Dear community members,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2016 and my final newsletter as your Acting Principal.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful families, without whom our achievements throughout 2016 would not have been possible.

I thank the local businesses and University of Melbourne—Dookie Campus for their support, charitable organisations, the Shepparton Small Schools Cluster, the greater Dookie community and our staff consisting of our Business Manager Christine Werner who had to “hit the ground running”. She had large shoes to fill and has done a tremendous job in such a short time. Our Bus Driver, Lee Barnes who does so much more than transport our precious cargo to and from school. Lee quietly gets things done from blowing leaves off the courts, making sure the sprinkler system is working correctly, weeds are kept in check and the bus running efficiently and safely. Her wealth of knowledge of this community has been a huge bonus to me during my time at Currawa. Our teachers Rosalie Thomas and Bev Montgomery who have ensured the educational needs of our children are not only met but exceeded. Thankyou for your commitment and professionalism. To Bev, thankyou for your ongoing contributions throughout Term Four to our curriculum, your generous heart and advice leading up to the Dookie Show and Christmas Concert. Our music tutor Helen Rankin, who has enriched our students lives through a love of music and performance. Throughout the year I have especially loved Fridays because Helen was here performing with our very talented students. To Kath Trainer, who is no doubt one of the best IT administrators I have worked with in 20 years of education. Nothing is ever a problem with Kath and she goes far beyond the call of duty. Our cleaner, Pam Rogers for your diligent work ethic and kind words of support throughout 2016. I am sure our school would win a cleanliness awards with you at the helm.

All of these people and organisations bring unique skill to help deliver the best for our students. Thank you for your support.

I extend a heartfelt thankyou to the School Council and students of this great community for your support throughout 2016. I will leave Currawa a better person having met so many tremendous families.

The Principal recruitment process for 2017 is now complete and it is with great pleasure that I welcome Tim Seal from Yarrawonga who has accepted the twelve month position. I will meet with Tim over the last two weeks to complete a transition. Welcome to the Currawa community Tim—you are in good hands.

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight at our Christmas gathering.

Thanks for reading,

Brendan Kenna
Acting Principal
Christmas Concert, Recital and Grade Six Graduation:
Our Christmas Concert, Grade Six Graduation and Recital will occur tonight.

The night will commence at 6:30 pm, with all students kindly requested to arrive by 6pm for final rehearsals.

Students will complete a short performance, followed by the Grade Six Graduation ceremony and Recital.

Afterwards, families are invited back to the school for a supper.

All families please provide a plate to share.

Tea and coffee will be supplied.

2017 Prep Transition Day:
Jack Hamilton had a wonderful transition day at Currawa Primary School competing a variety of tasks including a reading activity, some handwriting and an art session. Jack will be well looked after by the students, most notably his big sister Hannah.

Week 9 Scientist of the week:
Jessica Holland for her detailed and accurate presentation on Neptunium.

Week 10 Scientist of the week:
Rebecca Holland for her excellent attitude and willingness to learn a new computer program.
CALENDAR

DECEMBER:
- Monday 12th - End of Year Concert, Recital and Grade 6 Graduation.
- Tuesday 20th — Last day of Term Four, 2:30pm finish.

JANUARY
- Tuesday 31st January — Term 1 Commences for Students

DOOKIE MOTORS GENEROUS OFFER:
For every service or grease and oil change booked and paid by a school family, we will receive a $50 donation back to the school.

Thank you for your continued support and kind sponsorship gesture.

FAREWELL:
On behalf of the Currawa community, I would like to farewell our departing families: The Davidson's, Boyd's, Blackmore’s, McNeill's, McNiece’s and the Downie’s.

Thankyou for your ongoing contributions to our school. We wish you all the best with you future. Please don’t be strangers.

Healthy Fruit Snacks!
Don’t forget to pack your “Healthy fruit” snack that we eat at 10am each day.

Please, no processed fruits.

Sun Smart:
Wide brimmed School Hats are required to be worn at all times whilst outside during Term One and Term Four.

Hats can be purchased from Red Back Promotions. Please call on 5822 0533 to place your order.
SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETITION

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Upload the video to MyoCycles facebook page for your chance to WIN
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* Participants must be under the age of 18
(a ticket will also be supplied to the winning student's parent/guardian)