Just a brief note today to remind you about the final events for our school year and to let you know about a couple of major processes the school has to go through next year.

**2013.** It all starts next week with our visit to Darling Downs Zoo on Thursday. We have been invited to see all the great exhibits and will be planting trees that will one day feed the koalas. On Friday night, we have been again invited to perform at the Pilton Hall Committee’s Christmas Tree. No musical this year, but the students will be performing their poems from the Cambooya Performance Festival and the songs they wrote with Josh Arnold.

Then, in the last week of school, students will in Toowoomba all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for swimming lessons followed by the P&C Picnic on the Thursday. Report cards will be distributed to families on the Picnic Day.

Also in the last week, Mya and Kelly-Lea will miss the last day of swimming so they can be at Clifton State High School for their Transition Day, a day designed to prepare them for their first day of high school next year.

**2014.** Next year, the school has to go through three major processes for Education Queensland. These are a Quadrennial School Review (QSR), a Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Review and a Behaviour Audit. The QSR and the Behaviour Audit in particular need parental input so we would appreciate expressions of interest from parents. The Teaching and Learning Review and QSR will probably occur together. Education Queensland notes that the Quadrennial School Review (QSR) is scheduled every four years. The Teaching and Learning Audit is considered a vital dimension of this review and will be timed to inform the QSR. The QSR process includes:

- community consultation
- internal school review
- consideration of the achievements of the previous School Plan
- consideration of previous Plan priorities requiring renewed strategic focus
- consultation with the principal’s supervisor
- external review (T and L Audit)
- risk assessment process
- verification of the review process
- endorsement of the School Plan

The School Plan is a four year blueprint outlining the school’s vision and strategies for student improvement and lays out how the school will respond to Education Queensland’s priorities.

The Behaviour Audit also requires parental input as we will need to review our behaviour plans.

More about all of this next year.

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**Enrolment Predictions for 2014.**

I recently had to provide an updated prediction for 2014. Education Queensland is constantly looking at enrolments to ensure they understand staffing requirements for the State.

Our prediction for 2014 has increased and we are now optimistic that we will start with at least 21 students. This number will ensure Mrs Heaton will be retained for 2.5 days per week. With other staffing entitlements, we will be able to employ her for at least 4 days per week. This suits Mrs Heaton as she has indicated she would prefer to work 4 days per week next year for personal reasons, returning full time in 2015. I am hopeful we will afford to be able to employ a third teacher for one day per year, but will be unable to confirm this until our budget is completed next year.

Also, our enrolment prediction shows we could, at the very best, end up with 24 students. This would frustratingly close to the 26 students required to have a second teacher full time i.e for 5 days per week as opposed to the 2.5 days per week an enrolment above 20 brings to the school.

If you know of anyone interested in bringing students to Pilton, please take the time to speak with them or ask them to speak with us. It could make a large difference to the education of your child.

Regards,

Stuart Fuller

**Playgroup**

Due to the Community Christmas Tree concert on Friday 6th December Playgroup will meet tomorrow morning for the final time for 2013. Everyone most welcome.
Dear Parents and Community,

I just have a short chappy update for y’all about what has been going on at Pilton. On the 14 of November I had a ‘Pancake Day’. This is a termly event, and I love showing up nice and early to cook pancakes for all the students. It is a great way to start off a school day. I am still running the SUPA club every Thursday, and the students involved always seem to enjoy the club. I also recently attend the Pilton Church this past Sunday with all of the other Chaplains in the area. It was a great church service and I enjoyed seeing some of y’all there.

As some of you might be aware Chaplaincy has another High Court Challenge by the same Toowoomba resident. I need your support to help show Parliament that Chaplaincy is needed in our state schools. You can sign ‘your statement of support’ form in the office or go to www.backourchappies.com.au to sign your statement of support online. I will also have a back pack at school for anyone to help decorate that will be collected early next year along with SU QLD decorated backpacks from every school to show their support of chaplaincy.

Your support will help Chaplaincy to stay in state schools. Thanks for all your support for Chaplaincy at Pilton State School.

Sincerely,
Chappy Matt

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WE NEED YOUR HELP
Do you have any photographs, school textbooks, work samples, badges, uniforms or other artefacts that we could borrow, copy or photograph. We would also like to hear your fond or funny memories.

We don’t have everyone’s contact details, so please spread the word!!

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Pilton District Christmas Tree

6th December at the Pilton Hall

6.45pm

Bar  open from 6pm

Concert items and carol singing.

BBQ

Santa will arrive so please provide a gift to the value of up to $10 labelled with child’s name and age.

DJ  for the evening is Mr. Peter Vernon
Welcome Kayla and Charlie
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the parents and friends of Pilton State School for supporting Jump Rope for Heart in 2013. Through your support the students successfully raised $925.85.

The Heart Foundation relies on the donations of everyday Australians to continue its important work. Funds raised go towards important programs, projects and resources, as shown below, so please let your children and family know what their hard earned sponsorship money will be used for!!!

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Thank you for your support!

Cherie, Fiona and Michelle
QLD Jump Rope for Heart Team