FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

As the end of the school years approaches we have a very busy calendar. We are currently finalizing our assessments and reports and already our photocopier is complaining and refusing to follow instructions.

School Leaders Speeches.

Students who have completed their nomination forms to stand in the elections will be invited to present a leadership speech on Tuesday 9th at 2pm. We will follow these speeches with the voting. All students and staff will be entitled to a vote.

BMX.

A permission note will be sent home tomorrow for our students to attend a session of the Children’s Games BMX series. We have been invited to attend from 12 noon to 1-30pm on Wednesday 10th of December. We will be walking to and from the venue and there will not be any cost involved.

Attendance.

Our Home School Liaison Officer has requested that we send out the attached brochure for you to read in regard of school attendance.
Art Prizes-

Congratulations to Tegan who received an encouragement award for her Christmas Card design for our Federal member Mr Pat Conroy MP.

Presentation Day.

We will be holding our presentation day here at school on Friday the 12th of December from 10am until 11:15am with a BBQ lunch to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration of the wonderful achievements our students have made both in the academic and sporting arenas.

The students will also be singing their songs and we will be announcing the names of the new school leaders for 2015. Please come along and join us for this wonderful event. The P and C will also be drawing their raffle. Don’t forget to get those donations in for the hamper and return your tickets.

Survey Results.

Congratulations to Esme Garrat and Troy Melksham on winning our Bunnings vouchers for the survey returns. We had some very positive comments returned and we look forward to working with the community to ensure that our school continues to prosper and offer the very best to our students.

We will place a summary of the results on the school web page when they have been finalized. Once again thank you to everyone who responded.

2015- Enrolments/staffing

We will be beginning next year with our current permanent staff of Mrs Fitness, Mrs Edwards for one day a week, a part time teacher-yet to be announced as this time will be based upon our enrolment numbers and myself. Mrs Ryan will be in our office as our School Administrative Manager and we will have a general assistant for one day a week- yet to be placed as this position is filled by a GA who is currently working in another school.

At this stage we would like to fund a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) to assist in the classrooms however this will only be a part time position and will depend upon the number of students who return to us in 2015.

P & C News

Christmas Pie Drive

Christmas Pie Drive orders must be returned with payment by December 2. Orders will be available for collection on December 10.

Christmas Raffle

A basket is available in the office for all donations for our Christmas hamper. Please donate to this basket if you are able. Raffle tickets have been sent home and are due back by December 10.

Artwork by Jai.

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If you know of any kindergarten student or child in our area who would like to attend our school next year we would like to extend an invitation to them to come out and have a look around the school to see the wonderful things that are happening.  

Next year we will be offering our students additional support in the Early Action for Success Program targeting our Kinder to year 2 students in literacy and numeracy. Our senior students will be supported with additional activities in Focus On Reading and whole school maths with the aim to greatly improve the student outcomes in all areas. We will also be offering workshops for parents to assist them with supporting their children and other students both at school and at home. Additionally we will be offering students the opportunity to participate in music lessons on keyboards or in a guitar group as well as continuing with our drumming activities.

Working together with our P and C, community, students and staff we are aiming at ensuring Argenton Public School continues to be a school where children can achieve their best in an atmosphere that is safe, friendly and supportive.

Artworks in the senior room.

Some of our senior students have been experimenting with encaustic art. This is created using a small low heat iron, just like the one we use with our clothes, melting coloured wax onto the iron then spreading this across special card to produce some amazing effects. Our artist of the week are below featuring Rose, Allayna, Tara and Paige and on the previous page by Jai. Great work.

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Wonders Of The Wetlands.

On Thursday we sent Mrs Fitness, Miss McCaw, Mrs Tassios and Miss Harris along with our beautiful students from the Junior Class to explore and learn at The Hunter Wetlands. It began looking like a bleak day, so raincoats in hand, in the minibus and accompanying car the group ventured on to their destination.

Once there, the rains held off but low and behold our fine young group were set upon by mosquitoes. They did not let even these biting creatures spoil their day of discovery, catching many types of creatures in the dip nets and spotting quite a few different types of birds from the observation tower.

Great work everyone and thank you to Miss Harris for volunteering for the day and to all of the staff for their professional dedication.

What an amazing day the Juniors had. We look forward to hearing about all of their adventures and stories.

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Thank you to Mr Wright and Sister Lucy for the wonderful Christmas service you presented today. It is official some of our children are actually little angels and we have the proof. We would like to take this time to thank Sister Lucy and Mr Wright for their work throughout the year and we look forward to seeing them again in 2015. Catholic Scripture will resume in March due to Sister Lucy having a wonderful holiday break.

Thank you once again to our Scripture volunteers Mr Wright and Sister Lucy.

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Year 6 Farewell.

Year 6 Farewell

to be held on Friday 12th December 2014

at The Edgeworth Bowling Club Bistro.

Year 6 students and their families are invited to attend.

Year 6 food and drinks will be free with all other guests paying for their own meals.

Please complete the following RSVP

and return to the office by no later than Tuesday 9th December.

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Year 6 Farewell.

Name of Year 6 student:____________________________

Number of accompanying family members_______________