From the Principal

Congratulations to our Boys’ Softball team, who competed last Monday at Jells Park in the STATE Championships. They finished 5th overall. This is an amazing effort. WELL DONE!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

December

Monday 7th - Friday 11th

• Artist in Residence Week

Annual Family Picnic Friday

Friday 11th from 4:30 - 5:45pm.

Artist in Residence Concert.

Friday 11th at 6:00pm

Tuesday 8th

• DET State Wide Transition

Day and Parent Information Morning.

• Prep Transition Session

9:30am-1:00pm.

• Parent Information Morning

9:45am-11:00am.

Monday 14th - Friday 18th

• Senior Learning Centre Activities Week - Cost $10.

Thurs 17th

• Grade 6 Graduation - Disco.

Friday 18th

• Last day of School for 2015 - Dismissal at 1:30pm.

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Principal

Leonie Anstey
**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEK – 7th – 11th December, 2015**

This year we are pleased to announce **ASIA RAYA** (Grand Asia), with our program being led by two Artists, Aaron and Nita. They will be facilitating a week of music, puppetry and dance from Asia. Think taiko drumming; massive traditional drums from Japan! Think Chinese percussion! Think Indonesian dance; graceful and expressive! Think food from the region and language classes!

Our Annual Artist in Residence event will **commence at 9am on Monday 7th December**, with a concert welcoming & meeting our Artists. Families are encouraged to attend this initial show and throughout the week when their child/ren have scheduled classes.

The week of workshops will culminate on:

- **Friday 11th December with the Annual Family Picnic (4:30 – 5:45pm)**
- **and the Annual Concert (6:00 – 7:00pm)**

Pre-ordered Japanese food will be available.

A weekly timetable and more information will be coming home in a separate note soon.

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**MUSIC NEWS**

This week, students started writing their Music reports. Great care is required while individuals identify about what has been learned and what the next step is.

We have continued to enjoy creating a Japanese orchestra, selecting particular instruments to suit the song.

Our song book is taking shape, presenting class parodies based on ‘philosophy for children’ sessions. This will become a well-used reading resource for classrooms.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

- **12A Brittany A.** Stretching out words properly.
- **12B Olivia L.** Always putting in 100% effort in all tasks.
- **12D Georgia G.** Always taking care of our classroom.
- **34A Ella S.** Helping get Neka out of the learning pit.
- **34B Shaun B.** Excellent, descriptive pieces of writing created in Rocket Writing.
- **Kalahni T.** Reaching her learning goal - to read 100 nights. Well done!
- **34C Jai W.** Upholding all of our School’s core values.
- **56A Siena L.** Showing brilliant independence when working on her project.
- **56B Zoe V.** For challenging herself to learn all the times tables.

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**READING AWARDS**

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

**Christmas raffle donations**

Our last fundraiser for 2015 is our Christmas Raffle. If anyone would like to help donate prize/s towards this Christmas raffle, please leave your donation/s at the office. We want to make this year’s Christmas raffle fantastic!

Together Parents and Friends and the Major Events Committee’s have nearly reached our fundraising goal of $9600 to pay for the solar panels to be installed at our pool. Funds raised from this years Christmas Raffle will also be going to wards the panels, so if there is any one wanting to donate prizes it would be greatly appreciated. We would love some business support to help make the prizes amazing.

Tickets for the raffle will be going out shortly. Thankyou all for your support and help in fundraising to help make our school even better.

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**IN SPORT**

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Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

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**Participants in 2015 Centenary of ANZAC Competition**

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Lynne Carter
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