburn Evans Head Laurel Club Christmas Party

Yesterday our School Choir, students from classes KJ, 1J, 2/3T and those students from Years 4, 5 & 6 who have volunteered to be in our Choir all year brought home a permission note for us to perform at the Woodburn Evans Head Laurel Club Christmas Party in Evans Head on Monday 16 December 2013

The Laurel Club exists to provide companionship, outings and activities for their members who are the widows of veterans and ex-servicemen. They also provide Legacy with valuable funds raised through their own fundraising activities, support badge sales during Legacy Week and assist in numerous other activities. The name comes from the wreath of Laurel around the Legacy Badge.

Suzanne Johnston
Organising Teacher

Last Day Fun Day

This year’s whole school Christmas party is being sponsored by the SRC. This means parents will NOT have to send in a plate for sharing. The SRC will do a sausage sizzle, drinks, chips, popcorn, lollies, watermelon and an icy tube will be provided.

The day starts off with the No Talent Quest in the hall, followed by the Christmas party and then a swim at the pool to end the day.

Students need to bring in their swimming gear and $2 pool entry. As this is the last day of the year no IOU’s will be allowed.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

Freaky Friday Fete

Year 6 students are excitedly preparing for the Freaky Friday 50c Fete that commences at 1.30 pm this Friday. The students have prepared lots of exciting stalls and activities for the day so don’t forget to bring your money on Friday for a great, fun-filled day. We are still looking for donations for the second hand book and toy stall as well as for prizes. All donations can be dropped off to Mrs Duncan’s room. Many thanks to everyone who has already donated.

Mrs Duncan, Mrs Cattle and Year 6

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell is quickly approaching and the need for more information to be communicated is upon us.

The cost for family members to attend is $15p/p - please note the change from the invite (proofreading error). This $15 needs to be paid to the office in cash no later than Wednesday 11 December to secure the required catering. The invite is extended to adults only- no siblings are to attend.

The farewell will begin at 5pm. Students and parents will need to arrive and be seated by this time.

Mrs Mander

End of Year Disco

On Monday 16 Dec, Year 6 will be having their farewell here at the school. After the farewell, all students of WPS are invited to celebrate with them the end of their primary school years with a disco. The disco will begin at 7:30 pm and finish at 9pm sharp. Entry to the disco is $2 and glow sticks will be for sale for 50c each. There will be no food or drinks available for purchase at the disco although drinks will be made available for those attending.

Mrs Mander

Student Banking

Remember to bring in your banking each Friday. If you would like to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank please come to the office for an application form. School Banking will resume in 2014 on 7 Feb. Congratulations to all our school baking students - you’ve done an awesome job of saving this year!

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR
**Uniforms**

NEW Hooded Jumpers now in stock - $25 ea, sizes 6 - 16 available. Sloppy joes will be discontinued - $15 till sold out!

Kim Skaines
UNIFORM COORDINATOR

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**Important Canteen Stuff**

Canteen will be CLOSED on Friday of Week 10 due to the Year 6 Fete!

Mel Gillett
COORDINATOR

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**Christmas Hamper**

The Christmas Hamper raffle is on again!! Just bring in something for the hamper and you'll get a ticket in the draw to win at the Presentation Night. No tickets will be sold for this raffle - just a nice way to end off the year!

Kim, Alison & Toni
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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**Rising Sun Support Group**

- The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre is now operating a support group for those effected by suicide called the Rising Sun Support Group. Supported by Provisional Psychologist, meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month commencing at 5pm.

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**Xmas Holiday Intensive Swimming**

6 - 10 January & 13 - 17 January
10 day intensive Monday to Friday
4 yrs to 10 yrs

$70 for a 10 day program. Fees do not include pool admission fees. The program is being held at Evans Head Aquatic Centre from 10 am - 1 pm & Woodburn Pool from 3 pm to 6 pm. For bookings please phone Evans Head Aquatic Centre on 66 825 885.

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**The Great Aussie Pie Bake-off**

Hello to all community members, I'm sending you the details of a competition in the Richmond Valley open to anyone with a knack for pastry and a sense of the Australia Day spirit who would like to join in a competition "the Great Aussie Pie Bake-off".

Two categories for the competition will ensure professionals are matched equally with each other, while super at-home bakers can show off their prowess.

The terms and conditions are enclosed with the entry form attached, but to summarise:

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Community Stuff**

**Playgroup at Woodburn Public School**

Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It's very informal - a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It's open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.

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**Fresh & Frozen Fruits available now for just 20c**

REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME! Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to the next P & C Meeting!
Pies should be meat based of any kind and flavour. 2 cold pies must be delivered to Coraki bakery Friday 24 January, one will be heated for tasting and the other will be judged on presentation. Judging will take place at Coraki Bakery Saturday 25 January and winners will be announced Sunday 26 January at the official Richmond Valley Australia Day celebrations in Coraki.

Kate Crockett