Term 4 Week 9 – Monday 1st December 2014

Important Dates for Term 4
**TERM 4**
2nd December School Concert
9th December State Wide Transition
17th December SRC Meeting
19th December Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
19th December Last day of school - 2:30pm

Student of the Week
**Junior Room:** To Fiona for always trying so hard with her work at school. Fiona also wrote a great poem about emotions.

**Senior Room:** To Nic for excellent getting along skills in the classroom and yard. Nic is often heard assisting others with problems or offering to help his classmates without being asked. In the yard Nic includes others and is a great friend. Well done, we appreciate your great qualities and are proud to have you as part of our school.

Cooking
On Tuesday the students had another cooking session in the kitchen. On the menu there was:
- Celery Soup with Crisp Pancetta
- Carrot, Zucchini and Parsnip Frittata
- Salmon and Rice Patties
- Banana, Apricot and Date Slice

The kids did a wonderful job working together to make cooking a success last week. The senior students were excellent leaders and really took control and showed great maturity in leading their groups. The children are doing a great job at trying new recipes and foods.

School Concert
Our school concert is this Tuesday night at 7pm at the Lurg Hall. The children have been busily practicing and are sure to put on a great show for everyone on the night. The children will be spending much of Tuesday at the hall for rehearsal and we are asking parents to help transport children to and from the hall. Please return your notes if you are able to help. A reminder that the drivers need to transport the children back to Winton at 1pm.
Also a reminder that Santa will be attending the concert so if you have not seen the note about this please see Alanna for details. Students are to be at the hall at 6:45pm on Tuesday night.

**School Council**

On Monday we held our final School Council Meeting for the year. On behalf of the school community we would like to thank our councilors—Michelle Strik, Beth Lewis, Kylie Brown, Vicky Baldwin, Janice Winton, Cheryl Wilmott, Alanna Bell, Anne Hanrahan and Colin Robson— for their valuable input throughout 2014.

As we have a number of councilors retiring from their positions at the end of 2014, I invite you to strongly consider your involvement in School Council for 2015. Participating as a School Councilor is a rewarding experience. The School Council supports the school to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

More information and nomination forms for School Council will be sent home in early Term 1. We need parents to be actively involved in your school to ensure we continue to improve.

**Priority Review**

On Monday we had the feedback sessions on the findings of the recent Priority Review. Areas we need to focus on include: addressing fewer initiatives but in greater depth, increasing the capacity of staff to analyse and interpret data, better use of the available learning spaces and developing a more consistent approach in the delivery of Literacy and Numeracy across the school.

With the development of an Improvement Plan we will address the identified findings and implement practices to ensure we improve into the future. The review also noted many positive aspects of the school. Findings included, “There is sound moral purpose and goodwill from all staff. Their collegiality, enthusiasm and professional commitment is commendable.” Staff were also praised for their collaborate planning and sharing of practice.

The review has been a valuable process to ensure we continue to develop and improve our practices.

**Birthday**

A big Happy Birthday to Euan who turned 7 on November 30th. Euan celebrated with an exciting family trip to Melbourne.

**Casual Day**

Last Friday the SRC held a casual day for Chance. They raised $22 which will go to Chance and help with her schooling and living conditions.