FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I wish to thank the members of the P&C for their work and commitment this year. All students have benefited from their hard work. Their fundraising efforts have assisted in seeing excursion costs reduced considerably and programs such as Footsteps being heavily subsidised. I would encourage all parents to go along to the first meeting in 2014 to lend their support.

Over the next few years, the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) will be implementing some changes in schools, which will affect Adelong PS and its community. Next year will see some of these changes being introduced. You are encouraged to be part of the consultation when it occurs. Mrs Pinn, Relieving Principal, will lead you through the beginning of the change process.

When I met with Mrs Pinn last week, we discussed plans for 2014. As I mentioned last week, Mrs Pinn will be implementing the use of I pads in the classrooms. Another initiative will be the introduction of primary students to a public speaking competition.

2013, like all other years, has been very busy. Together, students and teachers have achieved a lot. I am an advocate for the benefits of small schools and the wonderful education and experiences that they can provide. I am often told by visitors, casual teachers and people that we meet when students go on excursions, that our students are a credit to our school. This is as a result of parents and staff working together to achieve a common goal. Thank you.

Even though we have had some challenging weather, the swimming program is a great success. We are certainly making good use of this new facility and the students seem to be enjoying the lessons. Teachers are commenting on the steady progress that is being achieved. A reminder, due to preparations for the Presentation Night, swimming will not take place on Thursday 12 December. The last day of swimming will be Friday 13 December.

Presentation Night will commence at 6:00pm on Thursday 12 December at the Adelonia Theatre. The doors will open at 5:45pm so everyone can be seated ready to start by 6. Students should wear their summer school uniform.

Thank you to the parents and students who will be attending the official opening of the Adelong pool on Friday evening. Proceedings are scheduled to commence by 6:00pm so please arrive by 5:50 pm. Students will be sitting together as a group ready to perform. Please ensure students are in their correct summer school uniform, including black shoes, if possible. Thank you.

Regards, Julie Webber

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Thank you to all of the parents and friends of Adelong Public, who have supported our school during the year by providing assistance in the classroom. The staff wish to thank you over a cuppa on Monday 16 December, after the combined Church Service. Please come along to the staffroom for morning tea at 10.15am. RSVP to the school by Friday 13 December.
WEEKLY CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 9

K/1
Jade Aiken
Grace Smith
Byrom Wilson

1/2
Sarah Readford
Nicole Rennes

3/4
Cody Beck
Harry Bambling
Georgia Thompson

5/6
Corey Bennett
Kevin Black

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

BE RESPECTFUL   BE RESPONSIBLE   BE SAFE   BE A LEARNER

Combined Church Service
This is being held on Monday 16 December commencing at 9.30 am. Parents and family are invited to attend. After the service, the school will be holding the annual talent quest, for which students have been practising. Students from Gadara will be joining us.
Swimming Lessons – Reminder
All families with pool season tickets need to advise the school of their child’s pass number by this Thursday 12 December. If you only have the receipt please advise the office of your receipt number.

P & C and Canteen News
Street Stall
Thank you to all the helpers that manned the stall. A total of $561.00 was made.
Canteen Roster
Friday 13 December: Kerrie McDonald and Rachael Hassett

DATES TO REMEMBER

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