THIS WEEK … our Year 6 students had an amazing time in Canberra. While this trip to the National Capital is both educational and fun, our students learn a new level of independence. Our 2016 Kindergarten students had their second visit to school. It was great to see a new level of confidence and excitement. We’re looking forward to them joining our school family. We also had our final Parents and Friends meeting for this year. Thanks to all of the parents who joined us for the meeting and have supported our school this year.

NEXT WEEK … we have our transition morning on Monday. Students from Kindy to Year 5 will all move up for the morning to test out their 2016 grade. During the morning students will visit all three teachers and eat and play in their new areas. We hope this helps students to tackle the new year with confidence! We are looking forward to the Kindy Concert on Wednesday, End of Year Celebrations on Thursday and our final chapel on Friday. You are welcome to join us in the MPC just after 9.00 am.

CHRISTMAS GIVING … Each year at this time we collect food to donate to the Salvation Army. This tradition helps our students to understand how blessed they are. We will be taking our food collection to our final chapel where it will be given to representatives from the Salvation Army. I can’t believe the year is almost over. Lots of action still to come though!

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MAKING A MARK … “Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

DONE AND DUSTED … Wow! What a week of heat, exams and assessments! With resilience, determination and mostly cheer, we’ve successfully completed final academic milestones over the last four days. Our Year 11 (now 12) Geography class had an excellent day of fieldwork in the wetlands, giving them ample information ready for their HSC studies. Year 10 were engaged in ‘learning to drive’ in Go Karts Go on Monday, some positive life skills classes on Tuesday and have been back in class, receiving feedback on exams Wednesday and Thursday. A massive congratulations to our Year 7, 8 & 9 students for doing their best in the exam conditions as well. Teachers are marking furiously today!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … School will be as normal all next week, culminating in our sign-off day, Friday, December 4. This sign-off process is designed to be relatively painless but will require ALL students to still be present at school for that last day. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this. Lockers should be cleaned out before Friday to assist in a smooth day. Otherwise, we’re all stations running Monday – Friday! Speech Night is very close!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … The average person laughs 10 times a day – I hope you’re all well above average! I hope you have a wonderful ‘long’ weekend and that you manage to get some respite from the heat we’ve been experiencing!

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Heads Up
Munchery Canteen

The last day the Canteen will be open will be Friday, December 4. There will be no canteen available for students on Monday, December 7, the last day of Term 4. Thank you for noting this.

Food for the Salvation Army

We invite you to help us collect non-perishable food for the Salvation Army. Food can be brought to school all next week. On Friday students take the food to our final Chapel where it is presented to Tim from the Salvation Army. Help us bless families in our community this Christmas!

Speech Night (Years 1-6)

Monday, December 7, 6.30 pm

We are looking forward to your support at Speech Night on Monday evening, December 7. All students in Years 1-6 are encouraged to attend the event to be held in the MPC. Students are required to wear their full summer uniform and arrive at 6.10 pm. Class teachers will be there from 6.10 pm to supervise students in their assigned seating area. Pre-program items will commence at this time.

Kindy 2016 Orientation

Handball Competition

The Primary Handball Competition was held last week in very hot conditions but the students’ enthusiasm wasn’t drained with almost 80 students in the competition. Students played all their matches under the shaded assembly area and the standard of play this year was very high. Congratulations to the following students who will be presented with trophies on November 30 during assembly (weather permitting).

SENIORS

1st Matthew L
2nd Jie AB
3rd Ethan M

JUNIORS

1st Matthew G
2nd Tom C
3rd Noah M

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 4

Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday.

Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Thursday.

Years 3 & 4: wear sport uniform each Wednesday along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.

Years 5 & 6: wear sport uniform each Friday along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.
Secondary Speech Night
Wednesday, December 9, 7.00 pm
Secondary Speech Night will be held in the Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) on the School campus at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, December 9. School reports will be available for collection at the close of the program. We are looking forward to a great night where we celebrate the successes of the 2015 school year. All Years 7-12 students are to wear full summer uniform. Students are to be seated in roll groups by 6.50 pm. Please note that any Primary students or other children who are attending Speech Night MUST be supervised by parents at all times.

School Reports
Please note that School Reports will not be available until Speech Night. If you are unable to attend Speech Night, School Reports will be available for pick-up only from the Admin Building from Thursday, December 10 until Thursday, December 17, after which the Office will officially close for the year. They will not be posted out! The Office will reopen on Monday, January 18, 2016.
**Primary Calendar - Term 4**

**Year 1 Tocal Homestead Excursion**...............................December 2
**Kindy Concert**................................................................December 2
**Last Day for Canteen**....................................................December 4
**Last Day for Primary Students**......................................December 7
**Primary Speech Night 6.30 pm MPC**............................December 7
**Last Day for Staff**.........................................................December 10
**Business Office Closes**...............................................December 16

**Secondary Calendar - Term 4**

**Year 7-11 Final Sign-Off Day**.........................................December 4
**Last Day for Secondary Students**.................................December 4
**Secondary Speech Night 7.00 pm MPC**..........................December 9
**Last Day for Staff**..........................................................December 10
**Business Office Closes**..................................................December 16

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**Year 7, 11 & 12 First Day of Term 1**.................................January 27
**Year 8 - 10 First Day of Term 1**......................................January 28
**Commencement Celebration K-12**.................................January 29
**ID Photos**.....................................................................February 5