I just received great news confirming that our school just seems to be getting better and better... we have now gained DIAMOND status under the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. This means that in our school, the vast majority of students are physically fit and active. Gold was good, Diamond is great!

This week I begin a thorough reading of over 330 end-of-year reports. Then I’ll sign them off.

This task allows me to celebrate the achievements of the vast majority of students and helps me to identify those students whose performance needs review.

Sometimes a girl or boy will not have grown as expected and we must then consider what has gone wrong. Sometimes it is a teaching or learning problem. Sometimes it is something beyond the school.

Whatever the issue, we must always work together to address any issues so that the child can be given the support needed, at school and at home, to be the best that they can be.

Last week we had a lot of the Kindergarten 2014 children and their parents visit our school. Over half of the families attending were new to our school community. We thank them for their trust in making us their first choice of school for their child and we also thank existing families for maintaining your trust by delivering another child to our care.

This week our Year 6 students will have their final orientation to high school. So as one group prepares to enter our school another group prepares to leave us.

I am sure that our Year 6 graduates will benefit from their high school experience at Woolgoolga High School as they grow from being children into young adults. We are lucky that our local high school is vibrant, forward thinking and offers positive pathways for every student. We are particularly lucky to have a local high school with an award winning student welfare program in play with S.M.I.L.E., an initiative that ensures that every student is connected and supported under a brilliant and widely acclaimed peer support model. For more information about our ‘big sister’ high school and S.M.I.L.E., go to: www.woolgoolga.h.schools.nsw.edu.au

For our part we think that we are delivering to high school a cohort of students who have proven to be successful learners who are confident and creative and well positioned to become active and informed citizens. They will be well grounded in values like care and compassion, doing their best, giving people a fair go, integrity, respect, honesty & trustworthiness, understanding, tolerance & inclusion. They will be organized, persistent, resilient and they will ‘get along’.

We’re pretty proud of what we’ll be sending off to Woolgoolga HS next year …… every year!

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
SPECIAL AWARDS - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Emerald        Ella Nichols, Tom Couper, Harrison Clark, Jaylah Smith, Alicia Murray, Jake Redward, Hopi Wilder-Gillic, Chase Foldes

Ruby           Blake Graham, Jamilla Wade, Tahlia Lonsdale

Jade           Kaleb Graham, Murray Roberts, Alex Nye

Topaz          Claire Mezher, Jedd Brassington Pugh

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FUN will be held at Coffs Harbour Library on Saturday 7th December from 10.00—12.00. $2.00 donation per children, all materials will be supplied. Please phone 66 48 4900 for more information.

SUMMER READING CLUB for primary school children will run from 7th December, 2013 to 20th January, 2014. Register at your local library and send an email to: coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au, include your name & library card number and they will email you an info pack.

MUFTI DAY this FRIDAY 6th Dec
Gold Coin Donation to Support Poor School on Tanna Island, Vanuatu

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we will hold a Mufti Day to raise funds for the school project on Tanna island in Vanuatu that we support every year through Woolgoolga Rotary Club. The children are asked to dress in “Islander Theme” and bring in a Gold Coin donation that will be used to buy “school packs” for the children attending our Tanna Island sister school. As the season of goodwill approaches, let’s be generous so that we can present a lovely cheque to our Woolgoolga’s Rotary Club representative at our annual Presentation Ceremony.

NEWS FROM THE SNACK SHACK

A big thank you to the volunteers who have been into help over the last couple of weeks - Tracy, Janet, Melissa, Cheryl, Rob and Pete. I would also like to thank Diane Della who is always in the background helping me out, at the moment she is out looking for a new oven as ours broke yesterday right in the middle of lunch. Thanks also to our Principal Ray who came over to help, it was quite a production but we managed to muddle on.

Our next Meal Deal Day will be held next Thursday 12th December, bags will be sent home later this week. Cost will be $7.00 and include:

Recess: A large muffin and a bag of popcorn PLUS either a piece of fruit or a fruit cup

Lunch: Homemade sausage roll and bag of potato gems plus a drink and TNT Selection of rolls include—Cheesy Bacon, Plain or Cheese & Spinach

All orders and money need to be returned by Wednesday 11th December to the Canteen.

I would love to be able to get a proper roster for volunteers for next year please call me or drop in to let me know if you are available to assist even if it’s only one day per term, this may help take the pressure off our long time serving volunteers.

Thanking you Jody Phillis (Canteen Supervisor)