Today’s newsletter is the last for 2016. It has been a wonderful year at school, and I am very impressed with the way that students have been working so well together during the many experiences that we have had at school during this last term!

School Concert at the Pilton Christmas Tree
Tomorrow (Friday 2th of December) is the annual Pilton Christmas Tree at the Pilton Soldier’s Memorial Hall. There has been an attempt to make this year’s performance a play that allows all the students to experience learning their lines and acting, as well as singing in a chorus line. The school staff have worked extremely hard to tie this all together and we hope that everyone can come along and enjoy watching the school perform and be a part of the community Christmas celebration. We ask that all students be brought to school wearing a T-shirt and their black school shorts or similar clothes for the performance at 5:00pm as we will be helping them get setup for the performance and then walk them down to the hall to commence by 6:00pm. There is a tradition of gift giving that all parents need to be aware of that takes place at the hall as part of the Pilton Christmas Tree. If anyone has had any last minute difficulties with anything for this event, please let us know at school tomorrow morning and we will assist however we can. If anyone would like to get photos or a copy of the video from the school concert, please send in a USB stick with your students and we will try and get this media onto it for you. Alternatively, we have a limited number of DVDs that we can burn the performance video onto if that suits.

Picnic Day – Farewell to our School Leaders
On Thursday next week, we will be having the official school break up. Students will be coming to school in uniform at the normal time and school staff will be running a number of enjoyable activities for the students during the day, including an inflatable water slide generously provided by the school P&C. Please send in appropriate clothes for the students to wear for this, including a sun-safe swim shirt and board shorts or similar. From 4pm we will be presenting students with their end of year reports, P&C gifts and making some presentations. All parents, volunteers and community members are invited to come and join us for this. It would be great to see as many members of the Pilton State School community, past and present, in attendance for this occasion. A BBQ dinner will follow from 5:30pm, and it would be great if everyone who can, brings their own drinks and a small dessert plate to share. Please see the P&C section of this newsletter for some more specific information about this event.

I have had a wonderful year working with the school leaders, Georgie, Natasha, Jordan, Shane and Katelyn and will miss them next year. I wish them all the best for their future and hope to see back at school from time to time. If students would like to bring in appropriate music for school on a USB stick for next week, then I will create a playlist for them to have playing on the tennis court after the presentations. Students’ report cards will be handed out on this day also.

Thank-you for your support of our school
I want to acknowledge the dedication and outstanding effort that is demonstrated by the staff at school. Whether it is engaging students in the classroom, planning meaningful lessons, developing relationships, organising school resources and administration, supervising on school camp, engaging in end of year performance, or any number of other varied activities, the staff of the Pilton State School have been remarkable in their performance of their duty. I would also like to thank the parents and volunteers of the school community for their wonderful support, and the value that you place in your child’s education. We have looked for opportunity to continue to provide and improve on the experience that students at our school have, and have been very grateful for the united approach that we can take with working with parents. We have a wonderful group of students and look forward to keeping positive relationships developing across our entire school community.

Back to School 2017
I am sure it is the last thing on anyone’s mind right now, but it has to be said that next year will be upon us soon! The first day back at school for students is Monday the 23 of January. The school staff will be returning to work the week before so if you wish to come up and see me during this time to discuss the new year or visit with the students before they come back, that would be fine. Finally, I will let everyone know as soon as I hear anything about our IPS application, and I am expecting to hear an outcome about this by the end of next week.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

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Happy Birthday to Dixie 26th and James 31st December
Jordy 26th, Tom 27th, and Ani 29th January.
Hello everyone

Well, it is hard to believe it is near the end of another year. On behalf of the parents, I would like to extend a big thank you to the staff at the school for looking after our kids on school camp. We appreciate that you took time away from your own families to provide our children with such a great experience.

We have our end of year Picnic celebrations next Thursday afternoon from 4.00pm. All family and community members are welcome. Dinner will be provided and drinks for the kids. Adults please bring along drinks and if parents could please bring a small plate of sweets to share.

I look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the end of another fantastic year at Pilton.

Thank you
Jacqui

Our Lotto Draws for 2016 have finished. I need to issue an apology to Mrs. Logan, for an error in the last notice, when I looked at the wrong number and she was announced as a winner. This is how this year’s draw ended up:

Week 1: Betty Murphy # 21.
Week 2: Duggan Family # 8.
Week 3: Jon Robertson # 37.
Week 4: Colin Bell # 33.
Week 5: Charles and May Turkington #34.

The Garden Raffle will be drawn tomorrow night, at the Pilton Christmas Concert. Please return any tickets that have been sold, to me personally, or into the P&C box by 9am Friday morning. A few big thank you’s to Brett for making the birdbath (and selling a huge number of tickets)… and also to Colin, for providing transport for the birdbath at the hall and to the school, it would be impossible to have the birdbath on display without your assistance.

Next Thursday, 8th December, is our Picnic Day at Pilton State School. We will have uniforms available to be purchased that afternoon, if anyone would like to purchase any items ready to start the school year. Payments can be made on the day with cash or cheque…. or you can EFT the funds by the 15th December.

Our last major fundraiser for the year is a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 18th December. If you are available to assist for a few hours on this day, please let Jacqui or myself know… and what time would be most suitable for you to help us out.

Thanks to everyone for your support with our fundraising this year, and with payments of invoices to the P&C. It has made my job much easier, knowing that invoices for uniforms are paid promptly… and that our P&C is so well supported by our local community.

Rebekah Turkington
P&C Treasurer.
Checking out Mr Bell’s Chickpea Crop.

Fairholme College Aquatic Centre Swimming Lessons