Dear Parents,

This is the last Bulletin for 2015 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents for a wonderful year and for making me feel so welcome here at “The Point”. Our year has certainly been a productive one with students participating in a wide range of extra curricula activities – Sporting Schools Gymnastics, WalkaThons, Fun Days, Berry Sport and Rec Camp, NAIDOC and Education Week celebrations, Eisteddfod performances and the list goes on. Our students are excellent ambassadors for Public Education. They strive to do their best, are good role models to others, respectful and committed to their learning.

Congratulations to all our award winners at yesterdays Presentation Day. It was great to see so many parents and family members at our school to celebrate the learning and achievement of our students. A very big congratulations goes to Lilly and Angus who will be our school captains for 2016, very deserving!

Of course one of our big activities for the year was our P&C Trivia Night. What an outstanding event which demonstrated what can be achieved through people coming together to work for a common purpose. The students have certainly benefitted by having such a committed P&C that provide our school with resources that can further meet the learning needs of students as 21st century learners. Other events that indicated the success of parents, community and the school working together was evident during our working bee and regularly on Friday evenings when the community gets behind our P&C at the Meat Raffle.

The revitalisation of Aboriginal Education at GPPS has been another highlight for 2015, with awesome community support during NAIDOC week, support that I am sure will continue into 2016 with the establishment of regular cultural activities that focus on Aboriginal histories and culture being scheduled for our students.

To our Year 6 students who are celebrating the end of Primary school, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. I would especially like to acknowledge parents who will be having their last child leaving our school and thank them for their support and involvement with the school over the time their child/ren have been in our care. I believe our students are well prepared for the next stage of their education and I am sure I will continue to hear of their achievements and progress in the future.

I would like to thank the staff for the outstanding work that they have done throughout the year. Our staff are a hardworking, professional, dedicated team who always strive to provide the best for the students.

Lastly I would like to thank everybody that I have had the pleasure of working with during my time at GPPS, our school really is a great little community and I will miss it very much. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

16 Students Last Day
18 Staff Last Day

JANUARY 2016

27 Staff Return SDD
28 Students Return
28 Kinder Best Start
29 Kinder Best Start

FEBRUARY

1 Kinder Best Start
2 Kinder Starts School
Kind regards  
Gordon Parrish  
Relieving Principal  

CANTENE NEWS  
THERE WILL BE NO CANTENE THIS WEEK.  

BIRTHDAYS  

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:  
Sophie B in 1/2 turned 8 yesterday (Monday)  
Travis in 3/4/5/6 turns 10 on the 27th December and  
Chloe S in 3/4/5/6 turns 11 on the 27th December  

PRESENTATION AWARDS  

KINDER  
Indeeka Pinkard—Academic Award  
Michael Sampson—Academic Award  
Max George—Scholarship Award, Library Award, Attendance Certificate  
Riley Watts—Scholarship and Library Award  
Chelsea Phillis—Encouragement Award  

1/2  
Elisha Sanders—Citizenship Award  
Sophie Hirschausen—Academic and Library Award  
Caitlin Whymark—Academic Award and Reading Recovery  
Luke Butler—Academic Award and Boys Sports Champion  
Ashleigh Innes—Academic Award, Library Award and Cultural Award  
Bailey Parsons—Scholarship Award  
Jacob Joyce—Scholarship Award  
Paige Lember—Scholarship Award and Cultural Award  
Ava Kaszonyi—Scholarship and Cultural Award  
Megan Mank—Cultural Award and Library Award  
Sam Riepsamen—Cultural Award  
Jordan Carson—Library, Reading Recovery and Attendance Award  
Ryan Shimmen—Attendance Award and Reading Recovery  
Isaiah Smith—Encouragement Award  

3/4/5/6  
Giorjet Pinkard—Academic and Library Award  
Madison Innes—Academic  
Charlie Butler—Academic, Library, Girls Sport Champion, Public Speaking and Premier Sports Award  
Chloe Bond—Academic  
Angus McKay—Academic, Library and Citizenship Award  
Harley Lefcovitch—Academic  
Jackson Williams—Academic, Library, Cultural Award  
Breanna Usher—Academic and Cultural Award  
Curtis McKay—Scholarship and Principals Award  
Jenna Whymark—Scholarship  
Isabella Parsons—Scholarship  
Lilly Usher—Scholarship  
Cooper Carsons—Library,  
Bradley Denny—Library Award  
Travis McKay—Cultural Award  
Zane Hill—Cultural Award  
Ayden Rowley—Cultural Award  
Anabella Pinkard—Young Quiet Achiever  
Chloe Sanders—Encouragement Award