From the Principal

We have reached the end of our 150th anniversary year with the highlight of our celebrations being the Family Fun Day in October and the ‘I remember when’ history event in May. It has been a wonderful opportunity to bring the school community together to celebrate such a significant milestone. We have appreciated the positive feedback from parents and the wider community about these and other whole school events such as Grandparents Day and the recent Carols Evening.

I am extremely grateful to the team of people who work at the school, from the office to the classroom, who support student learning. Everyone works hard with the best interests of every child in mind. Student achievement data collected this year indicates that most students have made progress in some form or another since the beginning of the school year. You will be able to see this when you receive your child’s report today.

It is that time of year where we must say goodbye to students and staff. Firstly, we say goodbye to our year 7 students who are off to high school. We had the Year 7 Graduation on Wednesday night. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the completion of primary school for our students. Congratulations to our four honour board recipients for 2015: Ruth Slattery (Dean Anderson – Student of the Year), Jaden Redpath (Noel Oakley – Sport Award), Alana Bennier (Neville Sharpe – Community Award) and Caitlin Stewart (Carolyn Hart – Academic Award). We wish all our year 7 students, as well as other students moving on, the very best for the future.

Congratulations to: Trey Pearce, Sophie Zachory, Thomas Grant and Dakota Cummins for winning the Leesa Vlahos (Member for Taylor) Student Encouragement Award. We also congratulate Declan Slattery and Tayla Hansen, winners of the Year 5 Rotary Literacy Award.

This year Steven Griffith (Member for Goyder) has contributed to our end of year awards by providing a medallion to a diligent student who positively demonstrates the values of the school. Congratulations to this year’s winner Hannah Brient.

The Minister for Education and Child Development Volunteering Award for Outstanding Service recognises those in our school who make a significant contribution to enhancing and uplifting the lives of others by volunteering. Congratulations to the ‘Parents and Friends’ who are the worthy 2015 recipients. They contribute to our school in so many ways, particularly this year with the significant amount of work in organising the Family Fun Day.

The end of the 2015 school year also sees us farewell the following staff members: Julie Hughes, Leigh Russell, Miss Veronica, Jenny Atterton and John Spoolder. Leigh has won another position teaching PE fulltime, Jenny is moving to The Pines for a year working in the library and John has won another position at Lake Windemere. On behalf of the students, staff and parents I would like to say thank you for your commitment to the school and wish you all the very best for the future.

A reminder that class lists will be posted on the front of the hall from Thursday January 28th 2016. The lists will indicate which class your child is in for 2016, room number and the name of the teacher.

‘Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of
From the Maths Coordinator

During the past three terms I have been working with teachers and students in different ways to increase the focus on maths teaching and learning. Some methods have worked better than others and we are now preparing for a full-steam-ahead focus on maths in 2016.

One of the main highlights of our work this year was making sure all the students in the school know how to use the Secret Code strategies for working out maths mentally. This will be followed up early next year with all, classes as well as, in parent workshops. Our aim is to have all students from year 2 upwards calculating basic maths using known strategies and without counting on their fingers.

The Lunchtime Maths Club has been well supported by many students during the past three terms. Students have learnt new games, explored a lot of the maths equipment, played shops, built towers, cubbies and marble runs. They have made long tomboy stitches, measured lengths, heights and weights. Most important of all, many students have made new friendships and learnt some new skills about playing games with others. It is always wonderful when I see students helping each other and being patient when playing games with younger students.

Our Year 7 intervention group made good progress with Place Value concepts, we measured their progress for the 8 weeks by doing a pre-test at the start and a post-test at the end. The students felt successful and knew they had achieved some new understandings. Congratulations to those students who really did work hard and persistently.

We will again use the ACER PAT maths test results early next year to help identify our Year 7’s who need to fill in some gaps. It will be more beneficial if we start this next group in Term 1.

This term, I also worked once a week with a group of Reception and Year 1 students who were identified by their teachers as having strong number knowledge and would learn from some extra extension activities. These students enjoyed the challenges presented by solving problems using BIG numbers. It is important for these students to get some answers wrong sometimes and to be challenged just out of their comfort zone.

I am learning a lot myself while working with the wonderful students and teachers at Two Wells and look forward to a lot more success and AHA! moments next year.

Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Times

Uniform Shop opening times for school holidays next year:
Thursday 28th January 10 am – 1 pm
Friday 29th January 11 am – 2 pm
On the first day back (Monday 1st February) we will be opening from 8 am – 10 am and 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
I would like to thank all students who returned the feedback form regarding the sports skirts. The majority of students liked them and as a
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Price List 2016

**TOPS**
- Short sleeve printed polo: LWR, $15.00
- Long sleeve printed polo: LWR, $16.00
- Short sleeve grey polo (year 7 only): IMPRESS, $27.00

**JUMPERS**
- Bomber jacket: PSW, $32.00
- Windcheater: LWR, $17.00
- Zip neck jumper: DEVON, $40.00
- Zip neck grey jumper (year 7 only): $45.00
- Raincoat – black or maroon: LWR, $32.00

**SHORTS & SKIRTS**
- Basketball shorts: LWR, $10.00
- Cargo shorts: LWR, $16.50
- Micro panel shorts: LWR, $10.00
- Summer sports skirt: LWR, $17.00

**PANTS**
- Bootleg pants (girls): LWR, $18.00
- Cargo pants: LWR, $20.00
- Double knee track pants: LWR, $18.50
- Fleecy straight leg pants: LWR, $16.00

**DRESSES**
- Dress: PSW, $40.00

**HATS**
- Bucket hats: LWR, $5.00
- Legionnaire hats: LWR, $5.00
- Broad brimmed hats: PSW, $9.00

**BAGS**
- Wallets: PSW, $9.00

Please visit the uniform shop to see our range of discontinued and sale items available.

Monday 8.45 – 9.15am Wednesday 2.45 – 3.15pm Friday 8.45 – 9.15am