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Wow It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the 2014 year. How this time has passed quickly.

We have been fortunate to have Ali Luciani assisting in both areas of the school. Ali has been a wonderful asset and we wish her well in her future.

We have six students graduating to year 3 and five Pre-school children graduating to School in 2015.

We wish them all well

A few reminders,

Parents/Guardians and family members are invited to our final assembly for 2014 on Dec 9th  Graduation Assembly, please come along and support your student. We will be having a Sausage sizzle after the assembly. It will be a “couple of sausages on bread with sauce”.

The children will be having a class party on Thursday, this is for students only, to celebrate with the staff, the wonderful learning year they have just completed.

We wish all families a very Merry Christmas and safe and enjoyable holidays. We will see you in 2015. School starts Tuesday 27th Jan 2015

Nukkinya Ron Watson

GREAT ATTENDANCE; WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

Week 6: 17/11 - 21/11: Aaron, Ian, Aaliyah, Korreesha, Cordell, Jareth, and Kuliah.

Week 7: 24/11 - 28/11: Aaron, Ian, Aaliyah, Korreesha, Cordell, Jareth, Kirene, Aaron Tiaysa and Kuliah.

Pre-School: Week 6: Eddie, Elijah, Traisana, Tramaine
Week 7: Eddie, Elijah, Jamie, Jarrod, Nathias, Traisana,

Dates to Remember

9th December - Graduation Assembly
10th December - Class Parties
12th December - Last Day of Term
We have started our Swimming Lessons at Maitland School Swimming Pool. We travelled to Maitland on the small yellow school bus.

Our Instructors are Miss Nikki and Miss Gabby. We had a talk about the pool and safety in and around the pool before we were allowed to get in the water.

During our lesson we learnt the correct way to enter the pool, we then demonstrated that we knew some of the different swimming strokes. Doggy Paddle, forward stroke, glide arms, diving and backstroke. So far we have learnt:

- Safety at the pool
- The correct way to enter the pool
- Putting our face and head under water and exhaling
- Duck diving through hoops
- Collecting objects from the bottom of the pool
- Gliding forward and backwards
- Floating—back, front & mushroom
- Torpedoing through the water
- Doggy paddle
- Learning different strokes
- Learning to use a kickboard.

Thanks to Miss Ali Luciani for helping

Thank you to Miss Ros and Mr Trevor for driving the bus for us.

REMINDER

Parents/Carers/Guardians,

Please place in your calendar our Graduation Assembly date. **Tuesday 9th Dec at 11.30am start**

We would really like you to attend and see some of our work we have done throughout the year. See our Year two students in their Graduation outfits for their last week of schooling at Point Pearce Aboriginal School.

A very special day
We cannot believe that next week is our last week of the school and preschool year! Even though the year is coming to an end, the Preschool team has just been so impressed with our attendance over the last few weeks. It has just been so wonderful to be joined by so many children, we have had the opportunity for some very enjoyable group experiences!!

With Christmas just around the corner the preschool children have thoroughly enjoyed making Christmas decorations and have found joy in seeing their creations around the room! During the last four weeks of school both the primary and preschool children have been lucky enough to have Miss Ali helping them out, while she is on work experience. Miss Ali has done lots of fun things with the preschool children including a cool science experience! Check out the pictures below. We’d like to say thank you to Miss Ali for all of her help!

Report cards will also be handed out to parents at commencement of next week (week 9). If for some reason you will not be able to collect them at this time please let any of the preschool staff know and we will ensure you are provided with your child’s report earlier.

Finally, next week will be the last week of preschool for some of our preschool children. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our graduating students the best of luck in their school journey!
My kids could easily become addicted to technology, especially as they grow older and find more to do online. But, I still keep their screen time limited and focused on learning. Here are our top ten educational websites for kids.

1. **PBS Kids**

Find all your favorite PBS characters, each with learning games for kids to play: Clifford, Curious George, SuperWhy, The Cat in the Hat, and lots more.

2. **Wonderopolis**

Discover a new wonder each day. Wonders are amazing facts and intriguing questions such as: Why are they called Lava Lamps? What Badger has a sweet tooth?

3. **National Geographic Little Kids**

National Geographic Little Kids features games, crafts and recipes, science, videos, and animal information. It’s perfect for the 5 and under crowd.

4. **National Geographic Kids**

Games, videos, information, cool photos, and more will keep your kids engaged and learning on this educational site.

5. **Fun Brain**

Math and reading video-like games like math baseball and Mad Libs Junior.

6. **Whyville**

Tweens hang out in Whyville to play learning games and socialize.

7. **Pottermore**

J.K. Rowling created this site so kids could read the books and do interactive features and games. My kids LOVE it and can't wait for all the books to be on the site.

8. **Spatulatta**

Get into cooking on this kid-friendly cooking website with lots of videos and recipes.

9. **NGA Kids**

This website gives users art adventures and activities from the National Gallery of Art.

10. **Yahoo Kids**

This is the least educational of all the choices since the site includes both games and videos of all sorts. But, kids can find lots to learn on this interactive website like homework help, learning about science, and access to an encyclopedia.

Do you limit screen time, too?
Why you need to be involved in the school Governing Council!

1. Represent parent and children’s needs in education
2. Play an active part in the school community
3. Continue to make your voice heard on education needs
4. Be informed & know what is happening
5. Assist in policy and decision making
6. Understand your child's education
7. Get closer to your child's daytime experience
8. Contribute to the shaping of your children's educational experience
9. Being able to make informed decisions about your child’s education

Most asked question about the Governing Council!

Q. What is the role of the Governing Council?
A. Think, listen, share, consult, encourage ideas, plan, prepare policy, oversee school & preschool policy, monitor and review by involvement in various sub committees

Q. How often does the council meet?
A. Council Meetings are usually scheduled twice a term. In addition to this, sub-committees meet on a regular basis

Q. How much time will I need to put in?
A. Approximately 4-6 hours per term

Q. Do I need any special skills?
A. No, all parents are welcome and training is available. However should you have a particular field of expertise, you should let them know so the council can put them to good use!

Q. Once elected, how long is my term on Governing Council?
A. Councillors serve for a period of 2 or 3 years in schools and 1 year in Preschools

GET INVOLVED!
Consider being on Governing Council, this is your voice in your Preschool or School!