Hello and welcome to the second last newsletter for 2017. Although it seems like we are entering into the festive season with lots of end of year events scheduled, I have been pleased to see classes still working hard as expected right up until the last day of school (with the odd class party as the exception).

As mentioned, there are a number of events scheduled for the end of the year which I would like to remind parents of. Our Kindy 2016 children will be celebrating the end of their first year at Caralee with a song or two for parents (see our events table for Lollipops and Jellybeans dates). The P&C is again providing our students with an end of year Disco on Friday 9th of December after school. Check out the P&C Facebook page and flyers for year group times.

Graduation and awards assembly is nearly upon us with our Year 6’s busily preparing their final item. Parents will be informed by letter if your child is going to receive a class award or student leadership position for 2017 at the Graduation and Awards assembly on Wednesday 14th of December from 9.00am.

I have mentioned previously in the newsletter that we have had fantastic teachers filling in for staff required by the Dept of Education to take Long Service Leave (LSL). Ms Nicola Luke is with us again filling in for Ms Wong across the Early Years classes, and Ms Tammy Gordon in filling in for Mrs Hale in PP.

Due to LSL and staffing shortfalls, we are unfortunately not able to proceed with the Christmas Carols event promoted by the P&C in the last newsletter. We will however be able to hear our wonderful Choir perform a Christmas finale for our 2016 Music Concert on Friday 9th of December from 1.30pm. All students from Years 1 to 6 will perform an item, and we will be collecting a gold coin donation for the Melville Citizens Relief Fund which supports our Breakfast Club and families in need across the City of Melville.

I look forward to seeing parents at the Music Concert, and the many end of year events scheduled for Term 4.

Jason Shapcott
Principal
**TIP #15**  If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don’t throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant pot instead.

**TIP #16**  Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables. Use to water the house plants.

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**P & C News**

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**DISCO : Friday, 9th December 2016**
(Undercover Area)

Open to ALL students of Caralee and Fremantle LDC

Admission is FREE!  Win PRIZES!

- 4.00 to 5.00pm  Kindy to Year 2
- 5.15 to 6.30pm  Years 3 to 6

Canteen open for snacks and drinks

We are seeking volunteers for the Canteen (please spare half an hour if you can)

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**The Annual P&C Christmas Raffle!**

Raffle Tickets (blocks of 10) are to come home with your child soon.

**Tickets are only $1 each!**

Wonderful prizes to win

*Major Sponsors: IGA Willagee, Amcal Willagee & Bunnings Warehouse O'Connor*

Please bring your money in an envelope marked “Christmas Raffle” into the Front Office and deposit in the P&C Box

Prizes drawn after the Caralee Music Concert, Friday 9th of December @ 2.55pm

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**Canteen and Uniform Shop**

Please note that the last day the Uniform Shop will be open is Wed 30 November to enable stock take and cleaning before the end of the year. Thanks for your cooperation!

It will re-open Monday, January 30, 2017 from 1-3pm for collection of pre-orders.

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**Caralee Community School P&C Survey Monkey**

It would be great if a few more replies came in to our survey on the idea of going online. Those who have already filled it in - awesome!  [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QYZDKM](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QYZDKM)

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**Our next Annual General Meeting is to be held Tuesday, 28th February 2017**

The date for the AGM has been set and we would love to see you there!

As per the Constitution, all positions will be declared vacant. See the P&C page on the school website for a description of the roles under ‘What happens at the AGM?’;


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Music

Well done to the Choir who sang at the Kardinya Shopping Centre last week while people of the community did their Christmas shopping.

What a wonderful opportunity for a dress rehearsal! I can’t wait to see you perform your Nativity musical at the Lions Club Annual Christmas Carols this Sunday, 4th December at John Creaney Park, Bull Creek.

Meet Miss Longley in front of the stage at 6:30pm, in costume/Christmas colours & be ready to sing!

Music

The Year 1-6 classes have been working hard to polish up their performance pieces in time for the Music Concert in Week 9. Come on down to the undercover area on Friday, 9th December @ 1.30pm to see the final product! The concert will also feature a Nativity Grand Finale by the Year 4-6 Choir.

Well done to everyone who auditioned for Caralee’s Got Talent. I was blown away by the enthusiasm (and patience, considering my two week absence) for this school event. The quality of the auditions made it very hard to select which contestants would make it through to the final round, but the panel had to consider which acts were the most prepared and the most entertaining. Finalists will be announced Thursday. The Talent Quest will take place on Week 9, Thursday 8th at lunchtime.

Miss Rhiannan Longley, Music Specialist Teacher

2016 Caralee CS Parent National School Opinion Survey

The National School Opinion Survey is mandatory for all government schools to conduct at least every two years.

It allows parents and caregivers the opportunity to give their opinion on important aspects of our school. Participation by parents and caregivers is optional but strongly recommended and highly valued. Honest and balanced opinions provide the school community with information that can be used to help build a better educational environment for students.

To ensure a valid survey, please complete it once only. Although this survey is anonymous, computer IP addresses will be visible. We won’t know who the IP address belongs to, but multiple responses from one address will not be counted.

The more people who complete the survey, the more valuable the information will be. The survey closes Thu, 8th Dec @ 4pm. It should only take about five minutes, so please, to complete the survey, please enter the following web address into your browser.

https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/4E28ahKc

Paper copies of the survey are available from the office should you prefer to complete it this way.

Mr Murray Watkins, Deputy Principal
Complete Youth Cricket Development

Join us on January 9th till the 12th, 9.00am to 1.00pm each day
For 4 days of cricket fun.
Western Warriors players will visit the camp.
Cost $120 – Earlybird offer before Jan 1st (save 10%)

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