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Term 4, Week 10, Thursday 17th December, 2020



## Important Dates

### Term 1

**First Day of School 2021 for all students is Friday 29th January**

### Expected events in Term 1— Week 2

**COLOURSS Swimming Carnival  
Friday 5th Feb**

### Mondays—Music & Library

**Mrs K, Miss Bendall, Mrs T, Mrs Carter**

### Tuesday— Mrs K & Judy

**Wednesday— Mrs K, Miss Fish & Judy**

**Thursday—Mrs K, Miss Fish & Judy**

**Friday—Mrs K & Mrs Carter**

## From the Principal's Desk

What an interesting year it has been. I want to begin by thanking everyone who has supported our school this year. We are so very lucky to have such a well resourced, well staffed and beautiful little school here on the doorstep of the Toonumbar National Park and Dam.

Our students and school, reflect the community in which they are a part of and our community is great!

The staff at Afterlee work very hard to ensure our students have the best learning opportunities available. Thank you Mrs Carter for all the work you do in the office and staff room. Thank you Miss Fish, Miss Bendall, Mrs T, Josh, and Judy for your work with our students and thank you Wayne for your efforts in maintaining the school. Special thanks to Mrs Kitchener and Mr Nolan for sharing their skills and talents with us through the year. Thank you to our casual staff who have come in, often at the very last minute, to replace those who are sick or otherwise unable to be here. Shane, Mr Lederbauer and Miss P. And most importantly, thank you to the parents who trust us with your children and their learning. We may be small but we definitely do make a difference, and this is a community effort.

Over this last fortnight, we have continued reading instruction right up to until the last day. Students have enjoyed Karaoke, a water fun day and creative arts such as marbling and poetry.

We have had our annual Presentation Assembly. Year 6 have attended their Year 6 camp at The Risk School and the Year 6 farewell dinner, also attended by our former Principal Mrs Wheeler who brought elves as a gift. Thank you Mrs Wheeler. It is with much sadness and hope that we say goodbye to our three Year 6 students. We will miss them but have high hopes for their success in the world.

**Regards Kirsty Kelly**



*Thank you also to the COLOURSS group for ensuring that Year 6 were able to enjoy celebrations with the larger cohort. Our small school students really do benefit from the collective efforts of our COLOURSS peers.*



**TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



**COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS OF UPPER RICHMOND SMALL SCHOOLS**  
AFTERLEE BARKERS VALE COLLINS CREEK RUKENVALE THE RISK WIANGAREE



Stephanie and Noah were both very happy to receive their present from Santa this year.

2020 at Afterlee Public School.

In Term 1, Week 5, we went to Lake Ainsworth, we did many things at Lake Ainsworth like scuba diving, kayaking and rock climbing. Each night, before we went to our cabins to sleep we went to a big shed and mingled and played games. At the end of the term we had holidays. I had fun on Easter.

In Term 2, we began working from home because of Corona Virus. We came back to school on Term 2, Week 5. We had also gained a new teacher for the term, he was called was Mr Ledebauer. Unfortunately he had to leave at the end of the term. Then the holidays came again.

In Term 3, we started to learn about history, we have learned a lot about people and about what they did and how. Jenny painted the cow with us and taught us about art. We also got a new SLSO who came on Fridays called Shane. On the last day of the term we played Monopoly and made sandwich wrappers with fabric, bees wax and resin and other ingredients too.

In Term 4, we started swimming (on Fridays). Some people had come to speak about the endangered animals and what we need to do to keep them safe (it was a great learning experience). We all drove to the Murwillumbah pool and Slide in Week 7, which was our end of year excursion (it was fantastic).

I really liked my first year at Afterlee Public School.

By Juliet



## What we did in 2020

- COLOURSS Swimming carnival
- Term Swimming
- Zone Swimming
- Canteen, Tuckshop & Pie Day
- Lake Ainsworth Year 5&6 Camp
- Learning from home and home packs
- PBL awards
- Incubated chickens
- Parent / Teacher interviews
- Phonics Screening
- New paths, and covered areas
- Book Club
- Magritte Cow project
- Year 6 Leader Assembly
- Themed days at school & costumes
- NRL Workshop
- Science Week
- Interrelate
- Screen printing with Jenny
- NAIDOC Day

- Sounds Write training
  - Trading COLOURSS Days
  - Zoomobile visit—endangered animals
  - Book Fair
  - Individual Music lessons
  - Book Week
  - Interspeak
  - Simultaneous Story Time
  - Story Board
  - Created more vegie gardens
  - School Photos
  - Movie Making
  - Year 6 Camp
  - Year 6 Dinner
  - KHS Orientation Days
  - Excursion to Murwillumbah water slide
  - Presentation night
  - And lots of learning
- Thank you staff, students and families for all your support and assistance with transport. It's been a very busy year!

## P&C NEWS



### Congratulations Raffle Winners

First Prize—Kathryn Clark  
Donated by Harley & Co  
(pictured)

2nd Prize—Lindsay Carter  
Donated by The Saw Spot and  
Bi- Rite

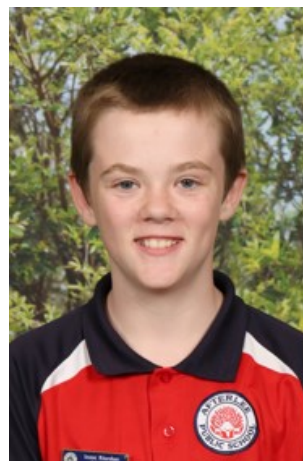
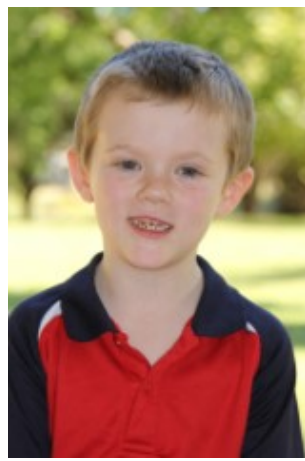
Third Prize—L Scott  
Donated by The Bowling Club  
We raised \$934 and will give  
Greg Nolan half the proceeds to  
assist with medical expenses.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Won by Sandy Szoko  
2nd Prize - Tara Gibbs  
This raised \$72 to help supply  
the catering at our Presentation

Night.  
Thank you sponsors and  
everyone for the generous  
support during 2020.





# Farewell Year 6

