As the term winds down we lead into all of the celebrations. I am sure you will agree that the concert on Thursday was spectacular as well as very colourful. Special thanks again to Val Zogopoulos and her wonderful team and of course all of your wonderful children. DVD's of the event will be on sale shortly.

Other upcoming events include Sports Presentation Night, graduation, council dinners, staff and student goodbyes and volunteer’s morning teas.

The last day of term is Friday the 13th of December and 2014 starts on Tuesday the 28th January, as the Monday is the Australia Day public holiday.

On Tuesday the 10th of December at 10.00am we will be holding a special morning tea in the library for all of our volunteers and helpers who have contributed to our school activities over the year. If you have listened to reading, participated in excursions, assisted in the library, been on school council, helped out in fundraising activities, helped out with swimming or classroom happenings then you are invited to attend. You may have received an invitation from your child’s teacher but if not please come along.

Would you please RSVP to Rod on 8223 5184 by Monday 9th December.

**Reports and class placements.**

Reports will be sent home to all Mainstream parents on Monday 10th December.

This year, our school will be reporting against the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics, English, History and Science and your child’s achievement in these areas is now being assessed and reported against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. For the other learning areas, the South Australian Curriculum Standards and Accountability Framework (SACSA) remains the reference point for your child’s learning and achievement. Next year we intend to report against all published areas of the Australian Curriculum.

The End of Year report is a summative report and assesses the full years’ work in each learning area and will be assessed using the A to E grade levels. There will be no formal interviews at the end of this year unless special requests are made.

All class placements have been finalised and parent, staff and student recommendations were considered in this process. As a result it will be very unlikely that any further changes to classes will be made as it often creates a domino effect. Please see me if you have any questions regarding this process. These notices will be sent home with the reports.

**Riding bikes in the school yard.**

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the school grounds. This includes the staff car park as this area is used in the afternoons for access for the IELP buses. Please alight at the gates and walk your bike through the grounds.

Thank you Deb O’Neill

**SRC Christmas Giving Tree**

This year SRC is collecting donations for the Magdalene Centre and Hutt Street Centre. We are asking for non-perishable food items for hampers. Donations could be teabags, long life milk, 2 minute noodles, pasta, pasta sauce, sweet biscuits, baked beans, tuna, cans of soft drink, jams/vegemite, tinned fruit, rice, tinned vegetables etc.

Thank you to Mrs Hicks for putting up a beautiful Christmas tree where you can place your donations.

Let’s make it an even better end of year celebration by giving!
Thursday, 28th November, saw the school once again celebrate the end of the year with our annual performance. This year’s theme saw us travel the rainbow with bursts of colour-themed antics from each class. Thanks to all the staff and students for their hours of choreography, prop design and rehearsals. Thanks also to parents who assisted with all of the above and costuming. We look forward to doing it all again in 2014.

Room 9 did some drawings of the performance.
Dear Parent,

It has been a tough year for our schooling system. In recent times there has been a significant amount of media attention relating to serious assaults involving school-age children.

I acknowledge the distress caused to the families and the children involved and their school communities.

It is important to remember that these incidents are isolated and rare, but that an assault on any child is unacceptable. As a parent and Premier, I want you to know that I understand how important this matter is and how committed my government is to ensuring all children are safe. I assure you that I will continue to shine a light on the vital issue of child protection.

It is equally important to recognise the good that is done in our schools each and every day.

In South Australia, we have 939 public schools and preschools with 23,200 teachers, principals and support staff – the overwhelming majority of whom always conduct themselves in a caring, professional way. They deliver world-class education.

Retention and attendance rates of our students are at record highs and if South Australia were a country, we would rate ahead of the USA, France, Sweden and Denmark in international rankings for literacy and numeracy. These are things of which we can be incredibly proud.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters further, please contact your school/preschool in the first instance. The Parent Complaint Unit can be contacted at 1800 677 435 and if you remain concerned, the Ombudsman can also look at education matters.

Yours sincerely,

Jay Weatherill
PREMIER

26/11/2013
Premier’s Be Active Challenge

At the Premier’s Be Active reception, the Premier Jay Weatherill, praised the Year 5 dancers for their brilliant performance in front of an audience of 550 people.

Speeches were given by Jennifer Rankine, the Minister for Education and the Premier, Jay Weatherill, followed by some Olympic Ambassadors.

After the speeches all 50 schools went outside for different activities. Our class did co-operative games, tennis, gymnastics, lacrosse and Ausdance. We all had a great day.

Book Fair!

$625 was raised from the Book Fair this week. The money will be used for purchasing new books for the library. Thanks to all of the families who celebrated reading by purchasing from the fair.

‘El libro de la selva’ - Puppet Show

On Wednesday the 13th of November, all R-4 classes watched Melbourne’s Carousel Theatre, Bilingual Puppetry Tour, perform ‘El Libro de la Selva’ (the Jungle Book) in the hall, in español (Spanish) and inglés (English).

In the lead up, students had learned a bit about the art of puppetry, the characters and a song about Señor Rana (Mister Frog). We met Mogli, his hermana (sister) Rosa and many other amigos (friends) from the selva (jungle). The show was interactive and entertaining. The students, especially the Junior Primary students, responded well.

¡Gracias por su participación!

Philippines Report

Imagine what it would be like to lose everything you own in a few short minutes! That is what it has been like for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. They have lost everything-loved ones, pets, food, money, water and all they have are the clothes on their backs.

Countries are doing as much as they can but considering all of the islands affected they have been destroyed severely. Many people are helping out but it’s quite hard when all of the buildings are in the way because they fell. At this point all you can do is pray or donate money.

If you think about how for you getting upset can be caused by getting the wrong sandwich or losing your hat, but for them they are not even thinking about little things like that.

Congratulations Hawi!

Hawi recently competed in the 2013 National Athletics Championship for the Under 12’s. Hawi competed in ten events overall. She came 8th in the 200m finals (with only 1.2 seconds between 1st and 8th place), 5th in the Multievent, which includes shotput, 100m, 800m, and long jump, and finished 3rd in the 800m with a bronze medal. Congratulations on these fantastic results!