FROM THE PRINCIPAL… (YEAR 5)

Dear Parents & Carers

At this time of the year it is easy to become distracted with the many sporting and social activities that are available at school and in the community.

It is really important that students continue to apply themselves right up until the end of the year.

If the last few weeks are not used effectively, students can find themselves starting school next year without having engaged in learning for over 2 months.

For younger students, this can mean that some concepts they are grasping now will not be retained.

Next Monday 28 November, will be our final parade for the year. At this parade we will be saying goodbye to our year 6 students and a number of staff.

We will also be recognising the "Student of the Month" for November. All parents are welcome to attend.

I have had the pleasure of attending the student leadership camp this week at the Barambah Environmental Education Centre located west of Gympie.

While on camp, the student leaders are able to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills that will assist them with the role of student leader.

On Wednesday 7 December, our Year 6 students will be graduating primary school. On behalf of the school community, I wish our graduating class all the best for their future education and lives.

Congratualtions!

Also on December 7, we will be having our meet the teacher afternoon.

This is where students go to their 2017 classroom and meet their new teacher.

Class lists for 2017 will be published around the school at the end of this day.

Enjoy the rest of the year!

Rob Mills
Principal

DATE CLAIMERS 2016

Mon 28th Nov— Prep Orientation 2.00—2.45pm (4 of 4)

Tue 29th Nov— Swimming Carnival 9 & 10 Years
Cookie Dough Pickup 2.00—5.00pm @ Hall

Wed 30th Nov— Swimming Fun Day Yrs 1, 2 & 3
Prep/Yr 1 Christmas Concert
BBQ from 5.00pm Prep 6.30—7.00pm Year 1 7.10pm

Thurs 1st Dec— Swimming Carnival 11 & 12 Years
Last Day for School Banking
Yr 2 & 3 Concert BBQ from 5.00pm Year 2 6.30—7.00pm Year 3 7.10pm

Fri 2nd Dec— Last day of Tuckshop
Mon 5th Dec— Fri 9th Dec TUCKSHOP CLOSED

Tues 6th Dec— Uniform Shop Final trading day for 2016

Wed 7th Dec— Yr 6 Graduation 9am @ Hall
Meet the Teacher 2pm—3pm
Class Lists posted on notice boards Report Cards sent home
Year 6 Graduation Party (Evening)

Thurs 8th Dec— Uniform Shop CLOSED for Stocktake
School Disco Prep-3 5pm—6.25pm Yr 4-6 6.35—8.30pm
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Yr 2—Yr 3)

Raceview Reading
Year 2 have been working hard this term, continuing with valuable learning even though the holidays are near. With only two weeks to go, it is important that students are organised and listening to their teachers. There is still so much to learn!

Report Cards
Report cards will be emailed/sent home on Wednesday 7 December. I am sure parents will notice that the new reading programs that have been introduced this year are starting to make a difference. As with anything new, it takes time for teachers and students alike, to learn the routines and expectations of a program. Over time, we are sure to see an improvement in student reading and comprehension. In order for such programs to be effective, however, all students need to be at school each and every day.

From the DSTA (Defence School Transition Aide)
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Defence families at Raceview State School a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming year especially those families who will be leaving us due to posting or the advancement of their children to high school.

Over the last few weeks we will be having a defence student get together to say good bye to those students leaving us and will be making our defence family tree. The defence family tree is where all the defence students for the year will add their finger print to a tree as a leaf, to be remembered in years to come. More information on this will be sent directly to all Defence families.

Defence club will also be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday and will be focusing on Christmas activities. All Defence students are welcome to bring a friend to Defence Club. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Cheryl Kurtz
ckurt15@eq.edu.au

Francine Hayler
Deputy Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Prep—Year 1)

Prep 2017

It is still not too late to commence the enrolment process if you have a Prep student commencing in 2017. Please speak to the office, collect enrolment forms and arrange an interview if your child is ready for Prep next year (his/her date of birth is between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2012).

Again, I thank the parents and students that have already come in for their interviews. I can confidently say we have a great bunch of 2017 Prep students.

Over the last three afternoons, the school has been hosting orientation days for our new Preps and their families. We have had an amazing response to these afternoons, with our library full to capacity with eager parents gaining an insight into the Prep environment, school preparedness and positive behaviour.

I applaud the commitment of these parents and carers who have given up precious time to prioritise these afternoons in their schedule to ensure their child gets off to the very best start in 2017. Sincere thanks to those families. Our last orientation day is this coming Monday 28th November in which we will discuss how parents can best support their child at home with reading.

Swimming Carnival

Just a reminder that across Tuesday to Thursday next week (29th, 30th November and 1st December), the school is hosting our swimming carnivals. On Wednesday 30th, the Year 1, 2 and 3 carnival (Swimming Fun Day) is on and I encourage parents to attend to be part of this fun day. The day runs from 9am until 1:15pm.

Reports and Parent Interviews

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 7th December. Prior to this date, teachers are hosting parent interviews to discuss your child’s progress between 28th November and 2nd December. If you haven’t already, please try to arrange a suitable time with your child’s teacher based on the days and times nominated by the teacher on the note that went home earlier in November.

Craig Jordan
Deputy Principal
FROM THE HOC

Semester 2 Parent-Teacher Interviews and Academic Reports

Face to face interviews will be conducted **next week**, providing you with the opportunity to discuss your child’s educational journey with their classroom teacher/s.

On **Wednesday the 7th of December**, we will be sending home Semester 2 reports digitally, via the email process. This has a significant positive impact on the environmental footprint of the school by reducing printing and paper usage.

All children across Australia, including your child at Raceview State School are assessed on a 5 point scale for the Australian Curriculum areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography as well as Music, The Arts, Health & Physical Education and Technology (Prep reports vary slightly).

Your child will also be rated on the effort they have applied within each learning area. There will also be a general comment regarding your child’s progress and SPORTy expectations. Please remember that all children are individuals, progressing at a different rate and this report is a snapshot of where your child is currently achieving.

To ensure you receive your child’s report card, please contact the school office if you have recently updated your details. If your child resides in two homes, it is important that all family members have the correct information listed with the school, so both parents/carers will receive a report card via email. Also, please add the following email to your safe senders list to ensure the report card email isn’t sent to your Junk folder: Application.ONESCHOOL@dete.qld.gov.au.

_Heidi Casperson_
Head of Curriculum

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

Prep enrolment packs for 2017 are available from the office.

Please note that Raceview State School is an “Enrolment Managed School” and as such, enrolments from out-of-catchment students are restricted.

**Enrolling Now!**

Please speak to the office, collect enrolment forms and arrange an interview if your child is ready for Prep next year.

Ie. (his/her date of birth is between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2012)

*Please bring your child’s birth certificate and proof of address.*

**Orientation Sessions:**

Last session: Monday 28th November from 2.00—2.45 pm

*Parents/carers and their child are encouraged to attend.*

**Class allocations:**

Wednesday 30th November—Wednesday 7th December

*Parents/carers notified of their child’s class allocation.*
BOOKLISTS

Yes - it really is that time!
Time to start ordering your book packs for 2017!

BOOK LISTS HAVE ALREADY GONE HOME.

This is a list of the basic requirements needed by your child to begin the new school year. This list has been carefully prepared by the teachers with specific items listed.

By obtaining your book pack requirement through our supplier, Olympia Office Products, you will obtain exactly the correct items required, while saving time and money.

A step-by-step guide on how to order can be found on the first page of the booklist.

The complete suite of booklists can also be found on the school website, under the Curriculum tab.

While you can order your book packs at any point, it is highly recommended that you place your order by the 12th of December to guarantee delivery prior to school resuming in 2017.

Please note all forms & payment go directly to Olympia.

If you have any questions, please contact Olympia directly on (07) 3275 1122.

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RACEVIEW SENIOR AND JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIBALS UPDATE

The annual Raceview State School Swimming Carnivals for 2016 are fast approaching, with the three days of competition occurring in Week 9. The dates for each carnival are as follows:

**Tuesday 29 November**
9 & 10 years students (Born 2007/2006)

**Wednesday 30 November**
Year 1, 2 & 3 Swimming Fun Day

**Thursday 1 December**
11 & 12 years students (Born 2005/2004)

Programs will be available to buy on the morning of each day for a gold coin donation.

There will be a parade held on Thursday 1 December in the hall at 2pm to present the swimming carnival age champions (9-12 yrs) and overall champion house.

We will also present the Carol Freeman Interschool Sport Trophy on this day also.

Students in Years 1, 2 & 3 will participate in freestyle and backstroke (aided and unaided, 25m or 12.5m) events and then if time permits they will also swim across the pool in the house relay.

We have a number of senior swimmers that will be in attendance on the day and will be in the pool to support any students that require the extra help. This carnival is not for championships and the aim of the day is for the students to participate in races while enjoying their swimming regardless of the place that they finish.

There will be a BBQ available for all parents, family members, students and staff to purchase at morning tea on each of the days.

We are also looking for parent volunteers from our current student leaders to help with cooking and service. If you are able to assist, please contact me at the school as soon as possible. I am also seeking parent help during the 11 & 12 Years carnival. If you are able to volunteer some time, please let me know.

Can I please ask that all students attending these carnivals have a hat (named), water bottle and all swimming equipment required. Please make sure that uniforms are named as we have had a lot of lost property in the past following these events.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in attendance to support our students as they swim for house points or championship glory. They should be some great days enjoyed by all.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT—CAROL FREEMAN AWARD**

At the conclusion of each season of Interschool Sport, coaches nominate a male and/or female student from Year 6 that displays outstanding sportsmanship, effort, commitment to the team and support of the coach to receive the Carol Freeman trophy. Following the summer season, three students were selected to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations to the following students on earning the Carol Freeman trophy for summer 2016.

- Kolisi Collins – Boys Touch Football
- Ishan Pal – Cricket
- Dakota Evans – Girls AFL

Raceview Strong, Raceview Proud!

**SWIMMING LESSONS TERM 4**

I would like to say a very big thank you to the amazing parents that have volunteered countless hours to supporting the swimming program delivered by Mrs Schipplock and I this term. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please note, if you are interested in coming along to help out with swimming lessons in 2017, you are more than welcome to see me before the end of the year or early in Term 1 2017. It is always handy having extra numbers in and around the pool during lessons.

**Bryan Marshall**
Physical Education Specialist

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**2017 Student Departure**

If your student/s will not be returning to Raceview State School in 2017 please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible. (Yr 6’s don’t reply).

- Name ____________________________ Reason for Departure ____________________________

- Roll Class __________________ School Transferring to ____________________________

- Name ____________________________ Reason for Departure ____________________________

- Roll Class __________________ School Transferring to ____________________________

Only return this form if your child is NOT returning to Raceview next year.
BREAKFAST CLUB
Every Monday
8.15 am at the Hall
ALL WELCOME!!

P & C NEWS
The P&C is a parent representative body, which stands for Parents & Citizens Association. The P&C is the voice of the parents. It is at P&C meetings that decisions affecting your child at school are made.

Being a part of the P&C is a great way for parents to be informed of what is happening at the school, influence school policy, have a say in the development of school activities, contribute to the school's resources through various fundraising projects and a chance to meet other parents.

The Raceview State School P&C meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6.30pm unless advised otherwise. The next meeting will be held on the 21st of November at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. We would love to see you there!

The raffle will be drawn Monday 5th December. Please return all raffle tickets to the tuckshop no later than Fri 2nd December.

Cookie Dough Pickup will be Tuesday 29th November from 2.00—5.00 pm @ the Hall

Thanks to your AWESOME effort we made $3000 to go towards the tuckshop upgrade.

The P & C would like to thank everyone for all your tremendous support throughout the year!

REMINDER
Last day for Student Banking is Thursday 1st December 2016.

If you need to cash in your 10 tokens, this is the last week to do so.

Thank you to everyone who has been banking throughout the year.

MISSED TELEPHONE CALLS
Please be aware that if you receive a “missed call” from the school, it is very difficult for the office staff to ascertain who the phone call is from, bearing in mind that the school is staffed by approximately 100 people.

Please check your phone’s voicemail for messages before returning a call to the school.

Our office ladies will greatly appreciate your assistance with this as they are spending an increasing amount of time trying to track down callers. Be assured that if the caller cannot be identified, you will be phoned back if the matter is urgent.

Please be aware that teachers cannot be interrupted during class time with phone calls.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

1st prize - $150 Gift Card.
2nd prize - $100 Gift Card.
3rd prize - $50 Gift Card.

The raffle will be drawn Monday 5th December.

Please return all raffle tickets to the tuckshop no later than Fri 2nd December.
**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Hi everyone.

For your convenience the tuckshop now has EFTPOS!

**Please remember there are NO over the counter sales on Mondays. Online ordering ONLY!**

For anybody wishing to start an online account with Munchmonitor, the details are as follows:

1. Go to [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
2. Enter Username : raceview
   Password : munch4305 then click "login"
3. Click "Sign Up" and follow the simple steps to get started

When placing orders please make sure you are submitting both breaks separately.

If you are only ordering for one break for your child please ensure that they are aware of this as we have had a number of children saying they are missing orders and becoming upset when in fact an order has only been placed for one break.

**Can you volunteer?**

Here at the tuckshop we are very flexible and will accept any amount of time you can spare.

If you wish to volunteer please phone the tuckshop or pop in and see us!

Thank You,

Leanne & Sharon

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**ATTENTION**

Uniform Shop will be **CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE**

**Thursday 8th December.**

The final trading day for 2016 will be **Tuesday 6th December from 8.15—9.30 am.**

A reminder to Parents

**Opening Hours for Term 4, 2016 & Term 1, 2017**

**Monday: 2.30pm-3.30pm**  **Tuesday 8.15—9.30 am**

**Thursday 2.30-3.30pm**

If you do not receive it within a week, please contact me at the Uniform Shop as we had a few issues with orders not coming through on Munch Monitor and will need to track it down manually.

**Special Holiday Opening Times**

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday to Friday the week prior to commencement of Term 1, 2017.

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**NORMAL HRS FOR TERM 1 RESUME WEEK 1 commencing 23rd January 2017**

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A reminder to all parents that during first term (particularly at the start of the year) the Uniform Shop can get busy and you may experience some waiting. We ask that you are patient during this time.

Thank You,

Uniform Shop Convener

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**REMINDER**

**Just a reminder that Friday 2nd December is the last day of tuckshop for the year**

There will be **NO tuckshop the last week of the school term**

We are starting to run low on a few items, so as we run out it will be updated on Munch Monitor & the tuckshop menu.

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**REMINDER**

The raffle will be drawn December 5th. Please return all raffle tickets no later than Fri 2nd December.
Prep/Year 1 Christmas Concert 2016
Wednesday 30th November
at 6.30 pm
BBQ from 5.00 pm onwards
Prep 6.30pm—7.00pm
Year 1 7.10pm

Year 2 and 3 Concert
Thursday 1st December
at 6.30 pm
BBQ from 5.00 pm onwards
Year 2 6.30pm—7.00pm
Year 3 7.10pm

Junior Choir
End of Year Break-up
will be
Monday 28th November,
during second break in the music room.

Prep/Year 1 Concert

PREP A, B & C
Santa Wear Your Shorts
Hip, Hop Jingle Bells

PREP D & E
S-A-N-T-A
I Saw Three Ships

1A/1B
When Santa Got Stuck in the Chimney
Rudolph the Red-Nose-Reindeer

1C/1D
Christmas Where the Gumtrees Grow
Santa Clause is Coming to Town

1E/1F
Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Year 2 & 3 Concert

2A/2B
Nuttin’ for Christmas
Santa Clause is Back in Town

2C
Reindeer Boogie
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

2D/2E
Santa Clause is Coming
Boogie Woogie Christmas

Junior Choir

Junkanoo
Sing a Noel

3A/3B
Cool Rockin’ Santa
Ho, Ho, Ho, Oi, Oi, Oi

3C/3D
Run, Run, Rudolph
Feliz Navidad

3E/3F
Santa Bring Me a Dinosaur
Aussie Jingle Bells
**Part 8: Reading Comprehension—Comparing and Contrasting Within and Between Text**

Good readers understand new ideas in texts by thinking about how things are alike or different. They make comparisons between texts and between prior knowledge and new ideas. This understanding deepens their comprehension. The process of comparing and contrasting is used to identify how two or more things are alike and different. This skill requires readers to think more deeply about what they are reading in order to determine these likenesses and differences. This skill helps children identify language cues, define ideas and clarify thinking, making information memorable by engaging them in critical thoughts.

**Tips to help at home!**

- After your child reads a selection of text, ask them to compare and contrast what they read. This could be between characters, chapters, and different stories of the same genre/author.
- Challenge your child to name the similarities and differences between familiar objects. Begin comparing two people or places and then move on to comparing the characters or settings in a story.
- Complete visual information “Spot the difference.”
- When reading to your child, model this strategy by thinking out loud. This may sound something like, “This story is a lot like ______ becomes ______. I noticed ______ and ______ are very similar. I also noticed a few differences. Some things that were not the same are ______.”
- Try the “solve the word mystery” game. Write down a pair of words, and challenge your child to list how they are alike and different.

**Focus Questions**

- What does this selection remind you of?
- What does (idea from selection) remind you of?
- What comparisons did the author use to describe ideas?
- What similarities or metaphors did the author use to describe ideas in the selection?
- What are the similarities described? What are the differences described?
- How did the author help readers learn new ideas?
DATES TO REMEMBER FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

**MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER:** Senior Band rehearsal 7:50 am. (Senior Band performing on parade).

**WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER:** Senior Band and Senior Strings performing at the Yr 6 Graduation. Don’t forget your instruments!

**Lessons for Thursday Students:** There will be no more lessons for Mrs McInnes’ Instrumental Music students. All school instruments should be returned to the Music Block by Monday 28 November.

Music Lesson/ Band Rehearsal Days 2017. Mrs McInnes’ itinerary for 2017 has not changed, therefore, her teaching days at Raceview SS will remain the same as this year—Thursdays. Senior Band will rehearse on Thursday mornings at 7:50am. A letter and timetable will be handed out at the start of next year with the dates of the first lesson and rehearsals.

Thank you to all the parents for your support of the program this year by getting your children to school for morning rehearsals and performances and also for your efforts in encouraging your children to practise. I also thank all the students for their time and commitment this year, you’ve all come a long way and it’s been a pleasure making music with you.

Lastly I’d like to thank all of our Year 6 students for being a part of the program the last few years - it’s a big commitment that you’ve made. I hope that your musical experience has not only enriched your lives, but I hope that you’ve gained some valuable life skills such as team-work, persistence, time-management and organisation that you can take with you into your next season, whatever you do.

Music For the Holidays. I have told students about a website that they can legally get free music from... [www.8notes.com](http://www.8notes.com) Students can print the music and listen to MP3 recordings of the music. There is a slight catch though, it will allow you to only access a certain number of “free” pieces of music, after that if students wish to get more pieces then you’ll have to subscribe to the website. This should give the students the flexibility to choose some music for themselves and have some extra things to play over the holidays.

Sharon McInnes
**Instrumental Music Teacher – Band**
Raceview SS Thursdays
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