Goodbye to our Year 6 students, Blake, Haydan, Blade, Daniel, Jade, Alandra and Mr Kyle Hosking.
This is our final newsletter for the year. It’s short, but necessary to finalise arrangements for 2014. Although I thanked people last week, it is important that we acknowledge the whole school community, parents, volunteers, staff, students and everyone else that has supported us in our achievements and efforts to re-build our school. We have exceeded our target for enrolments this year, demonstrating we are clearly on the right path to success. I urge everyone in the community to continue to fight for our school.

Important notes:

It is through us working together that has raised our profile out in the community. I will continue in 2014 to enforce our school uniform policy, as this sends a strong message to the community that we care about the school and teaching and learning. It is expected that every student who attends George Street Primary School is in full school uniform, including plain, black school shoes. School shoes are mandatory as soft toe shoes are often an OHS issue. I am also urging parents to ensure there is sufficient uniform to have one in the wash and one being worn. Correct uniform is badged with our logo. Neat, clean uniform builds children’s self-esteem. Please do not send children to school with holes, or torn uniform. If there are financial issues, please contact the school.

PLEASE NOTE: our uniform shop is extremely affordable. We do not make a profit on our uniform as we believe smart, clean uniform sets the tone of a school. SEE ATTACHED PRICE LIST. We also have a range of second hand uniform as a backup uniform. Please contact the school for further details.

I will also be focusing on attendance in 2014. It is expected students have a 90% attendance rate if they are to succeed with their education. We do understand children pick up bugs and illnesses; however, time away from school is time away from their education. The Department will be monitoring children’s attendance rates closely, therefore a note or phone-call must be provided for any child’s absence.

School fees for 2014 have now been set. To make it more affordable deposits for camps, excursions and swimming have been removed from the main invoice, per requests that these are separate, but we will accept the deposits with payment of school fees if you prefer payments finalised early.

Today, we took the children to the Botanical Gardens, but due to extreme weather conditions we were bussed early to the park, where we had a walk and then sat down to enjoy an ice cream.

Our new prep students have spent time in with their new teacher and I believe most are excited to be starting school. They will for the first three weeks be introduced into the classroom on a heavily modified time-table. A letter is being sent home with the times.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in 2014.

School return dates are:

**Teachers return on the 28th & 29th January.** These dates are STUDENT FREE as teachers will be undergoing professional development sessions.

**Students return on Thursday 30th January.**

**Prep starting times are as follows.**

- **Week 1 (30th – 31st January)** will attend school from 9am to 11:30am.
- **Week 2 (3rd – 7th February)** will attend school from 9am to 12:30pm.
- **Week 3 (10th to 14th)** will attend school from 9am to 1:30pm.

**Term Dates 2013**

| Term 4 | 7 October to 20 December |

**Terms Dates 2014**

| Term 1:28 January to 4 April |
| Term 2: 22 April to 27 June |
| Term 3: 14 July to 19 September |
| Term 4: 6 October to 19 December |

Tina Walkeden

Principal

George Street Primary School
2013 DISCO
Raffle winners

1. Kayla Garton
2. Marlene Cuttler
3. Vicki Donkers
4. Dave
5. Jeff Cuttler
6. Blake Watt
7. Jason McCallum
8. Lorace Parsons
9. Kath Cotter
10. Dante Stoney

Thankyou to everyone for selling and purchasing tickets.

For Sale: 2nd hand uniform

- Polo shirts Size 6,8 & 10 $5 each
- School Dresses size 6 &8 $5 each
- Dry & Cozy jacket Size 10 $20
- All excellent condition.

Graduation cake.

Tracy and Kaylene helping with Graduation night.

Lost - Black Dry & Cosy coat with Makayla Stewarts name on tag, please check your child’s coat.

Friday Fruit sponsored by Aldi.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe 2014.