From all the Staff & Supporters at Caralee, we wish you a safe and happy holiday!
TIP # 17 When shopping for a new dishwasher, compare water use between models by using the [Consortium for Energy Efficiency website](http://consortiumforenergyefficiency.org/).

TIP # 18 When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

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**P & C News**

**The P&C Wrap Up for 2016**

Well, it has been a big year for fundraising. Amongst other things, the P&C (with the help of all the amazing parents) has been able to donate a massive $10,000 to the school to assist with the STEM curriculum, over $5,000 went into Nature Play, and $1,400 was given to the Library.

We funded resources for the Stepping Stones Maths programme, purchased a new Canteen freezer and completed Stage 1 of the Hygiene Initiative that saw soap dispensers installed in B Block.

**Spellathon, Nature Play, Raffles** and, the biggest bash of many years, the **P&C Quiz Night**.

There are so many people that help with organising fundraisers, running events, cooking sausages!

Every hour you donate of your time helps the kids at Caralee Community School. **Thanks**.

To the teachers that have helped at our fundraisers or supported them – **Thanks**.

And kids - you helped bundle raffle tickets, odd-jobbed on Nature Play, fetched and carried before and after events plus other behind the scenes work. **Thanks**. You don’t go unnoticed!

To our wonderful families – **Thank you so much** for all the time and money you have put into making our school a better place.

Without Sponsors we could not donate the amount of funds to Caralee Community School that we have.

**Thank you all!**

**Thank you to Bakers Delight for donating the bread vouchers for the families of CCS.**

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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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From the Principal’s Desk

Wow, what a first full year as Acting Principal of Caralee CS!! It has been an absolute privilege to have filled this role with the fantastic support of staff and the wider school community including the P&C. 2016 has been a landmark year for Caralee after 10 years under the steady guidance of Mr Anderson. With his blessing, we embarked on an ambitious program to improve and increase the level of community involvement and support within our governance process under the IPS process. Despite not being successful in this IPS round, our new School Council community members and teachers, Chaired by the wonderful Mrs Karen Ramsay, are providing a fantastic basis for success in the future.

There have been a few teachers retire this year, and we marked Mr Bulmer’s retirement after 48 years with an afternoon tea and presentation earlier in the term. We have just been informed that Ms Hopper has now retired due to ill health. Ms Hopper was instrumental in keeping our Breakfast Club going, and her commitment and compassion towards children who didn’t always have everything in life was second to none. I know her health is improving and she is looking forward to spending time with her father, Graham, in retirement. We are also bidding farewell to our brilliant Chaplain. Ashleigh has been a breath of fresh air for our Chaplaincy, and is going onto to work in her newly qualified area of publishing.

Chaplaincy will continue with the appointment of Ms Jane Duff in 2017.

As we head towards 2017, I would like to extend a warm hearted thankyou to all the staff that covered for Long Service Leave (LSL) and other Leave at Caralee this year. You have worked hand in hand with us to ensure our successful academic and pastoral care programs continue for the children and the transition has been seamless. As I am able to continue as Principal for term 1 2017, I look forward to working again with everyone in this role and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and sound holidays.

Mr Jason Shapcott, Principal

Visual Arts

Congratulations to students who worked together as a team on the Caralee Community Schools Recycled Christmas Tree Project. The sustainability project was a competition held at Bunnings O’Connor. The students collected resources from home and placed together a fantastic looking recycled Christmas tree made of bottles, lids, wire, form, cardboard, coat hangers, buckets, plastic bags and many more recycled items. Callan Albrecht was the lucky student who was able to walk the tree down to Bunnings with fellow Education Assistant, Sam Atkins and myself. We discussed about how to take the sustainability further and thought “Why not save our air from pollution and walk the tree on a trolley to Bunnings!”

Well done students - Caralee Community School was awarded ‘Runners Up’. Well deserved!

Miss Aleisha Cotton, Visual Arts Teacher

Music

Well done to all the year 1-6 Caralee performers who played and sang in Friday’s Music Concert. I was so impressed with your performance! It’s not easy to play in front of such a big crowd and perform confidently, but everyone got up and gave it their very best shot. Thank you all for your efforts in Music, Dance and Drama this year, it has been a pleasure to meet you all. I look forward to seeing you all next year! Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Miss Rhiannan Longley, Music Specialist Teacher

WE’RE ON THE WEB: www.caraleeecs.wa.edu.au
Monday, 30th January 2017 between 1.00pm & 3.00pm

The five week program teaches rugby skills with awesome games and activities before a VIVA7s Carnival in the final week of the program!

Students who get their school to sign up for Game On will win a Western Force experience, with two Force players coming out to teach you and your class mates!

You can also win your school nine rugby balls, 20 cones, two whistles and a ball carry bag!