**Principal’s Reflections**

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2011 Presentation Day. The weather was kind to us and the children were very well behaved. Congratulation to all of our awardees and to our graduating Yr 6 students!

All of our official guests commented on the quality of our students and school.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone and a very Happy New Year!

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts:
- Any Wilmen
- Cooper Cotterill

One hundred and seventeen awards this year!

**Return to School Dates 2012**

All of Years 1 to 6 commence on Monday 30th January.

Kindergarten commence on Wednesday 1st February, due to Best Start assessments.

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**REPORTS**

Our 2011 Yearly Reports will be coming home tomorrow (Tue 13th Dec). Please check your child's bag.

**BOOK PACKS FOR 2012**

Book Packs for all students will be on sale from Week 1 next year. The 2012 Packs will include all exercise books, glue sticks, colour pencils (K-4), USB (5-6), grammar text book (1-6) and push button envelopes for homework and home readers. Approximate costs are as set out below. Confirmation of prices will occur next year on receipt of packs and you will be notified of final cost in Week 1.

- Kinder - $15.00
- Year 1 - $17.00
- Year 2 - $20.00
- Year 3 - $21.00
- Year 4 - $21.00
- Year 5 - $22.00
- Year 6 - $22.00

**Y6 FAREWELL DINNER**

Monday 12 December at 6pm

This dinner requires Y5 students donating $5.00 each to assist with party food for the farewell dinner to Y6. Also assistance by some Y5 parents to heat and serve the food. Notes have been sent home and are to be returned to the office.

**Y6 PARTY DAY**

Tuesday 13th December - Meet at school at 9am

Y6 will still be going ahead with the Fun Day at Blue Gum Hills Regional Park at Minmi for a Party Day. However, there may be an alternative arrangement that may need to be put in place depending upon weather in the morning. Please see separate note regarding the Party Day.

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**Dates to Remember December**

- Tues 13th Dec – P&C Meeting 7pm
- Tues 13th Dec – Party Day
- Wed 14th Dec – Christmas Capers

**Last day of Term 4 – Friday 16th December**

**Term 1 - 2012**

- Kinder students return - Wed 1st February
- All other students return - Mon 30th January
CHRISTMAS CAPERS at school
Wed 14th December at 5.30 – 8.30pm
BBQ dinner available
Showbags available
Raffle drawn
Christmas Carols
Santa will arrive 7.45 pm

Francis Greenway High School
The FGHS uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 25th January between 8am and midday. No appointment is necessary. This will be your last opportunity to purchase the uniform prior to the commencement of school for your child.

P&C

P&C MEETING
Tuesday 13th December at 7pm.
All welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS
Please return your raffle tickets and money to school as soon as possible.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER
It’s not too late to bring in a donation for the Christmas hamper to be raffled by the P&C e.g non-perishable food items, Christmas decorations, small gifts. These can be left at the office.
THANK YOU for your support

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
BERESFIELD SWIMMING CLUB
SCHOOL AGE LEARN TO SWIM
JANUARY 9 – 13th AND JANUARY 16-20th 2012
BERESFIELD POOL
COST $30. A WEEK PLUS POOL ENTRY
CLASSES ARE 40 MINUTES LONG COMMENCING AT 8AM AND CONCLUDING AT 10.15AM
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE.
FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED UPON REGISTRATION
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL LYNDA ON 0447 474 902
REGISTRATION DAY AT BERESFIELD POOL
FRIDAY DECEMBER 16th 5-6PM
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Have a merry Christmas and a safe New Year.
PLAN AHEAD FOR 2012!

Years 3 and 4
In Term 3 next year the children in these classes will be invited to attend a camp to Gosford. Dates for the excursion are:

**Thursday 26th July to Friday 27th July**

There will be a cost of approximately $190.00 per child. A deposit for this camp will be required in week 5 Term 1 2012.

Santa might need to bring your child a sleeping bag.

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Years 5/6
It is Canberra time again. Children will be invited to attend a three day excursion to Canberra and the snow. Dates for the excursion are:

**Monday 27th August to Wednesday 29th August**

There will be a cost of approximately $300.00 per child. A deposit of $50.00 will be required by week 7 Term 1 2012.

For birthdays you may need to buy beanies, scarfs and waterproof gloves.

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Years 4, 5 and 6
Children in these years will have the opportunity to participate in:

**Star Struck 2012.**

This requires a big commitment by parents and students. It is always held after the long weekend in June. Parents are required to transport children to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre over a 5 day period and to rehearsals at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.