This being the last newsletter for the year I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone has a great holiday!

As you will read in a separate letter, Mrs Hillyard has been appointed to Bundaberg Central permanently. I congratulate her on gaining this position and wish her well. I worked with Mrs Hillyard at Mulgildie and was delighted to work with her again this year.

I have been advised today that I will continue as Acting Principal for Semester One, 2014. After that a permanent Principal will be appointed.

I would like to thank Mrs Chamberlin for teaching the Years 3-6 class. The students and staff have enjoyed working with you.

I think everyone has to be congratulated for seeing out what has been a challenging year, and so I am sure we can all look forward to the holidays.

I wish to announce that our School Captain for 2014 is Jackson Ellis and the Vice Captain is Riley Hunting. I was very impressed with their speeches. Well done to all of you who nominated for the positions.

Remember the Christmas Concert is on Thursday night and the next Wednesday we will be going to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre followed by Lake Ellen Playground for our break up.

Good luck to everyone and enjoy your holidays.

Yours in Education,

Joan Riek

Acting Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

These last two weeks has seen us having lots of fun describing characters and then writing sentences with the words. The 3-6 class entertained us last week with their ‘wet and wild’ afternoon.
Everyone enjoyed the trip to the theatre.
I have included Shiloh’s drawing. I also have included Theodore’s drawing of the toad incident.
Thank you to Mrs Paroz, (Kodi and Mason’s grandmother) for coming on Fridays and helping out with cooking and art.

We have worked very hard this year and I think we all deserve a great holiday.

Happy holidays!

Joan Riek

PREP / YEAR 1 / YEAR 2 NEWS

It’s nearly Christmas time!! Each day we are going to countdown to Christmas by looking at a Christmas Symbol, custom or virtual.

Our ‘Wet and Wild Day’ was a success for the younger children. We enjoyed hosting the afternoon and we are going to do it again this week for ourselves. We can’t wait!

Please remind us to bring swimmers, towel or old clothes on Wednesday.

Thank you from Mrs Chamberlin for having the opportunity to teach at Givelda for this term. I have really enjoyed the experience.

Have a great Christmas and New Year!

Jenny Chamberlin

YEAR 3 - 6 NEWS
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 SCHOOL CAPTAIN—JACKSON ELLIS AND VICE CAPTAIN—RILEY HUNTING
WELL DONE BOYS!!!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT RAFFLES
We are still seeking donations for our Christmas Raffles. We are after any new items that can be used in a hamper style prize, e.g. tin or wrapped food, gift vouchers, body lotions, gardening, kitchen wares, drinks, Christmas items etc.

We are also accepting donations of wrapped lollies for our Santa/Mrs Claus to give to all students during the Christmas Concert.

If you can help in any way it would be very much appreciated!

BREAK UP DAY 2013
As you already know break up day this year will be on Wednesday 11th December at Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre. Please note: we are now travelling by bus so students come to school at normal time. The P & C will be providing pizza for lunch while there. If time permits we will then travel to Lake Ellen Playground.

CPR REFRESHER
Givelda State School is hosting a CPR refresher course on Thursday 23rd January 2014. If your Certificate needs renewing, you're welcome to join us at 8am until 12pm. Cost is $55. Please contact the school with your details.
STUDENT AWARDS
Term 4 — Week 7

Student of the Week — Jackson Ellis

Super Speller Awards — Mikayla-Rose Hamilton, Kody Hunting, Riley Hunting, Jackson Ellis, Jorja Briggs and Tenzin Allen

Star Students — Angelus, Theodore, Ava Jowett, Jaxon Briggs, Gabriel, Chase Allen and Tenzin Allen

Star Student — Book Prize — Angelus

Assorted Awards — Angelus, Shiloh Atkinson, Ava Jowett and Kodi Paroz
**STUDENT AWARDS**
**Term 4—Week 8**

*Star Student Awards*—Angelus, Shiloh Atkinson, Mikayla-Rose Hamilton, Shaylee-Jade Hamilton, Jack Munn, Mason Paroz, Riley Hunting, Gabriel, Tenzin Allen and Jackson Ellis

*Super Speller Awards*—Kodi Paroz, Shiloh Atkinson, Gabriel, Jackson Ellis, Riley Hunting, Tenzin Allen

*Star Student—Book Prize*—Mikayla-Rose Hamilton

PERMISSION NOTE—BREAK UP DAY 2013

Dear Parents,

Please fill out this permission form for Break up day to travel by bus instead of private transport and return to school as soon as possible. The bus will depart Givelda State School at 9.15am and will return to school at 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to take their own child/ren from Lake Ellen Playground if they wish.

Thank you.

I give permission for my child/ren _______________________________ to travel by bus from Givelda State School to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre and then onto Lake Ellen Playground on Wednesday 11 December, 2013 and return to Givelda State School afterwards.

Signed: _______________________________   Date: _____________________

PERMISSION NOTE

Dear Parents,

There will be a practice session for our Christmas Concert at the Pine Creek Hall this Thursday morning. We will require parent transport to depart the school at 10.30am and returning back to school at approx 12pm. Please return this permission note tomorrow.

Thank you

Joan Riek
Acting Principal

I give permission for my child/ren _______________________________ to travel by private transport from Givelda State School to Pine Creek Hall for Christmas Concert practice on Thursday 5 December departing Givelda State School at 10.30am and returning to Givelda State School at approx 12pm.

Signed: _______________________________   Date: ___________________

TUCKSHOP NOTE

This Friday, 6th December, will be a tuckshop day for morning tea and lunch. There is no need to pre-order as we are making this as simple as possible. Cost is $3. Just send along this note with your child’s name and $3/child/family. Your child will still need to bring a drink to school and fruit for fruit break. Thank you.

Morning Tea - raison toast with butter or English muffin with jam
Big Lunch - sausage on bread and ice block

Name - ________________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS

DNA AQUATICS

Kepnock State High School Pool

Gate 3, Baird Street

HOLIDAY INTENSIVE BLOCK SWIMMING LESSONS

BLOCK 1.  16th—20th Dec
BLOCK 2.  6th—10th Jan
BLOCK 3.  13th—17th Jan
BLOCK 4.  20th—24th Jan

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