This week we have our annual school concert with a change in venue and arrangement. The night will be a chance to celebrate our school year with some awards and a bush dance. I have had some parents express their disappointment over the amount of talking that has happened during awards in the past years and I would have to agree with their concern. Our school is a respectful school so I’m sure we can do better than that on Friday. The night starts at 6:00 pm at the Bunkers Hill State School Hall. Please join us for what should be a great family night. Don’t worry if you aren’t familiar with bush dancing as the band and your children will give you plenty of help.

To those of you who are leaving Vale View, I hope you enjoyed your time here and wish you all the best. To our Year 6s, we are very proud of you all and we are sure that you will do great things in the future.

To everyone else, have a great Christmas and we look forward to making 2017 a successful year for all.

A short newsletter will be sent home next Monday.

Mark Hoosen
2017 Student Leaders

Also on the Monday 05 December parade will be the announcement of the 2017 School Leaders. The eight students who gave speeches a week ago showed great qualities in putting themselves forward for the election of leaders. Unfortunately only six students are chosen each year.

Break-up Day

Break-up day will be held on Thursday 08 December. We will start the day with a performance by Mr Dowling’s bands. We will then have fun activities for the students before lunch. The school will provide a pizza lunch for all students. Students can wear sensible free dress.

On Friday 09 December students will be involved in helping teachers clean-up in preparation for 2017.

General Notices

Book Lists

A note has been emailed to you today with regards to next year’s booklists. Orders can be made from 01 December 2016 via www.theridgenews.booklist.com.au

Congratulations

You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards this week were presented to the following students for getting along with others.

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As teachers camp allows us to see your children in a totally new light and they never cease to amaze us. This camp was no exception. When encouraged and working as a team children are capable of amazing things. I’m certain some of you would be stunned to see your child swinging 20 m in the air on a giant swing or going straight to the top of a 10 m rock climbing wall. Just as amazing is that child who has a fear of heights and pushes themselves beyond what they thought they were capable of. That look in a child’s eyes when they think, ‘I never thought I could do that,’ is what makes it all worthwhile. Our next camp at Tallebudgera for our current Year 1s to Year 4s is already booked for 28-30 November 2018.

Happy birthday to Riley Chandler who turns 9 on Wednesday 30, Tom Campbell who turns 11 on Friday 02, Ziggy Lapworth who turns 9 on Tuesday 06. In the holidays we also have the following birthdays – Erin Ryan 12 on Dec 21, Connor Johns 9 on Dec 30, Cody, Emily and Tamika Hinz 12 on Dec 31, Scott Morgan 10 on Jan 02, Kye Selby 12 on Jan 06, Eva McCurley Ault 8 on Jan 07, Will Naumann 8 on Jan 15, Gabrielle Rohde 8 on Jan 15, Asher Matthews 11 on Jan 18.

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Yrs 3-6 Camp

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