CONGRATULATIONS MS STEWART!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to all involved in thanking Ms Stewart for 30 years spent educating children. She has been much more than an educator to the children she has worked with as those here today have heard. Her many qualities include being a wonderful mentor to students as well as being a warm and compassionate figure that students could rely on within the school. Deb has also been a great support and friend to all staff.

A presentation was made by Ms Deb Hails, Acting Assistant Regional Director for this region on behalf of Education Queensland. As well, there were presentations made by the P&C on behalf of parents and students.

Deb was just a little overwhelmed by it all, but, we are overwhelmed daily by what she does and how she does it.

Thank you Deb for all you are and all you do.

School Leaders.
Congratulations must also go to our four school leaders who were presented with their badges today. The presentation of badges and certificates was made by Ms Hails. We must apologise to the students for having another event which overshadowed their special event, but we are grateful we had a blind to keep Ms Stewart in the dark.

We have a fine group of leaders for 2014. Congratulations Billy-Rose, Lizzie, Clayton and Levi.

Cross Country.
Congratulations to all competitors, fun runners, P&C and staff. The cross country is firmly established within Central Downs sport as probably the best run and most enjoyable event of the year. Every year we get nothing but positive comments about the school, the event itself and the picturesque location.

Well done Lizzie, Billy-Rose and Georgie who made the Central Downs team to compete at the Southern Downs cross country.

Happy Birthday!!
Billy-Rose on the 11th May
**Men and Reading: An Evening with Shane Webcke.**

As part of our school focus on reading, we are hosting a barbecue at 6pm on Thursday 22nd May. The evening is open to all men from the surrounding area. It is especially for men who are interested in helping students develop their reading and may be able to find at least 20 or 30 minutes at least once a month to spend with students as part of our reading programme.

Shane is an avid reader, known to carry three or four books with him wherever he goes. As well as being a footy legend, he is a Reading Legend with the Queensland State Library’s *Men Read* programme. Shane recognises the strong role men can play in demonstrating by their actions that it is great for all students. This message needs to get to boys in particular as many boys seldom see dad reading. As well, dads are less likely to be at home in the early evening when young children are most likely to do their reading and so cannot get involved.

Please let anyone you think may be interested know about this and get them to phone the school to let us know they are coming so we can properly cater for everyone.

**Student –Principal Challenge.**

(I’ve left this to last in the hope there won’t be enough room in the newsletter.)

Okay, Okay!! I lost fair and square. But I had them rattled for a while….well, until the race started. 😊

It was fun racing the Year 5 and 6 students up and down the hill and good training for their cross country events last week. So, I’m taking all the credit for Lizzie winning her age group. 😊

It was also good training for me. With Mrs Heaton’s husband John and two others, I’ll be back later this year to compete in the Kokoda Challenge – 96 kilometres up and down the hills at the back of the Gold Coast. Our team is called Voet Trekkers and if you want to find out more about the Kokoda Youth Foundation (and perhaps sponsor our team) have a look at [www.kokodachallenge.com](http://www.kokodachallenge.com). Teams need to raise a minimum of $1600 to compete but the Foundation does a wonderful job of supporting young Australians.

**Hi parents**

I thought that after 1 term at Pilton it was time to put something in the newsletter! For those of you that I haven’t met yet, my name is Karl Pumpa and I come from a boring office job to be the new school chaplain at Pittsworth SS, Greenmount SS and of course here.

I have loved my time at Pilton so far, everyone has been so welcoming and it has been a delight to get to know you all. It’s been a great privilege to get to support the students at school (and have a decent amount of fun with them too). I look forward to all that the year will bring.

I’d like to invite you all to the Clifton cluster chaplaincy dinner on Friday the 23rd of May (flyer attached). This dinner is a fundraiser to help keep all of the chappies in the Clifton cluster afloat, I’d love to see you all there.

Until next week

Chappy Karl

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**PLAYGROUP!!**

We are unable to host Playgroup tomorrow but invite everyone to join us again next Friday.

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**NOTICE !!!!!**

Please note that Library Day has been changed to Thursday.

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2014 School Leaders Billy – Rose, Lizzie, Clayton and Levi. Congratulations and thank you Miss Stewart on 30 years as a Teacher Aide.
We had a visit from a friendly moth and Charlie used his sight words to write a sentence to tell everyone.

I saw a giant moth at school. It is nocturnal.
Thank you very much to all who cooked and helped on the day of the Cross Country.

We don't have a final tally on the profit just yet but somewhere in the vicinity of $350 was made on the day.

The next meeting will be on the 20th of May at 6.00pm, would be great to see you there.

Jacqui