Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has 2016 gone? It is hard to believe that we have reached the final week in what was a busy school year at Greenlands State School. Tonight’s break up night will be a great celebration of 2016 and I look forward to seeing you there. More information on start times and what to bring is below.

Last week, I was successful in my application for the permanent position of Principal at Greenlands. This means Greenlands is now my permanent location and I am lucky enough to continue working with such fantastic staff and community members. I want to personally thank you for the support you have shown towards the school in 2016. The dedication and commitment you give to the school is one of the many things that makes the school great. Have a safe and relaxing Christmas vacation.

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19.1 Break Up Night

Just a reminder about the P&C Breakup night tonight. If it is postponed due to bad weather, Mr Low will message or phone you as early as possible.

Date: Wednesday 07th Dec. (Back up date is 8th).

Venue: Greenlands SS – Sports Stadium

Families are advised to have dinner before they arrive.

Families should bring a dessert / cake to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Program:

6.30pm Arrive at school
7pm Entertainment
7.30pm Speeches / Awards
7.45pm Tea & Coffee
8.15pm Clean Up

(see below)

School attendance:

94.63% GOAL - 95% EVERY DAY COUNTS

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Reminders

⇒ Does the school have your latest contact details (including email)?
⇒ Have you checked lost property for any items?

Parking

Parking will be available at the front of the school, in front of the stadium area (please don’t park too close to stadium), beside the residence (be careful of trees & guide wires - please keep driveway clear) and on western end of the school (4WD only - may be boggy).

Please bring a torch to ensure safe walking to your car at night. Please be aware that all parking within the school grounds is at your own risk.

Other Reminders

⇒ No alcohol consumption or smoking is allowed on school grounds for this function.
⇒ When the bell rings, this is seating for students. This will make it easier for classes to get on and off stage.
⇒ There will be some seating available for adults but everyone is advised to bring chairs.
⇒ Please be aware that dragging rather than lifting chairs may damage the special flooring surface in the stadium (the surface cost thousands to install).
the signal for all students to report to their teachers in readiness for the entertainment. This also means that we are probably about 10 mins away from starting.

- Please ensure that younger than school age children sit with you during the entertainment, speeches and awards– they should not sit with the students.
- For further details about attendance for the rest of the week– please contact your child’s teacher.

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE P&C FUNDRAISER FOR A PEWEE MOTORBIKE WILL ALSO BE SOLD AND DRAWN TONIGHT. PLEASE BRING ALONG SOME CHANGE TO PURCHASE A FEW TICKETS!**

19.2 Thanks for Year 6 Dinner Graduation

Our thanks to Maree Johanson and Catherine Rowe for their co-ordination and work in organising last week’s Yr. 6 graduation dinner which was held at the Jamworks at Glen Aplin. All of our current cohort of Yr. 6 students and their parents attended and had a great time.

We also want to thank Jamworks for putting on such a wonderful evening. The food and atmosphere was great.

19.3 Lecturette Report

Last week Harriet Morgan and Anna Johanson competed along with 11 other finalists in the Granite Belt Lecturette Competition at St Josephs library.

Once again, both girls did a wonderful job and represented themselves and their school proudly.

19.4 Swimming Carnival

On Monday 05th December, students ages 9-12 years competed in the Granite Belt Swimming Carnival at the Stanthorpe Pool. On a hot day which reached close to 40 degrees, the pool was definitely the place to be. The students were extremely well behaved and everyone gave their best effort and showed outstanding sportsmanship. Congratulations to our 3 age champion winners, Harriet Morgan, Georgia Reimers and Lily Pellow.

Unfortunately we lost the aggregate trophy by the small margin of 10 points. This shows why participation is so important across the school. If we had all our student who were eligible to compete there on the day, we most likely would have won the trophy.

19.5 Greenlands GIZMO

This year’s Greenlands GIZMO has been sent home with the oldest students with this newsletter. The Greenlands GIZMO has long been a part of the school’s history. They were originally created in the early 1990s. In those days it was printed on a dot matrix printer and cut and glued the sections on paper before adding hand drawn illustrations. Over the years the magazine has evolved.

This year’s GIZMO contains a small section for each students as well as class pages and some highlights throughout the year.

19.6 Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number — 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy — 13 17 88 — and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

19.7 Enrolments for 2017

We still have space for enrolments for 2017. Please advise anyone you know that may be thinking of enrolling to contact the school.

**Term dates for 2017**

**School Office reopens**

Tuesday 17 January

**Term 1**

Monday 23 Jan— Thursday 31 March

**Term 2**

Tuesday 18 April— Friday 23 June

**Term 3**

Monday 10 July— Friday 15 September

**Term 4**

Tuesday 3 October— Friday 8 December

**Other dates**

- Australia Day— Thursday 26th January
- Stanthorpe Show Holiday— Friday 03 February
- Good Friday— Friday 14 April
- Labour Day Holiday— Monday 1 May
- Queens birthday holiday— Monday 2 October
- T4 Pupil Free Day— Monday 16 October

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