**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Wednesday 17th December - Last day of school
- Wednesday 28th January 2015 - students return
- Tuesday 3rd February - Day 1 for Kinder students

**ASSEMBLIES**

- Friday 28th November
  Leaders – Jasmine, Jessi & Kate
  Assembly Item – Y1/2
- Friday 5th December
  Leaders – Georgia, Jaimie & Sophie
  Assembly Item – Y3/4

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused due to the mix up of assembly leaders advertised last week. Mrs A.

**DECEMBER**

- Monday 1st – Captains’ Speeches -9.30 - Final P&C Meeting, 7pm.
- Tuesday 2nd – Lucinda Awards – Lismore Cinema. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday 3rd – Last day AAS Skateboarding High Schools’ orientation day
- Thursday 4th – Yr 6 Cake Stall
- Friday 5th – Year 6 Cake Stall
- Wednesday 10th – School Concert/ Christmas Tree/ back up date Tuesday 16th
- Thursday 11th - Volunteers Afternoon Tea
- Friday 12th – Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Kindergarten Book Presentation

**BEXHILL SCHOOL SURVEY – 2014**

Thank you to those families who have returned the school survey where we asked for your suggestions and feedback to help guide our plans for the next school planning cycle. If you wish to discuss, clarify or elaborate on any comments you have made in written form please feel free to contact me.

**WORKING BEE – Saturday 29th November,** from 7.30 am

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Any families able to assist on the day will be most welcome.

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION ASSEMBLY**

**Friday 12th December at 9.30 am**

**Order of Events**

- Kindergarten will be presented with a book to mark the successful completion of their first year of school.
- Year 6 Presentation

As is tradition each Year 6 student presents the school with a book they have chosen. Whilst this is not an essential requirement our students usually participate.

Students will receive a Graduation certificate and a beautifully carved pen as a memento of their time at Bexhill PS; handcrafted from the school’s camphor laurel trees by Mr Foster.

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Other end of year awards to be presented include:

Dux of the school for 2014
Citizenship Award for 2014
Sports Award for 2014
House award for 2014.

Choir item

Parents, family and friends are all invited and are most welcome to attend.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents, Al Petty and Tracey Schofield, for giving up their week to assist with the Canberra excursion recently. Their assistance, perseverance and counting ability was much appreciated.

Our schedule was incredibly busy but also highly worthwhile and of genuine educational value.

The students, as a group, were commended on a number of occasions for their positive and thoughtful behaviours.

Mrs Brierley and I were really proud of the way our students conducted themselves, and also the way in which they included and made the Rosebank students welcome.

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Volunteers’ Morning Tea

Bexhill staff would like to invite all our wonderful volunteers for afternoon tea on Thursday 11th December at 2.30 pm in appreciation for your valued assistance throughout the year.

If you are unable to attend please accept our most sincere appreciation for your support and hard work during 2014.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Currently we are striving to raise funds towards the purchase of soft fall and the upgrade of the fixed playground equipment so the area passes school safety standards. The area has been ‘out of bounds’ for a number of weeks because of safety concerns.

We encourage each family to sell as many book of tickets as possible, to support this raffle. The prize is a generous donation of a vealer in the form of four meat trays to be raffled for our school.

The raffle will be drawn at our Concert/ Christmas Tree night on December 10th. Should you require more tickets please notify Mrs Aafjes at the office. Tickets are $1 each. An additional prize will be given to the family who sells the most tickets.

**An opportunity is available to sell raffle tickets at Lismore Square this Sunday, 30th November from 10am.**

At this stage we have only two parent volunteers. Please call the school if you have any time you can spare.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY GIVING

The SRC this year has proposed that our annual charity collection will be supporting the Salvation Army.

In order to do this they ask that donated items be given to each class to build a ‘Wishing Tree’.

Please ensure items are non-perishable and not out of date. If presents are wrapped for children, please indicate appropriate age and gender.

Please have all donations at school before Thursday 4th December to support this worthy cause.

LUCINDA AWARDS (see flyer)

On Tuesday Years 3 – 6 will be attending the Lucinda Awards. Participating schools will be screening their Movie Making Projects; this year’s theme being Myths and Legends. We are looking forward to viewing ‘The Bexhill Yowie’, in particular. Lucinda will be in attendance to present the special awards. Permission notes do need to be returned to school no later than Friday 28th November.

Students are invited to dress up for the occasion. Please note that dress should be smart and in line with our school dress code.

Transport will be by bus at a cost of $2.50 per student which needs to accompany the permission note.

Please note: The Awards will take place at the Lismore Cineplex (not at the Star Court Theatre).

Year 6 Cake Stall - Thursday 4th December

Year 6 will again host a cake stall to raise money for their end of year gift to the school. All items 50c!

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you parents for supporting and encouraging your children with library borrowing. I have been delighted this year with the high levels of student borrowing and enthusiasm for reading.

All outstanding books are to be returned to the library for our annual stocktake which as you can appreciate is quite a large task. Your assistance with this is much appreciated. There will be no more books being borrowed for 2014.

Schools Spectacular will again be shown on Channel Nine this weekend. The 31st Schools Spectacular, This is Australia, showcasing 3,600 of the most talented singers, dancers and musicians from 456 NSW public schools, will be broadcast on Channel Nine on Saturday 29 November, from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. The broadcast will also feature performances by Schools Spectacular alumni and The Voice Australia winner, Anja Nissen. Tune in to see our stars of the future! For a full list of participating schools, please see www.schoolsspectacular.com.au. Please note there will be a national replay on GEM on Sunday 7 December from 12.30pm.

The entire 3 hour show will also be available to view via catch-up tv at Jump-in from Sunday 30 November 2014. Jump-in is a free, downloadable app. For details please see www.jump-in.com.au
Family & Friends are invited to our 2014 School Concert and Christmas Tree

WHEN: Wednesday 10th December

WHERE: Bexhill school oval, with the bottom COLA as the performance stage.

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TIME: Children need to report to their classrooms by 6 pm for a 6.30pm start

Entry to the concert will be via the front gate only for security reasons.

Parking is prohibited on the top oval. All cars must park outside school boundaries.

COST: Gold coin donation. The end of year raffle will also be drawn on the night.

You are most welcome to bring your own drinks, nibbles and picnic blanket.

Santa has been invited to attend, at the conclusion of the concert, to say ‘Hello and Merry Christmas’ to the Bexhill girls and boys and to give them a small treat from his Santa sack. Pre-schooler children are also welcome to join in the Santa festivities.

**Please remember that the school grounds are alcohol and smoke free.

NOTE: Class teachers will be sending out individual class notes regarding costumes and any particular requirements they may have.
BEXHILL OOSH – VACATION CARE
Bexhill O.O.S.H will be running Vacation care during the school holidays again. The 18/12/14 and 19/12/14, 22/12/14 and 23/12/14 will be dates considered if families are needing care on these days.
I will be taking holidays for 2 weeks, and will then run Vacation care from the 12/01/15 - 23/01/15. Please contact me ASAP so I can organise what days I can offer. Once again I will need to have at least 5 children a day to make it viable to run.
We had a great time last holidays, and I know we will have just as much fun this time. We will have a jumping castle again and will be doing an excursion to the movies and Alstonville House with No Steps Water Park!
Places are filling fast for Before and After school care for next year, with new families starting next year, so if you need to book any days please let me know before the end of term.
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