Today’s newsletter is the last for 2015. It has been an amazing year and we have some great events to come that will put the icing on the cake!

School Concert at the Pilton Christmas Tree

Tomorrow (Friday 4th of December) is the annual Pilton Christmas Tree at the Pilton Soldier’s Memorial Hall. There has been an attempt to keep this year’s performance quite simple and involve students in presenting some of the things they have been practicing in the Arts and other subjects throughout the year. The school staff and Chappy Karl have worked 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 their 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. The hall committee will be providing a BBQ after the performance and there is a tradition of giving that all parents need to be aware of. 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.

Picnic Day – Farewell to Mr. Fuller

On Thursday next week, we will be having the official school break up incorporating both the P&C Picnic Day and a community farewell to Mr. Stuart Fuller. 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.

Mr. Fuller will be in attendance to say farewell to the community after his many years of service and 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 savoury or dessert plate to share. Please see the P&C section of this newsletter for some more specific information about this event.

Allora Christmas Carols

The school will be performing a song as a school in the Allora Christmas Carols on Saturday the 5th of December. We understand that this means back to back nights out for our students, and understand if not everyone can make it to both events. Needless to say it would be great to have as many students as possible at this event. Any students who can attend should meet me near the performance stage just before 6pm so we can make sure that we are good to go when it is our turn to perform.

Rural Fire Brigade Visit

As a part of building awareness and helping students to understand fire-safety we had a visit from the Rural Fire Brigade on Monday the 9th of November. It was great to see members of both the Clifton Fire Brigade and our local Rural Fire Brigade, based out of Nobby, at school taking the time to teach the students about fire safety and the services that this men and women provide to our community. It was exciting for the students to get a tour of the fire trucks that included lights, sirens and spraying water using the fire hoses. Thanks to the firefighters that took the time to teach the students and all those who help keep our community safe.
Back to School 2016

The first day back at school for all students will be Wednesday 27th January 2016. Staff will be back at school the week before the students and I would like to remind everyone that the school provides all the educational supplies for students at the school so no one needs to concern themselves with booklists or school supplies.

As next year also sees the introduction of the new school uniform shirts, these are planned to be available for purchase from the school in the week before school starts.

Finally, although I would love to say I will definitely be back at Pilton State School next year, at the time of writing the process for appointing the Principal for the school is still being finalised. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time this year working with the great staff, students, parents and volunteers in my local community. Thanks very much for your efforts during the year to everyone involved with the school. Your contributions have ensured that the very special students at our school have had some great opportunities to learn and grow, and experienced some of the best of what schooling has to offer.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

Happy Birthday

Dixie on 26th December

Coming Events

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Hi everyone,

It’s hard to believe the year is nearly at an end.

We have just a few things to finish up:
The new school uniform shirt (pictured below) was finalised at the meeting on Monday night, thanks to those who attended. The cost of the shirt to parents will be $25.00. For the first year (being 2016), the P & C will fund each child with one shirt free of charge with any order. The new preps will also receive a school hat free of charge. We are hopeful that the shirts will be available for purchase during the week before school starts. We will email and/or telephone parents during that week to advise of times to attend school and purchase the uniform shirts. If you are not able to attend during that week, there will be plenty of stock and they can be purchased on the first day of school. Please see, call or email myself, Brooke or Rebekah if you have any questions.

![School Uniform Shirt](image)

I would like to thank Steph and Steve Robinson for having the school at the Zoo again this year for a visit. The kids really enjoy and learn a lot from the experience every year and we appreciate your generosity.

The P & C has funded a jumping castle/waterslide for the kids to enjoy at school on Thursday the 10th of December during the day. The Picnic Day Presentation will then be held commencing at 4.00pm. This will be followed by a Farewell Party for Mr Fuller commencing at 5.00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle available and we ask that all parents bring a plate to share. Can the parents in the lower grades (Prep-2) please bring a sweet plate and the parents of the Years 3-7 to bring a savoury plate. It is BYO drinks and glasses for parents and there will be drinks for the kids and tea and coffee provided. We are doing a collection for a gift for Mr Fuller. Please place money in the collection box at the office at the school. The box will also be at the Christmas concert on Friday night.

Thank you for all of your support and hard work during the year.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

See you next year.

Jacqui
We have decided to restart the Pilton Lottery in Term 1, 2015. We have 21 numbers out of 45 sold. These are the people who have already purchased numbers for the next round:

Janette Frahm x 2
Luke Statham
Joan Fields
Brett Turkington
Rebekah Turkington
Brooke Stepanoff
Trevor Ward x 4
Deb Stewart x 2
Gary Wormington
Amy Tait
Madonna Bell
Sally Shine
Cameron Cooke
Duggan Family x 5
Gill Family
Simon Gill
Jacqui Gill

If anyone would like their money refunded please let me know; otherwise we will keep it in the Lotto Draw account, ready for you to win in 2016!

Thanks to everyone who supported the P&C in the Lottery and our other Fundraising ventures this year. Our students have gained valuable resources and experiences because of your support.

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2016.

Rebekah Turkington
Swimming Lessons At Fairholme College Aquatic Centre
Invites all interested swimmers and families to our Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle
Monday 7 December 2015 at 5:30pm
A committee has now been formed for the 2015/16 season and we are looking for members to join the club.

Clifton & District Amateur Swimming Club

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