This week has, so far, been all about practising for our Carols Night item. We are very excited to see our little production coming together nicely - and have especially enjoyed trying on our costumes! Some of the children already know their lines! Please keep practising these at home!

This morning we enjoyed having our Pre-Kindies and Kindies come in for an extra orientation session as all the students moved up a class as a practice for next year. The Year Ones were very excited as they walked over to the 2/3 classroom and were very keen to share all that they had learned when they returned.

We wrapped up our Aboriginal theme today with a corroboree around our campfire, playing didgeridoos and tapping sticks, dancing, singing, and telling stories about the Dreamtime. We even ate witchetty grubs - the marshmallowy type!

Our classroom is looking amazing with a lot of fabulous work displayed. Next week we will be taking most of it down to place in the children’s portfolios to send home at the end of term. Please come in and take a moment to wander around the room with your child as they would love to show you their creations.

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We can’t believe there’s only two full weeks of school left, there’s a lot to do but as always the pride the students take in doing their best is taking the forefront and with our ability to pull together as a team we know we’ll get there together.

Yr 6
What a spectacular end to the school year we had on Tuesday. The children had learned when they would be coming and it definitely went towards meeting the running costs of the Pemberton Mill! It was a great tour and as we made our way to the mill the children really started to feel warm and safe.

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**PBS ‘Water play’**

Well done to everyone on reaching our next target of 600 gold coins since the start of the term. We are so pleased that as a school we are earning this amount of coins for remembering our four pillars of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion and Safety. On Friday afternoon we will enjoy some “water play” on our oval. A note went home this week and you can help us by ensuring your child packs the following for school:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Change of underwear
- Plastic bag (for wet clothes)

Everyone is to come to school dressed in their sports clothes as we will change during the day into our bathers for the water play afternoon. Well done everyone!

**Graduation Mass**

We hope you can join us on Wednesday 30 November at 10.00am in the church to acknowledge our Year 6 graduating students.

**Senior Citizen’s lunch**

Thank you to those parents who have already put their name down to help in the kitchen with the dishes on this day - Friday 2 December.

**Work experience program**

Next week we are very lucky to have two students from Kearnan College joining us. Frances Mazzarolo and Emilee Christie will be experiencing the very “hectic” times of the final weeks of school as they carry out work experience from Tuesday 29 November through to Thursday 8 December. This program is designed to give students an insight into the ‘world of work’ and the expectations of a workplace. We know you will enjoy your time with us and the children will love having you around.

Enjoy the warm weather of the weekend!

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