PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

END OF TERM
It has been a very short term although at the same time, it has been very busy one. Mr Holmes, Mrs Laing and Mrs Bevan have been working extremely hard to continue to provide our students with quality educational programs and extra curricula activities. I would like to commend the staff on their efforts.

As a team, the collegiality is outstanding and I believe that is what makes our small school a Great School.

Some of the highlights of the term have been:

- **Community Events**: Reading at the Windsor Garden Village, Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea
- **Engaging Teaching and Learning Experiences**: Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution Cooking Lesson, C.A.R.E.S
- **Sporting Events**: Athletics Carnival, Soccer Gala Day, Cross Country
- **Fundraising Activities by the P &C and students**: Bunnings BBQ, Mother’s Day Stall, Mother’s Day Gift Wrapping, Relay for Life
- **Enriching Teaching and Learning Experiences**: Hawkesbury G &T Program, Science Enrichment Afternoon at Riverstone High
- **School Excursions**: Writer’s Festival, Whitereia Performing Arts Concert, Australian Pioneer Village
- **Environmental Studies**: Recycling Show, Waste Management Performance, World Environment

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Year 6 will be holding a PJ and Ice Cream Day to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell Gift on **Friday 27th June, 2014**.

ENROLLING FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

We are currently accepting enrolments for next year, **2015**. If you or your neighbours or friends have any children ready to start school, now is the time to complete the necessary paperwork.

We are required to submit our anticipated numbers for 2015 to the Department of Education and Community in Term 3. It will be of great assistance if we have accurate numbers of proposed kindergarten enrolments for next year.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The school holidays commence on **Saturday 28th June, 2014**. Students return to school on **Tuesday 15th July, 2014**.

Monday 14th July is allocated as a Staff Development Day. On this day, teachers will be participating in pROfessional learning with the Blacktown Learning Community. They will be attending a conference with the guest speaker being Greg Mitchell who will be providing an engaging session on ‘Teach Like a Champion.’

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EDUCATION WEEK
This year Education Week is from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August, 2014 and marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The theme for this anniversary celebration is the same as the original tagline used in 1954 for Education Week that is; "Lighting the way to a Better World".

On Tuesday 29th July, 2014, Vineyard Public School will welcome parents and visitors to our Open Day. The celebration will consist of a K – 6 Assembly, science activities, a Book Fair where there will be the opportunity to purchase a book to donate to our school library and a sausage sizzle for lunch.

As part of Education Week we will be holding our Coffee and Chat on Thursday 31st July at 9.15am. This is an informal gathering of parents where we have an opportunity to discuss what’s happening at Vineyard. Please put this date in your diary and come along to meet some of the other parents and have an opportunity to contribute to the life of our school.

SMOKING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES
I have several concerned parents approach me in regards to parents smoking on school grounds.

Smoking is banned 4 metres of the pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. NSW Health inspectors are authorised to enforce the ban within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. Penalties of up to $500 apply to anyone who fails to comply with the law.

CHANGE OF SPORT DAY
Sport Day will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays in Term 3. This is so we are able to access coaches who have an expertise in their chosen sport. In Term 3 we will be participating in Freebies and Volleyball.

STAFFING FOR TERM 3
In Term 3 and 4, Mrs Laing will be teaching K/1/2 five days per week. I will continue to take K/1/2 for their Library and RFF lessons as well as working individually with students requiring assistance.

I will be taking long service leave for the first week of Term 3. I have the confidence, as does the Director that my staff are competent and have the expertise to able to manage the school through this short period of time.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL
I would like to acknowledge the dedication and support that Megan, Codie’s mum has provided to the school during her time as a P & C member and more recently the P & C President. I wish Meagan and her family all the best in their new endeavours.

YEAR 4/5/6 CAMP
A reminder that if you have opted for the installment payment for the Year 3/4/5/6 Camp to Milson Island you should have already paid two installments $100.00 i.e. $ 50.00 per installment.

If you have not elected to pay in installments or have not paid the installments your full payment is due on Wednesday 25th June (of the last week of school) unless other arrangements have been discussed with the Principal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to all the students who celebrated their birthdays.

Jacob 8 years       Luka 7 years

Pauline Bentham
Principal
ATTENDANCE AWARDS
K/1/2 3/4/5/6
Luka Billy R

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD
Lachlan Sara

Vineyard Public School celebrated National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week on Tuesday 24th June, 2014.

Yesterday it was NAIDOC Day and we got to wear Mufti and you could only wear black, yellow and red. We had a boomerang throwing competition and we did dot painting on boomerangs. Mr Sup was collecting the boomerangs and Mr Holmes was passing the boomerangs to us. Jordan and Sara won. Reported by Jacob

Yesterday we painted boomerangs and we painted dots on them too. The colours were white, yellow and red and it was really, really fun because we had a throwing competition. Sara and Jordan won. Reported by Tristan

My favourite part was when I won the boomerang competition. Reported by Sara