### DECEMBER 12th

#### December

2nd—13th Swimming  
16th Grade 3/4 Movie & Picnic Excursion  
16th 5/6 Day Out Excursion  
17th Grade 6 Graduation  
 Grade 3/4 Incursion  
 Grade 1/2 Movie Exc  
 19th Class Parties  
 20th Final Assembly  
 12.45pm

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#### PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Sadly, Nelson Mandela passed away this week. He was an extraordinary person and I include this article written by Charles Spicer - Principal of Knox Central Primary School.

**NELSON MANDELA**

It is often easy to complain about our lives and the things we do and do not have. As Australians who live in such a free country, the majority of us will never face the kind of oppression that Nelson Mandela faced in his lifetime. To be jailed for 27 years because you wanted to be treated as an equal, to stand up against injustice of apartheid, to come through that period with unshakable conviction, then win his country’s first fully democratic election and lead his reborn country as it took its early steps into equality is a remarkable legacy. Nelson Mandela will be remembered as a giant. His legacy will live on long after us all and it is his courage and dedication to a just cause that is the hallmark of an extraordinary man.

By uniting the ‘Rainbow Nation’, Mandela was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize that was shared with the former South African President F.W. de Klerk.

Mandela’s life was committed to ensuring that all people would be treated fairly. He was resolute in his pursuit of wellbeing for all and believed in the power of strong relationships. "A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of" (Mandela). This ideal is something that we can all aspire to and by doing so, we know that the positive effect will impact on our own lives. Sometimes it can be as easy as enquiring into the wellbeing of a friend or neighbour, other times it can be volunteering or even going for a run to raise money for those less fortunate. No matter how you choose to show your concern for others, the important thing is to recognise the significance of doing so.

Nelson Mandela was also a lifelong learner. He studied a Bachelor of Arts and a Law Degree and continued to seek opportunities to learn throughout his life. He recognised that education was the key to a successful life and that, "Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do." Mandela argued that, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" and his life is testament to this. What Nelson Mandela’s life tells us is that it is up to us to improve not
only our own lives, but the lives of others. We strive to make the school a place of learning that our students love being a part of. Embedding a love of learning in every child grants them the opportunity to create a good life for themselves. It creates independence and an awareness of the importance of respecting others. As the world mourns the passing of the great Nelson Mandela, the least we can do as a school to honour his legacy is to continue to demonstrate our passion for education in the hope that our students will be inspired to do the same.

2014 CLASS STRUCTURE
The 2014 Grade structure is as follows -

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2014 PREP TRANSITION
Last Tuesday our new Prep children attended school and spent time with their 2014 teacher. Many thanks to the Grade 5/6 teachers and students who looked after our current Prep children. In the evening we held a Prep Parent evening where all the parents heard Julie Shepherd - our Literacy Consultant, speak about the importance of shared reading and modelling with our children. We have booked Julie to conduct a special parent information night around reading strategies early in the New Year.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION
The Grade 6 students are busy preparing for their Graduation Ceremony next Tuesday. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Kilsyth South Baptist Church for once again making their church available for our graduation ceremony.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK
I would like to remind parents of the importance of maintaining daily reading habits and practising times tables at home, particularly when the temptation is to give in to the demands for video games. The students will still have plenty of time for games, but every piece of research states that students go backwards over the long break if they do not keep up with their reading.

STUDENT REPORTS
We expect to distribute student reports and 2014 class placements to all parents on Wednesday 18th of December as scheduled. If you would like to make an appointment with our staff in relation to any matters raised, please contact your child’s class teacher.
STATIONARY PACKS
A reminder to parents that the 2014 stationary packs have arrived and can be collected from the office at the time of paying the 2014 school fees.

EARLY DISMISSAL - FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH - 1:30PM
A reminder to parents that school will finish on Friday 20th of December at 1.30pm following an assembly that will commence at 12:45pm.

SCHOOL RETURN & 2014 TERM DATES
School will resume for all students on Thursday 30th Jan 2014.

TERM 1: Thursday 30th January to Friday 4th April
TERM 2: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 27th June**
TERM 3: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September
TERM 4: Monday 6th October to Friday 19th December

** Term 2 starts on Tuesday 22 April as Monday 21st April is Easter Monday. Please note: Friday 25th April is ANZAC Day.

Graeme Russell
CHRIS THE APPLE MAN IS BACK

Chris delivers apples and pears straight from the orchard to the school every fortnight. His next delivery is Friday 20th December. If you wish to place an order please have your order and money to the office by 9.00am on the Friday morning.

- Pink Ladies $10.00 5kg bag
- Fujis $10.00 5kg bag
- Royal Gala $10.00 5kg bag
- Golden Delicious $10.00 5kg bag
- Granny Smith $8.00 5kg bag
- Pears $8.00 5kg bag

December
8th Ruby Telford
9th Robbie Chettle
12th Jake Stephens

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Congratulations to all of our students who have participated in the 10 day swimming program. The students have been excellent. Not only have they made impressive progress with their swimming abilities, but have developed greater independence through daily changing routines and caring for their possessions (some exceptions of course!!). Thanks to our staff and parents who have once again supported the program brilliantly. The swimming instructors will complete assessment certificates and those “Aquasafe” booklets that were submitted and return them next week.

SPORTS UNIFORM

We still have many of our school sports uniform to be returned. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could help have all uniforms back by the end of next week.
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<td>Rogen Mitchell - for an excellent first year at school.</td>
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<td>Jasper Ferriggi - for good listening at the swimming pool.</td>
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<td>Flynn Russell - for sharing his many interests with the grade in an entertaining way.</td>
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<td>Millie Pollock - for working hard to finish everything on time.</td>
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<td>Aleisha Malone - for great writing about her buddy.</td>
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<td>Lily Johnson - for her clever thinking about addition and sharing during Christmas maths. 😊</td>
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<td>Kyan Saunders-Anderson - for his great writing about his buddy Lachie. Well done mate!</td>
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<td>Scarlett Stephens - for working very hard to learn to write the numbers 1 to 20 correctly. Fabulous work Scarlett!</td>
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<td>Rosie Sykes - for completing an outstanding Grade 1 year.</td>
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<td>Ava Bridges - Excellent effort in completing all her computer tasks and presenting her work to the class.</td>
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<td>For all of 1/2D for being organised and great listeners during swimming!</td>
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<td>For all of 2H for your excellent behaviour during swimming.</td>
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<td>All of 2W - for an awesome year in Grade 2! All the best in Grade 3 everyone!!</td>
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<td>Evan Cribb - for working hard to problem solve his answers in Maths.</td>
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<td>Michaela Lewis-Lutwytche - for her enthusiasm with her swimming lessons.</td>
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<td>Hayden Smith - for the excellent effort he has been putting into his projects this term. Awesome work Hayden!</td>
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<td>Lorilee Ahern - for being a fantastic helper and role model at swimming.</td>
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<td>Alyssa Watt - for her creative thinking and journal writing when reflecting on her primary school years.</td>
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<td>Ashwin Nithyanantham - for excellent focus and determination to complete tasks. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Amelia Phillips - for excellent attention to detail when completing literacy tasks.</td>
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<td>Jade Driscoll - for always putting in maximum effort to present her work beautifully and neat.</td>
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Prep:
Isaac Windsor— for always looking forward to the good things ahead and not dwelling on the past.

Grade 1:
Luka Healey— for always bouncing back from difficult circumstances and making positive changes.

Grade 2:
Chris Visolit— for facing challenges with a positive attitude and always trying his best.

Grade 3:
James Keltie— for his resilience when faced with uncertainty and continuing on in a happy manner.

Grade 4:

Grade 5:
Gilchrist Brown— for mature and supportive approach during the school swimming program.

Grade 6:
Cody Eccles— for demonstrating leadership and resilience when working with prep students.
GLUTEN FREE HAM & OLIVE LOAF:

1 cup Gluten free self-raising flour, (or gran in the health isle)
A little over 1/2c light n tasty grated cheese
2 tablespoons of freshly chopped mint
1 cup chopped black Kalamata olives...(remove any pips!)
60g gluten free ham, (Virginia ham is very tasty, IGA at Alchester!)
4 eggs, lightly beaten
80g butter, melted

- OVEN 200c

- Lightly spray (canola oil) a loaf/bar cake tin. Use a medium mixing bowl and add the flour, cheese, mint, olives and ham.

- Use a spatula to mix in the butter and eggs, scraping down the sides to ensure all ingredients are perfectly combined.

- Spoon mixture in to the prepared tin and smooth out. Place in the oven and bake for about 30 - 35 mins, or until golden on top. Smells sensational!

Yummy as a snack on its own OR as part of a platter. ENJOY! :)

This weekend the students from The Basin PS will be performing at the Community Carols event at the Basin Triangle cnr Mountain Hwy and Forest Rd, The Basin starting at 7pm.

We have not been given an exact time for our performance but we estimate it will be between 8 -9pm So please arrive by 7.40 if you plan to sing.

Students will be called to the stage by the MC and we will meet to the left of the stage area. Karyn Mitchell will be there to get students on the stage.

Please wear Christmas Tshirts, Santa hats, tinsel, reindeer ears and noses and any other festive attire you may own.

Notes will be sent home with the choir but all children from the school welcome to join them on the night.

Please bring your biggest voice and we look forward to seeing you there.
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PRE-SHOW - Captain Koala & Friends @ 7pm
7.30pm - Saturday 14th December
The Basin Triangle
(CNR of Mountain Hwy & Forest Rd, Mel 65, G8)

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