WHAT’S HAPPENING

- Last Day for Yr 10/11’s – Friday 25 November
- Last Day Term 4 – Friday 2 December
- Christmas Pageant Yrs. 9-12 Thursday 1 December

PRINCIPAL’S PEN

Congratulations

2012 School Captains
Ewen Charles & Samilee Kum Sing

Our Annual Awards night was held last Thursday night in the school grounds and although we were under dark cloud and not stars as we had hoped, the wind blew up, the rain held off and a really pleasant night was held. Congratulations to all award recipients. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members in attendance to support the recognition of students and their achievements in 2011.

A special thank you to our guest presenters and the sponsors of the night. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated.

Saturday night our Year 12 Graduation Celebration was held at the Cloncurry Bowls Club. Our now ‘past students’ presented themselves admirably and parents and family have every reason to be proud. Our young ladies were simply glamorous and the young men debonair. It was hard to comprehend that only 24 hours earlier they were wearing grey & gold polo shirts.

...and best wishes. We will miss you.

For the rest of us however, daily school life continues to keep us busy as we finalise all that has been learnt over the year and start reorganising for 2012. Year 11 and 10 students finish this Friday and we wish you a safe and happy holiday. Our 9/10’s have a great opportunity to participate in an educational excursion to Cairns and surrounding areas next week. Mrs Baker and Miss Jenny our school chaplain will be accompanying them and those of us who are staying behind are extremely envious. So much to do......so little time left.

Keep next Thursday free on your calendar as it is our Annual Christmas Pageant. Prep to year 9 will be performing and providing us with some light hearted entertainment and plenty of laughs. It is always a great way to draw the year to a close.

Hoping to see everyone there.

Till next week

Christine Norton
Chappies Chatter

Hello Readers,
As our school year for 2011 is drawing to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank all the students who have participated in some of my programs like youth group, relaxation class, senior group, gardening projects, fundraising.
In particular I would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to students who assist in helping me run ‘Breaky Club’ each morning. I would also like to thank the parents and carers who have been regularly donating foodstuffs and funds to support this need.

WHY DO WE HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE?
The Christmas tree was a symbol of the birth of Christ back in the 15th Century and we have carried that tradition throughout time.

Let me share with you the reason..............
EVERGREEN TREE represents God’s love for us all is evergreen.

THE TINSEL is draped from the bottom to the top representing the road to Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

THE STAR OR ANGEL at the top of a tree reminds us of the evening star that led the 3 Kings or wise men who were Astrologists, to where the stable was in Bethlehem.

CANDY CANES given as gifts or ornaments on the tree mean the Shepard’s crook and turn it upside down it is the letter ‘J’ for Jesus.

GIFTS to share or little gifts hanging on the tree reminds us the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were given to the new born King - Jesus.

SANTA CLAUS?? Yes there was such a man who was the son of very rich Royal parents in Europe. When they passed away, he desired to share his inheritance with the town folk. So late at night he would wear his red and white cloak, leave gifts on everyone’s doorstep. His name was St. Nicholas.

May you all be blessed with a peaceful and loving Christmas. Miss Jenny

TERM 4 – PRIMARY SWIMMING TIMETABLE
Commenced in Week 2 and concludes in Week 9

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11:40am-12:40pm – Green B

WEDNESDAY
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11:40am - 12:40pm – Blue A
1:30pm - 2:30pm – Purple A

THURSDAY
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1:30pm - 2:30pm – Red B

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P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS

P&C HOMEWORK SUPPORT CLASSES
Monday – Thursday
Homework Classes are on at 2.30pm to 3.30pm at the School Library. Everyone who has homework is welcome. Hope to see you there. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Promise of the Week

“Obey my voice, and I will be your God.” - Jeremiah 7:23b

Would you like to help girls develop new skills, gain confidence and leadership skills while trying cool activities?

Cloncurry Girl Guides does not have a Guide Leader for 2012 and needs one to continue to operate.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact: Mel Smith 0439 999 554.

SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
36 Short Street Cloncurry
PH: 47421400

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CHIROPRACTIC
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Wednesdays from 2:00 pm @ Cloncurry Pharmacy
**RAINBOW (PREP) NEWS**

O what fun the last 2 weeks of school will be. We are finishing stories, revising maths concepts and doing some fun Christmas activities!

Check out what else is coming up very soon...

Tuesday 29th (next Tuesday) - **Water Play Day** - Please send your child in their togs (like a swimming day) with their uniform in their bag as we are having a fun water play day.

Thursday 1st (next Thursday) - **Christmas Concert** - Don’t forget to bring your child Xmas clothes/costume in before this day for our big performance.

Friday 2nd (next Friday) - **Last Day of School** - We will be having a class party and would love it if everyone could bring in a small plate of food to share.

**PLEASE READ!!**

- Please make sure you are picking your child up at promptly at 2:30 pm as we are very busy this time of year and have meetings to attend straight after school.

Have a great week …. Steph and Lesley

**GREEN (YEAR 1/2) CLASS NEWS**

We’ve finally finished all of our assessment and have been revising all of the things we’ve learned throughout the year. We are also getting ready to begin some Christmas holiday crafts and madly practicing our song for the Christmas pageant next week!

The children and teachers had a great night last Friday night at our Gold Pass celebration! A HUGE thank-you to Katie Waskiw (Adelaide’s mum) and Carla Pearce (Libby’s mum) for helping with the cooking on the night; our dinner would not have been possible without your help!

We would ask that ALL library books and home readers please be returned by the end of the week so that they can be taken back to the library for stock taking as soon as possible.

**BLUE / RED (YEAR 4/5/6) CLASS NEWS**

Only 2 weeks left of school! How exciting. Students are finishing off all assessments for this term. Last week we did our egg ship experiments and luckily only 3 eggs broke! Last week in SOSE we learnt about bushfires and how they can be caused naturally or humans can be to blame. Students watched some clips about the Black Saturday fires and students were quite shocked at just how quickly the fires moved and how devastating the fires were.

We have started our SOSE interviews and it has been quite impressive to see just how much students know about

**PURPLE (YEAR 2/3) CLASS NEWS**

Purple Class are continuing to demonstrate how much they know and can do as they complete various assessment tasks. It is wonderful to acknowledge that all students have made jumps in their reading levels and comprehension. Well Done Everyone!

Students in Purple Class are making final adjustments to their fictitious recounts and have really enjoyed the discussion around them. Over the next week students will be discussing various celebrations that people in Cloncurry and around the world celebrate. This will lead up to the preparation of our ‘Christmas’ performance next week.

Our GOLD PASS celebration (POOL, PARTY and MOVIE) will be next week. A note and permission slip will be sent home with more details closer to the date.

Students need to bring hat, shoes, healthy lunch and water bottle - EVERYDAY!

HATS!!!!! All students are EXPECTED to wear a broad brimmed hat at play time. Does your child have one?

Miss Lizzie and Miss Childs

Next Monday the children will be having 2 swimming lessons to make up for one that they missed at the beginning of the term. All of the children will be swimming in Period 1 and Period 3 on Monday so please ensure they have their swimming gear packed for the day!

Have a great week!

Miss Hodson & Miss Hohns
natural disasters. Students have really enjoyed doing their interviews. This week we will be learning some elements of dance and then students will be creating their own dance to do in front of the class. We have also been finishing up our drama reflections. Please feel free to come and contact us if you have any concerns.

Well done to all those students who received awards on awards night. Hopefully next year there will be more students getting awards. We are trying to get all our assessment done so that we can work on practising for our Christmas Pageant. Please come along to watch and support your child whilst they are singing or performing. Please feel free to come and contact us if you have any concerns.

Kelly Rozynski  Katrina Madigan
Rachel Rozynski  Dearne Hodgetts

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you would like any information regarding our school activities or policies please don't hesitate to contact the school on the numbers provided. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter and any info on what is happening at school please contact Linda at the office with your email address.

CHRISTINE NORTON
Principal