Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Merry Christmas to all. On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a fantastic new year. Thank you for all of your efforts during 2015.

Farewell
Farewell to Mrs Denz, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Spowart. Thank you for all of your efforts. We wish all the best for your futures.

Staff
Thank you to Miss Hunter for being part of our staff this year. We wish you all the best in your new adventures. We have loved having you at our school.

2016 Classes
At this stage we will have 10 classes next year. Students will go into their current class next year for the first 5 days. After this we can form the new classes.

School improvements
At the end of this year and at the beginning of next year will see new carpet in both of the Kindergarten rooms, a new coat of paint in the stage 3 rooms and a much needed path from the staff room to the stage 3 rooms.

Year 6
Best wishes to our amazing year 6 students who will be leaving us and heading off to high school. Their clap out will be at 2:50pm on Wednesday. Parents, families and friends are invited to attend. Year 6 have purchased the school a new set of microphones and a new outdoor speaker for the 50c area as their farewell gifts. The farewell last week was a great night full of lots of smiles and tears. The code for Newcastle School Portraits for the professional photos is BPS579. Please ensure you use capital letters both times when prompted for the codes.

Destination Success
Congratulations to the 49 students who made it to the Destination Success rewards day yesterday. These students received at least one of each of our You Can Do It Awards during the year. We had lots of fun with the water pistols, sprinkler, supper soakers and pools on the oval.
Fitness Program
Thank you to Mr Todd Ennis for his passion and enthusiasm. The staff and students have loved learning new skills and improving their fitness.

Surfing
Thank you to Miles and the boys from Newcastle Surf School for a great term of learning how to surf. Hopefully we can continue this program at some stage next year.

School reports
All students have now received their reports and semester 2 portfolios. Please contact your child’s teacher if you haven’t received either of these documents.

P&C
The P&C Association raffles at Belmont16s will be on Thursday the 25th February and Friday 26th February. Tickets will be on sale from the 16s from 5pm onwards for both dates. Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with us at the school P&C Christmas Disco. The night was a huge success.

Important Dates
16th December: Last day of 2016
16th December: Year 6 clap out at 2:50pm
28th January: Students in year 1-6 return to school
2nd Feb: Kindergarten start school
2nd Feb: Leaders Induction Assembly
3rd Feb: Kindergarten Photos
16th Feb: Swimming Carnival

Kate Foley
Principal