Our mission is to provide children with...
• a love of learning
• a pride in achievement
• a respect for themselves and others
...in a safe and happy environment

WHAT’S ON?
To assist parents, caregivers and community members to keep up with the activities here at school, we are producing a one page document called What’s On each week when there is not a newsletter. Permission notes will also be posted on the school website for your convenience.

Week 11 Calendar

TERM 4     WEEK 11  Activity/Event
Monday 15 Dec Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 16 Dec Christmas Concert
Wednesday 17 Dec END OF TERM

TERM 1  WEEK 1 2015
Tuesday 27 Jan Teachers Return – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 28 Jan Years 1–6 Students Return
              Kinder Best Start Interviews
Thursday 29 Jan Kinder Best Start Interviews
Friday 30 Jan Kinder Best Start Interviews
Monday 2 Feb 1st Day Kindergarten
            1st half day Preschool White Group
Wednesday 4 Feb 1st half day Preschool Green Group

Staffing for 2015
The following table indicates the class break down for 2015. Please be aware it is a tentative list and will be finalised in early February after any new enrolments have been placed in classes. If you are delayed in returning from holidays please make sure you let us know. We have endeavoured to adhere to parent requests for class placements where possible.

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Dear Parents

The purpose of this note is to give you some information that will support you to prepare your children for their return to school in 2015.

Our goal in 2015 is for every single student at our school to achieve more than one year of academic growth during the year. We have some exciting initiatives planned and look forward to continuing to work with our community to ensure our students are successful.

On behalf of the staff of our school I’d like to wish you all merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday period.

Tony Gadd
Principal
In 2015 under the Early Action for Success Strategy, we have the opportunity to employ the equivalent of 1.4 Intervention Teachers. We have a number of staff members who will be returning from Maternity Leave to work part time in 2015 and they will be undertaking this role. We are very lucky this has worked out this way. It means that we will start the year without any classes sharing a teacher. Mrs Haley, Mrs Davis-Buck, Mrs Kircher, Mrs Flannery and Mrs Collyer are all experienced teachers who will be working in classrooms supporting students to achieve their targets.

Mrs Michelle Crowfoot has been appointed as the Instructional Leader to support the implementation of the Strategy. Mrs Crowfoot has worked as a L3 Trainer and Literacy/Numeracy Leader with our network of schools in the past and is substantively the Assistant Principal at Medowie Public School. She is an experienced and passionate early childhood teacher who will bring great value to our school.

Our Learning and Support Team will be strengthened in 2015 with the addition of Mrs Taylor in a more permanent capacity. Mrs Carratt and Ms King will also continue in their role and Mrs Sherlock will continue working 3 days a week between our school and Rutherford Technology High School supporting our students in this important educational transition.

In addition to this, the Assistant Principals will not have their own class load. They will teach the Relief from Face to Face component for their stages. Mr Taylor will be covering Stage 2 and Stage 3 Relief from Face to Face to free Mr Debenham up to teach the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation lesson two days a week.

School Fees
We will not charge a voluntary school contribution fee in 2015. We will however, request that parents contribute to the cost of excursions and activities throughout the year. We will aim to give you plenty of notice so that you can be prepared and budget accordingly.

Equipment
We will give detailed notes about what each class requires early in 2015. The school will provide all books as usual and other supplies for the students to begin the year with. Uniforms are available from Lowes in Maitland, opposite the K-Mart entrance.

2015 School Leaders
Congratulations to our 2015 Student Leaders who were successful in gaining a position on the student leadership team for next year.

Captains
Kaia Isaac  Rebecca Ward

Vice Captains
Kade Winden  Madisyn Grigull

Prefects
Liam Collyer  Kohen Hipwell  Brodie Christiansen
Sarah Avery  Samara Harrison  Charleigh Oliver

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
Thank you to all the helpers who have assisted in the garden and kitchen this year. We have really appreciated your time and effort and look forward to seeing you again next year when we plan to double our classes involved in this Program.

Merry Christmas