Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the families who gave up their Sunday to help with the paving at our P&C Working Bee. A special thanks must go to Ned and Ella who worked just as hard as all of the adults! The newly paved area between the Prep and the OSHC buildings looks great!

We are currently investigating the viability of offering Instrumental Music in 2017 for students between Yr 3 and Yr 6. Expression of Interest notes were sent home yesterday for students wishing to learn a stringed instrument (violin, viola or cello). If you are interested, please ensure that notes are returned to school by this Friday so that we can start the planning process. Provided we gain enough interest in the program, we should be able to commence lessons at the beginning of Term 1.

Our Choir students have been invited to perform at Smithfield Shopping Centre next Thursday 8th December from 9:30 to 10:30am. Students will be performing a variety of songs that they have been practising throughout the year. Please ensure that permission notes are returned to school by this Friday.

The Tuckshop will be offering a variety of meals (hamburgers, veggie burgers, curries) to purchase prior to our Awards Ceremony this Friday night. Food and drink will be available to purchase between 5:30 and 6:00pm for any families wishing to have dinner before-hand. We look forward to seeing you all here!

Please ensure that all home readers and library books are returned to school by this Friday. Books that are not returned are often lost over the holidays so it is important that we receive them back before the end of the term so that they can be used again next year.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Librarian Books

Please ensure that all library books are returned to school by this Friday 2nd December.
Have a lovely rest over the break and enjoy some precious time with your lovely children.

Students of the Week

Wrygg - for being a wonderful class member and always sharing his knowledge on unusual topics.

Kaiden - for having a cooperative and respectful attitude towards both teachers and peers.

Lex - for continued effort and lovely behaviour. His reading and sight word results have been lovely and successful as well.
As the end of the year sets upon us, I’m feeling an array of emotions. On one hand I am extremely happy with the amount of achievements my class have accomplished over the past six months, however on the other hand I am extremely sad that this will be the last week and a half spent with my students, especially my year 6 who I will not see as often next year. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching every single child and seeing them grow in confidence and skill has been a wonderful journey. All students have jumped significantly in their reading levels which you will be able to see when your child takes home their Learning Passport next week. Over the course of this term, students have been setting reading goals to boost their overall comprehension and reading skills. Each student has achieved at least one reading goal which is something to be greatly celebrated! Reading is a priority and understanding is foundational for learning. Well done to my class.

Even though there are approximately 8 days remaining, it is still important for your child to be at school as learning continues even to the very last day. As Christmas approaches, we will be doing more Christmas activities including a class Secret Santa! Each student should have a child in which they will have to either buy or make a present worth no greater than $5. This season is a wonderful life lesson for both giving and receiving, a time we should all be grateful for our own and other’s existence and where friendship should be cherished.

This Friday is our annual awards night. A quick reminder for all of my students to wear denim pants and a white shirt, to bring along a cool basketball singlet (optional) and a cool hat.

Lastly, as next week is our last week of school, I will ask if all students bring in bags to start taking their belongings home. We will be starting a pack and tidy up on Monday, gradually working through the week so students do not have a heavy load on Friday! Thank you.

I wish everyone a wonderful and happy Christmas and New Years’ and a very safe holiday! See you all in 2017.

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**DRAIN STENCIL EVENT**

The Cairns and Far North Environment Centre has teamed up with RACQ Get Ready QLD, Cairns Regional Council and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to bring you the ‘Drain Stencil Project’. This project aims to generate awareness in communities of storm water pollution and its direct negative effects on the Barrier Reef through practical activities.

The spray painting of the drains in our local areas with the phrase “Drains to the Reef” is a great activity for everyone in the community. Sessions run for around an hour and a half and a free morning/afternoon tea is provided!

**Friday 2nd Dec, at 3:30pm:**
Meet at Raintree Park, corner of Oleander and Alamanda St, Holloways Beach

**Saturday 3rd Dec. at 8:30am:**
Meet at Keith Edwick Parks, Machans Beach

**Friday 9th December at 3:30pm:**
Meet on corner of School St and Christensen St, Machans Beach.

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**2016 Awards Night**

**Friday 2nd December 6pm**

- Dinner will be available to purchase from the tuckshop from 5:30pm
- Performances by students
- Awards presented
- Attendance Bike Raffle
- 2017 Student Leaders announced

All families and community members welcome!
Outside School Hours Care

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Taking enrolments now for the upcoming school holidays.
To book, please contact Jane on 0456588886

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