This is the final newsletter for 2015 and it gives me the opportunity to say thanks to all students, staff, parents, carers and the wider community for your support and positive partnership during 2015. As I said at the Awards nights earlier this week, it just can’t be the end of the year. I take this as a sign that time has flown by so fast, as it must have been a good year!

Just a few points to end off the year:

- Unfortunately, we were unable to get the vacation care and gala days off the ground for a number of reasons, but I will make this a priority for Term 1. Thanks to those parents who expressed an interest in either program.

- Report cards, booklist information, class placements and the 2015 Year Book have all gone home this week.

- Teachers will be in contact early next term to organise meetings with each child’s parents/carers to develop the student Individual Curriculum Plan. We will also be holding parent/teacher information sessions within the first three weeks of the new school year.

- The two awards nights went well with many students participating and performing interesting pieces. I hope you enjoyed the presentations and the evening. I know the students really loved receiving their awards. Congratulations to Tayla Newton on receiving the Cr. Angela Owen-Taylor “Pride of Brisbane Award”.

- Farwell to our wonderful Year 12 students who graduate tomorrow. They had a great Graduation Dinner last week. We will miss them all and wish each of them the very best for their future.

- All parent and carers are requested to return their child’s Communication Books for school archiving purposes.

- School commences on **Wednesday 27th January 2016**.

- I extend my best wishes to all families for a wonderful holiday, Merry Christmas and great New Year. I look forward to working with you all gain in 2016.

*Tom Byrne*  
*Principal*

**Book Lists 2016**

The book lists for 2016 will be a “Starter Pack” of minimal generic resources based on student learning needs, i.e. a common list for students working at the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities level or students working at the Australian Curriculum Different Year Level, as requirements in materials are quite different. At the parent / teacher meetings in early February teachers will also ask parents to provide the items needed specifically for that class and beyond what was in the “Starter Pack”. The lists will be sent home next week.
Families on Holidays and Late Returns to School 2016
If you are going on holidays, or your child or young person will be returning to school after Day 1 (27 January 2016) please advise the school of your child’s return date and reason for absence. This is crucial information for staffing and resourcing for 2016. Staffing numbers and grant allowances are based on student enrolments on the 8th day of school. However students who have been away from school prior to day 8 or past day 8, can only be included in enrolment numbers if there is documented.

Staffing Update
Congratulations to Ms Elle Angwin on her selection as the additional Deputy Principal (Acting) for next semester. Elle is the school’s Head of Curriculum, so a vacancy exists for this position, which we will fill in February.

Mr Anthony Kruck will continue as Deputy Principal in place of Mrs Stewart-Murphy who will be on leave for the start of the school year.

Assembly Awards
Award recipients for the last fortnight include:

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<td>Mia</td>
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<td>Christopher</td>
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<td>Amber</td>
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Congratulations to these students and to the others not listed who also received awards.

P&C Report
The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 commencing at 9.30am. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.
The P&C Association thanks all parents, carers, staff and family members for their support throughout the year.

A P&C morning tea will be held for parents and carers on the first day of school form 9.00 am at the Hub. All new and returning families are invited to drop in for a cuppa.

Uniform Shop News
Holiday Uniform Hours:
Thursday 21/01/16 10.00-12.00 and Friday 22/01/16 10.00-12.00

Upcoming Events
New School Year Dates
20/1/16-22/1/16 Pupil Free Days
25/1/16 School closed
26/1/16 Australia Day Holiday
27/1/16 Day 1 Term 1 2016 with morning tea at 9.00am
3/2/16 First P&C Meeting 2016
24/2/16 P&C AGM