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Well, hard as it is to believe we have come to the end of another school year. This will be our last newsletter for 2018. It has been a busy term with many things to celebrate. I've been reading lots of reports and enjoyed sharing the success, effort and growth the children have made this year.

In 2019, to begin our school year, we will be holding a "Meet and Greet" to allow all families and students to get to know our staff, learn about their individual roles within our school and deepen your understanding of their experience, "put a face to a name". We will also outline school initiative and programs including student wellbeing. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th more information will come in the new year.

2018 has been an extremely busy but productive year and we look forward to a new one filled with exciting learning opportunities, continuing friendships and many new magical memories. On behalf of the staff of Boolaroo Public School and myself, we would like to wish the community and parents of Boolaroo a very safe and happy holidays, Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Louise Wrightson

Principal



Wow, what a year it has been. It will be extremely sad to see our beautiful Year 6's leave us and move onto high school next year, but I wish them every happiness for their futures. We have had a very, very busy end of term with the year 6 fundraiser, what a day! A bake sale, water fun day, and who can forget about throwing whipped cream in their faces, oh and mine and Miss McCaw's too, thanks kids! We raised a lot of money from that day and are looking to buy new speakers for the hall as the Year 6 gift to the school. We also had presentation day and the Christmas Concert which were both successes. Congrats to our new leaders for 2019 and of course all of the year 5's for trying their hardest in their speeches, whether or not you have a badge you will be a leader of this school and we are so proud of you all. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and let's get ready for 2019!

Miss Webb



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The Penguins have had a great year and we are all now looking forward to a well earned summer break. During this time we would encourage all students to have fun and keep up their reading! Merry Christmas to all the beautiful Penguins and their families. Mrs Swain and Mrs Geres

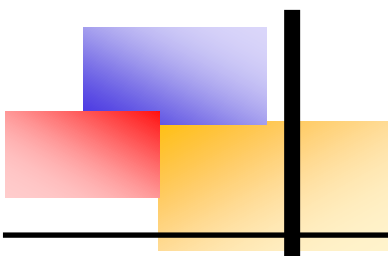


What an amazing year we have had! It's so hard to believe that it is now over and that these Turtles will be moving into Year 1 and Year 2. It has been an absolute privilege teaching every single Turtle this year. We have all learnt so much and had a lot of fun and exciting times together... They are memories I will always cherish.

The past few weeks have been full of fun! We completed all of our assessments and started enjoying some Christmas activities. We made Christmas wreaths, read Christmas stories and did some decorating (and eating...lots of eating!). We have been on an excursion to the library and to the park, where we had an absolute blast playing with our friends. We also received special awards at Presentation Day and our reports were sent home giving us the opportunity to celebrate our achievements with our families and friends. We had SO much fun at the Christmas concert last night! We hope you enjoyed our performances :)

There is no doubt about it... It has been a **TURTLEY AWESOME** year! Merry Christmas to all of my beautiful Turtles and their wonderful families! Have a safe and happy holiday!!!

Miss McCaw



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Christmas Holiday Challenge!

School's almost out for summer, but that doesn't mean your kids should stop learning. Researchers have found that [kids can lose one to two months](#) of reading and maths skills over the summer.

Keep Reading

Books are helpful for almost everything, from entertaining your child to teaching your child about activism. We have an amazing library here in Speers Point. Check out the website for information about what's on at Speers Point and other Lake Macquarie libraries. Lake Mac libraries have loads of fun activities for all ages. Best of all, the activities are all free.

<https://library.lakemac.com.au/newslettersee>.

Relate maths to real life

Talk to your child about how you use maths everyday so they can see how the maths they're learning at school relates to real life. For example, explore how you use fractions in cooking, percentages while shopping, distance in driving, keeping score in sports games and telling the time.

Discover the beauty of maths

What shape can be made by unfolding a carton? How many apples can be packed into the fruit tray? What shape is that box? How do you draw a circle with a piece of rope? Next, explore mathematics in nature, music, visual arts, music and architecture.

Cook together

Cooking with your child is great for developing early maths skills. Talk to your child about shapes, sizes and quantities while they watch or help you cook. You could say, for example, "I need one large carrot and one small potato" or "I am cutting our sandwiches in triangles today."

Encourage mental maths

Encourage children to solve simple maths problems in their head. How many pieces do you need to cut the birthday cake into so that everyone has a slice? What's the cost of discounted items, e.g. 25 per cent off \$20? It's 4:15 pm now and it will take 30 minutes to get home: what time will we arrive? If your child struggles to work it out, suggest they show you on paper or talk you through how they're trying to work it out so you can help them.

Work together

Count things with your child every day or work on a project together. Sew, knit or build something with Lego. Perhaps you can get together and sort different things by size, shape or colour, like blocks, clothing, toys and pegs.

Play games

Playing with puzzles is another great activity that can help your child develop their maths skills. Explore spatial games, board games, card games, jigsaw puzzles and logic puzzles. Play "shops" with things from around the house, using shopping bags, old purses or wallets and real or play money.

Make Use of Free Events and Programs

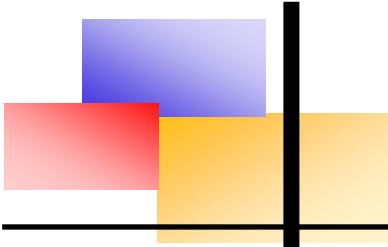
Current research recommends visiting local resources like parks, museums, libraries, and recreation centres. Some museums are free to children, so you can make a day of it without spending a fortune.

Get Active

In addition to losing maths and reading skills, many children gain weight unhealthily during the summer months. Current research recommends limiting screen time and doing something engaging like having a scavenger hunt or going to the pool.

Exploring different parks and landmarks will also encourage your kid to be more active. Geocaching, where you can find hidden treasure other strangers have hidden, is another alternative if you don't want to set up a scavenger hunt. Plus, it might kids improve their navigation skills. Have you used your Get Active voucher yet in 2018. All school aged children are entitled to a voucher to the value of \$100 to be used in 2018. A new voucher can be accessed in 2019. You can use your voucher for almost anything. See more details at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Regards Aaron Quinnell



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Please take the time over the break to update your School Stream app, delete any items no longer needed and make sure you have the most current version of the APP.

Canteen renovations

The **P&C** will be working on canteen renovations and creating a garden in the lunch area during January and would like volunteers if you are available. Please contact Christina Allen-Lopez on: 0428 359 113

Save the Date

We will be holding a Parent/ Student/Teacher welcome and information session on Wednesday 6th February. This session will give information about classes and school direction for 2019. More details to follow.



We would like to wish all families and community members a safe and happy holiday. See you in 2019!!



CALENDER	
19th December	Last day for Students
20th-21st December	Staff Development Days
JANUARY 2019	
Tuesday 29th	Staff return
Wednesday 30th	Years 1-6 students return
FEBRUARY	
Monday 4th	Kindergarten students start
Tuesday 5th /Wednesday 6th	Breakfast club starts
Tuesday 5th	Student banking begins again
Wednesday 6th	Parent/Student/Teacher welcome & information session. Details to follow.
February—To be advised	Swimming carnival
MARCH	
Wednesday 6th	Planetarium Incursion
Thursday 14th	School photos

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The school acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land.

