From the Principal...

This is our last newsletter for 2013.

Next week, on Wednesday evening, we will be holding our End of Year presentation concert. Students need to be at school by 5.00pm for a 5.30 start. This year the students have formed a choir and will be performing a short presentation that traces our Australian History. It promises to be a toe-tapping and sing along show. This will be followed by the Year 7 graduation, announcements of school academic awards, and 2014 school captains and vice captains elect. The P&C is also presenting each child with an end of year prize book.

In addition, the P&C are holding a great multi-draw raffle and have secured some fantastic prizes. So please make sure that you have tickets to be in the draw and to support this great fundraiser. We will conclude our evening with a shared supper. Families and relatives of our students are welcome to attend. So please make sure you bring enough supper to cater for your guests so nobody misses out.

We have had a very busy year and there were many highlights to our year. Some of these include: Implementation of C2C’s and the introduction of the new History curriculum, annual Emu Gully Camp, Sea World excursion, Brisbane Museum excursion, RSPCA program, Jump Rope for Heart, sports carnivals, Book Fairs, Art Council performances, Peer skills training, HRE education, Swimming lessons, Classroom behaviour walls, our new Chaplain, Mrs Thorpe, extra Teacher Aide support and so the list goes on. This year our school enrolments have increased significantly, currently 73, and are the highest they have been in many years.

I want to thank all of our families for their kind and generous support throughout the year. It makes a huge difference to our children’s learning to have wonderful families supporting them in their school endeavours. Thank you to the staff for their hard work throughout 2013. Their dedication and levels of skill and knowledge is unparalleled.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2014.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
Take care of your friends and family on the holidays

Tent Hill Lower is a School Wide Positive Behaviour school!

At Tent Hill Lower we reward our students who have demonstrated ongoing positive behaviours.
Participation in extra curricular activities and leadership positions are dependent on maintaining good behaviours.

Be honest and responsible Use respect Do your best Show care, understanding and fairness

SCHOOL NEWS...

Swimming carnival
Well done to all our swimmers who competed in the Lockyer Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Thursday. A number of students will now go on to compete at the Lockyer Zone Swim Carnival early next year.

Congratulations to our Age Champions—
James Samuelsen 9yrs Boys
Kye Zischke 10yrs boys

Year 7 transition to Lockyer High School Day
Date: Monday, 9th December
Time: 8:45am (meet outside the school Library) – 3:10pm
Lunch: Sausage sizzle provided but please bring additional food also (morning tea, etc.)
Requirements: Full school uniform (primary school uniform), closed shoes, hat, bag, pencil case, book, food
Transport: If students plan to catch a bus, they need to contact the bus company prior to the day

Students will participate in a full, normal school day.

Parent information session - 9am or 5:30pm

School Report Cards
Student report cards will be released next Thursday 12th December.

Book Lists
Book lists for 2014 will also be sent home with the Report Cards.

End of Term Sausage Sizzle
The P & C will be providing the students a sausage sizzle lunch next Thursday. Students are still be bring in their morning tea.
The last of school, Friday 13th, will be a clean up day.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Uniform Orders
Parents wishing to place uniform orders ready for next year are asked to contact De Troughton.

DATE CLAIMERS...

- Ropehill Christmas Carols will be held on Monday 9th December the Ropehill Community Sports centre.
Starting at 6.00pm with a BBQ followed with the evenings programme at 7.00pm steak burgers, sausages and drinks will be on sale. The wet weather venue will be the Baptist Church. All are welcome.
- 2014 School year—commences Tuesday 27th January
- P&C AGM 2014—Wednesday 12th February 2014

Chaplain’s Corner
I would like to wish you safe and happy holidays as you begin to prepare for having your children home all the time!
Here is a recipe for biscuits you could make together with your children:

Star Biscuits
You will need
100 grams margarine or butter 150 grams plain flour
1 egg 75 grams sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon ½ teaspoon mixed spice
Baking tray lined with baking paper or greased with oil / butter
Rolling pin, star cutters
Wash your hands first!
Method
Heat the oven to 180 degrees
Mix the spices into the flour.
Rub the butter into this flour mixture – have fun here!
Cream the egg with the sugar
Stir the egg mix into the flour mixture. It should be like a dough
Dust a rolling pin and work surface with flour.
Roll out the dough and using the cutters create your star shapes
Put the stars onto the baking tray
Bake in oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown
Allow to cool on tray before putting on a rack or towel.
If you wish you can ice and decorate

May your Christmas be a precious time with family and loved ones as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Please remember the Multi draw raffle drawn on Dec 11th.
Congratulations to our Playground Buddies for the last fortnight
These students were recognised for their positive playground play over the last two weeks. They have been completely self managing in their behaviours. Well done students!

Term 4 Buddies
These students have also had a perfect record of positive behaviours for all of Term 4.
We are very proud of your achievements.

Setting Boundaries Early By Michael Grose

When do you set boundaries for kids? Before kids do something new or when you see that they are needed?

Let me explain.

Many parents set boundaries for their kids after the fact. That is, they’ll get their kids a mobile phone, but won’t set boundaries about when and how it should be used.

Suddenly, they see their young person on the phone all the time, even when they are at the meal table. They’ll put some boundaries in place such “No texting, playing games (on the phone) or answering calls at the meal table.”

There’s often resentment.

Such a boundary is met with resistance as you are pulling back a freedom.

But they shouldn’t have had this freedom in the first place.

Much easier to set some rules and boundaries in place earlier and grant more freedom as they get older. Same goes for going out (and home times); bedtimes (earlier rather than later); the use of toys and all forms of technology.

Sometimes it’s hard to know what the rules should be until there has been an infraction. But a little forethought and common sense can help. Also a backbone helps too.

As I wrote in my book Thriving!, kids need boundaries. They often fight boundaries, but they teach them to be social; to be safe and to act in way that respects the rights of others.