From the Principal…
I can’t believe it is Christmas time already! We have had a fantastic year at Cattai PS and I am really proud of what the school as a whole has achieved. Next year will be just as busy, as we have a number of key reforms planned for the school. It is set to be an exciting time!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the students and school this year. I hope everyone has an amazing Christmas and holiday break. A well deserved break for the students, community and staff. Stay safe, have fun and enjoy your families.

School returns for students on Wednesday 28th January. Kindergarten students will need to check the timetable which was sent home at the last orientation day.

PRESENTATION EVENING
Presentation Evening is on tonight. We look forward to celebrating all of the wonderful achievements of Cattai Public School students this evening. Students should be dressed in their sports shirts, blue shorts/skirts/skorts, white socks and black shoes. No bright coloured laces please, this is a formal occasion and we would like the students to be presented appropriately.

REPORTS
Reports have been finalised and will be sent home tomorrow. These reports are a culmination of a year’s worth of hard work for students. It is important that you discuss your child’s report card with them and focus on the positive aspects and look at the report as a whole. Each child will have areas of strength and areas of weaknesses which can be used as goals for the 2015 school year.

If you are concerned, or want some advice on how to approach discussions with your child, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself.

COMMUNITY BRUNCH
Wednesday 17th December has been set aside for our community brunch. In previous years we have had a breakfast on the last day, however we are trialling the brunch idea this year. The school will be providing bacon and egg rolls, pancakes juice etc. We will start the brunch at 10.30am. We understand that not everyone can make this day and/or time. So if you cannot make the brunch we would like to thank all families and community members for your efforts this year in making Cattai Public School the best school in the Hawkesbury!

WATER FUN DAY
The students have been pestering us for another Water Fun Day, as if it hasn’t been wet enough lately! We have, however relented. So on Tuesday 16th December students may bring in water bombs, water pistols ect and we will have a water fight at school. At this stage it looks like being quite a hot day, so make sure students bring along hats and some sunscreen. Students will be allowed to wear mufti on this day, however sun smart clothing is still required. A towel and a change of clothes might also be a good idea!

MOVIE DAY
Movie Day will be held on Monday 15th December. The movie is free thanks to our awesome P&C who will cover the cost of the movie and the bus. After the movies students will head to the park at Richmond to have a picnic lunch. Students should bring in some food to share with their friends on this day.
YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Our Year 6 students will be celebrating 7 years of primary school on Tuesday 16th December at Riverside Oaks. This is set to be an emotional yet exciting night for our Year 6 students and families, especially as there are a number of families who will have their last child leave Cattai Public School.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT
Students will have received their Christmas Project by now. Hopefully they have been busy doing jobs, or have given up something to help raise some money for the needy this Christmas. The idea behind the Christmas Project is to stress the importance of giving. After all that’s what Christmas is about. And parents might get a few chores done as well! Thanks for your support with this important project.

SCHOOL DIRECTION SURVEY
We have just finished our current school plan and are embarking on a new school plan for the next three years: 2015 – 2017. As part of the planning process we are asking that the community give us some feedback on what directions the community would like to see the school take over the next three years and into the future.

We have created a survey, using Survey Monkey on the link below. If you could take the time to fill this out it would be greatly appreciated and is the best method for you to have your opinions heard and add suggestions on how we can make this great school even greater!

Matt Carter
Principal

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal’s Awards this fortnight:

K/1
Michelle
Riley M
Lexie
Curtis
James

2/3
Tyler
Marcel

EAT IT TO BEAT IT – NUTRITION SNIPPET

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award this fortnight:

K/1
Nina
Josh W
Laycee
Matt

2/3
Georgia

Term 1 Week 1
27/1 Staff Development Day
28/1 Students return

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To the Principal and Newsletter Editor,

Macquarie Towns Arts Society will once again be running their popular School Holiday Art & Craft workshops for children 5-15yrs in the Christmas Holidays break. (See Program below.)

MTAS is a not-for-profit community organisation promoting Art activity in the Hawkesbury area.

The MTAS School Holiday Art & Craft Workshops will be held in the class room at Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 10 Magnolia Mall, 285 Windsor St, Richmond.

We hope to encourage budding artists and give kids something fun and creative to do in the holidays, in a safe and friendly environment.

Macquarie Towns Arts Society also runs After School Art Classes for children 7-14 years. The 8 week term begins 2nd February, 2015, 4-5.30pm. Ph 0412979731 for information.

**Macquarie Towns Arts Society’s**

**School Holiday Art & Craft Workshop Program**

**Christmas Holidays, 2014/5**

1. Mon. 12th Jan 10am – 12 noon - Paint Pet Rocks
2. Mon. 12th Jan 1pm – 3pm - Creative Painting
3. Tue. 13th Jan 10am – 12 noon - Watercolours
4. Tue. 13th Jan 1pm – 3 pm - Pottery
5. Wed. 14th Jan 10am – 12 noon - Paint a Landscape
6. Wed. 14th Jan 1pm – 3 pm Papier - Mache Sculpture
7. Thu. 15th Jan 10am – 12noon Make - Tin Can Robots
8. Thu. 15th Jan 1pm – 3 pm - Draw Dinosaurs
9. Fri. 16th Jan 10am – 12noon - Jewellery
10. Mon. 19th Jan 10am – 12noon - Draw Fairies & Mermaids
11. Mon. 19th Jan 1pm – 3 pm - Make Treasure Boxes
12. Tue. 20th Jan 10am – 12noon - Pottery
13. Tue. 20th Jan 1pm – 3 pm - Make Dragons
14. Wed. 21st Jan 10am – 12noon - Make Clay Animals
15. Wed. 21st Jan 1pm – 3pm - Draw with Pastels
16. Thu. 22nd Jan 10am – 12noon - Draw Bugs & Butterflies
17. Thu. 22nd Jan 1pm – 3pm - Make Mini Monsters
18. Fri. 23rd Jan 10am – 12noon - Cartooning

**Cost:** $14 per 2hr workshop; all equipment is supplied.

**Venue:** Richmond Art Supplies,
Shop 10 Magnolia Mall,
285 Windsor St, Richmond

**Bookings Essential:** phone Deidre 0412 979 731

MTAS After School Art Classes for Term 1, 2015, also Now Enrolling.
MISSING
‘DAISY’ FEMALE RED CATTLE DOG FROM CATTAI AREA
0416217496
FAMILY PET MUCH LOVED