Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who give so much support to the school community. Families have helped in so many ways, to name a few… helping in the Canteen, sorting unclaimed school uniforms, uniform shop, helping at the swimming pool, making garden beds, craft items to beautify the school, the sensory garden hours of work, painting, helping in our Chill Out Room, organising fundraisers, supporting assemblies, parent meetings, covering books for the library, listening to children read, banking, scholastic book club, covering sound boards, Gymbaroo, Gross Motor, volunteering on excursions, carnivals and special events… All of these things along with the kind words of thank you help to make the very special learning environment at Caroline Chisholm School. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who is donating non-perishables for the “giving tree”. The Yellow Van has been organised to collect the items on Tuesday 16, December, to be distributed to families who may find the Christmas Season difficult.

At this time of the year it is always a little bit sad as we begin to farewell people. This week after ten years of dedicated learning support at Caroline Chisholm School we say farewell to Jenny Williams. We wish Jenny all the best in her new career. Jenny worked in our Learning Support Units and has seen many children through from kinder to high school. I know Jenny has made many good connections with families and will be greatly missed in the community.

This week our preschool children have celebrated their first year at Caroline Chisholm with a preschool graduation and picnic. We look forward to many of these children joining us in 2015 in kindergarten. I would like to acknowledge the work of Lizzie, Debbie and Jenny in providing a wonderful program and preparation for school.

Next week on Thursday 11th December, Year 5 and Reese will be our graduating class of 2014. I know Mr Bindley, Miss Brown and Ms Alinta Turner have spent a lot of time preparing for the day and I look forward to celebrating with the children. This is a very important milestone in the school years and I know that the school is very proud of the hard work these children have completed and the outstanding citizens they are becoming.
We wrap up the end of the term with *Music With the Stars*, Monday 15th December. This event is a celebration of the year for all children and provides a way for children to share with their families the enjoyment they have in learning. Each unit has and is preparing items for the night, singing, dancing, skits, there may be a Christmas song or two. The P &C are running a BBQ and Christmas Raffle. So I look forward to seeing you there, 5:30-7:00pm in the Wetlands Area.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the *Chief Ministers Reading Challenge*. The school received a $100 voucher to spend at the *Paperchain Bookstore* in Manuka. Thank you to the book store, the voucher is very much appreciated, I know Mrs O is looking forward to purchasing a few nice new books. The participation certificates for all students who completed the Challenge we have been informed will be dispatched soon to schools.

I wish everyone a very good break. Keeping reading over the holiday period, develop reading stamina, select and use good fit books. We aim for the following:

- **Comprehension**: “I understand what I read”
- **Accuracy**: “I can read the words”
- **Fluency**: “I can read accurately, with expression, and understand what I read”
- **Expand Vocabulary**: “I know, find, and use interesting words”.

Terima Kasih, ありがとうArigatō, 謝谢 - xièxie - Thank you.

Sally

**Kindergarten Dolphins and Waterlilies**

Wow, we have almost finished this year of Kindergarten! Can you believe it? Over the past two weeks we have been learning about Australia, and what makes Australia a special place to live. We have been having a go at mapping Australia and our school and thinking about how we can care for the places we live in.

Our homework project for this week has been building a diorama of our dream holiday location. We have had some fantastic projects brought in already – take a sneak peek!

The Kindergarten children have been very busy preparing a song and dance for our *Music with the Stars* evening on Monday 15th December, 5:30 – 7:00pm. We look forward to celebrating the year with you then!

**3/4 update**

Term 4 has been an extremely busy and fun (not to mention fast) term down in the 3/4 unit! The students have been engaged in some great learning and are determined to keep doing their best until the end of the year! Here’s what we have been up to:

**Literacy**

Throughout the term we have been studying *writing to socialise*. This has seen the students exploring a range of texts within this genre including letters, emails and forms of social media. The students had the opportunity to create their own ‘Fakebook’ on paper. Students enjoyed updating their status and we discussed the importance of thinking before you write.
Numeracy Year 4
This term, the students in Year 4 have been learning about multiplication and its relationship with division. We then used this knowledge to understand fractions and where we can find these around our school and home. As we have arrived towards the end of term, the students have been learning about decimal numbers including their relationship with fractions, placing them on a number line in order and carrying out the addition and subtraction operations.

Year 3 Maths
We have been learning how multiplication and division relate as well as how addition and subtraction relate! We have been using arrays to help us with our multiplication showing grouping and writing equations along with using these to help us with our division. We have started looking at how addition and subtraction relate finding the starting number when all we know is the answer and the subtracting number. Year 3 are excited for Maths and how we can use this in our everyday life!

History
This term we have been focusing on the life of Caroline Chisholm for our history unit. We have enjoyed learning about a key figure in history that has not only shaped the school but in the suburb that most of us live in. We have been focusing on the role of women and the influences that Caroline Chisholm has had on the gender equality throughout history. Many children were surprised to learn that women immigrating into Australia were often left with no homes, money or food. Caroline Chisholm helped these women by providing a home, food and jobs. Year 3 and 4 produced lovely portraits of Caroline Chisholm as part of this unit, and are proudly displayed in our classroom.

☺ Miss Sturgess and Mr Pepper ☺

Release on the Junior Campus with Mrs Pickard
This term students have been learning a great deal about how to write a story plan, how to use a plan to write a wonderful story with lots of detail and how to edit their story, using common editing conventions. I have been using a Montessori method of storytelling to tell stories from long ago, some of which have become part of our folklore. Students have loved the stories and have written some amazing retells as a result. I hope you enjoy the example below….

Lady Godiva by Tiara 3/4 P
About a thousand years ago, there was an Earl who ruled Coventry. Earl Leofric had a hard heart but his wife, Lady Godiva, was kind and compassionate. Earl Leofric made his people pay too much tax.

The people of Coventry came to complain to the Earl about a new tax. They could only pay with crying babies and starving bellies. Lady Godiva heard her people but Earl Leofric ignored the cries of his people. Lady Godiva pleaded with the Earl.

She had promised that she would do anything, if only he would stop the tax. The Earl said, “I will repeal the tax only when you ride around the city naked.” So she agreed but asked for some time to prepare. She went upstairs to her chambers and asked the messengers to tell her people to shut their windows and lock their doors the next day, so no one would see her.

The next day Lady Godiva got ready. She only heard the tapping of the horse’s hooves for two hours. No one else was in the city streets. One person peeked! From then on he was called “Peeping Tom”.

When Lady Godiva got home, the Earl was so ashamed of himself. He gave Lady Godiva three bags of gold to share with all the townsfolk and he repealed the tax.

The Earl had a soft heart from then on.

The P & C will be running a BBQ at the singing with the stars.
We would appreciate as many helpers as possible to help throughout the evening so that all parents can get a chance to watch their children.

A roster will be on the sandwich board outside the front office if you could please write down when you would be able to help out that would be greatly appreciated.

The BBQ will run from 5.30-7.00pm. Items for sale will include sausage sandwiches, cold drinks, chips & individually wrapped anaconda snakes
Thank you
Uniform Shop Hours for end of term and January 2015
Tuesday 9 December 8:30 to 10:00am
Thursday 11 December 2:30 to 4:00pm
Thursday 16 December 8:30 to 10:00am
Thursday 18 December CLOSED

January
Thursday 29 January 2:00 to 6:00pm

Open as usual Term 1
Tuesdays 8:30am to 9:30am
Thursday 2:30pm to 3:30pm

We are always looking for helpers so please let me know if you can help out
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