It seems that everyone has had a great holiday and is ready for a new year of learning in 2015. We have had a settled start to the year and we welcome our new families to our school.

The majority of my holiday was spent in Cambodia where I spent just over 2 weeks with a volunteer organisation called See Beyond Borders. The majority of my experience there was delivering professional learning in Mathematics with Cambodian teachers. It was an incredible experience. I have attached a photo of the classrooms in which I worked with the teachers: one group in Battambang and one in Siem Reap.

Neither classroom had electricity. The light source was natural light through the windows with no glass. The first photos were taken in a timber classroom with natural timber walls and a thatch roof, the second classroom was made of rendered brick and painted white on the inside and so was much brighter.

It makes me realise just how fortunate we are to have the amazing facilities we have in our school.

Kindergarten Afternoon Dismissal
All Kinder students who are in the “walkers” line will be seated on the front row of the silver seats. We ask parents and older siblings to collect Kindergarten students from this seat.

Star Badges
It has been delightful to see students wearing their 2014 Star Badges with pride this past week. However we are now in 2015 and we begin a new year for the awarding of Star Badges. We therefore ask all Star students to find a safe place for their 2014 badge and keep them at home. Teachers are looking for those who deserve the first badges for 2015. We hope that our new badges will arrive in time for our first Star assembly in Week 5.

Star Badge students are students who demonstrate exemplary behaviour and attitude every day at school. They always follow the 3 B’s and are safe, responsible and respectful learners. They are students who are good role models, who take pride in their school and who wear their school uniform. We look forward to even more students receiving this award this year.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Kempsey pool on Thursday of this week. All students in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend. Year 2 students who turn 8 years old this year are eligible to attend this carnival; younger students in Year 2 will remain at school. Parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Bradshaw
Principal
Yarning Circle

Last week a thank you went out to Ros, Trevor and Chris Bidner for the donation and set up of our Yarning Circle but Garry Brenton (Courtney & Abbie Minn’s grandfather) and Adam Minns (Courtney & Abbie’s dad) also helped with delivery and arrangement of the very heavy logs. Thank you all very much.

Some uniform issues.

Firstly our apologies to those parents who have been unable to purchase a new school shirt. We had not anticipated running out of the stock that we had available. We will notify you when we have received our supplies of sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, S and M. There are still shirts available in the following size 16.

Only navy school jumpers are school uniform, maroon school jumpers are no longer school uniform. Our new school jackets are available from the office for $20, these are NOT compulsory however they have the school logo already embroidered on them, they are of a good quality and are quite good value.

Please ensure that ALL uniform items have your child’s name clearly marked, so that we can return misplaced items easily.

Floral headbands are not part of school uniform, so we ask students not to wear these at school. Shoulder length hair should be tied back.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held NEXT Monday 9th February at 6.00pm. Weather permitting we will hold this meeting in our new yarning circle at the top of the driveway or in the library! All members of our school community are welcome to attend.
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Rock Star Award” in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner was Marley Murphy.

Marley please see Tracey in the Canteen.

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P & C MEETING
9th FEBRUARY 2015
6.00PM START – SCHOOL LIBRARY
COME ALONG AND SHARE SOME IDEAS
EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

Fredo Soccer
The Frederickton Sports Club will be holding soccer registration days on the 14th and 21st February at the Frederickton News agency from 10.00am till 1.00pm.

Come down and register your child.
THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY – SWIMMING CARNIVAL – STUDENTS TURNING 8 OR OLDER IN 2015 – COST $5.50 PER STUDENT.

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Messages to pass on to your children and
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