**Lyn’s lines**

What happened to 2013!! The year has flown by filled with exciting school events including our ‘Bushwhahzee’ event last week. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and siblings sharing in the fun, laughter and dancing, even the younger 2 and 3 year olds had a ball joining in and following the lead of their older brothers and sisters.

**GRADUATION NIGHT**

On Monday our Year six students celebrated the conclusion to their seven years of primary school – in many cases at Bittern PS for the whole seven years. This was a fantastic evening with lots of memories and a few tears! The school wishes each and every graduating student the very best for their future studies at secondary college.

There are many people to thank for their contribution to the success of the night, thanks to the grade 6 teachers, Mrs Learentveld & Miss Jones, Emily and Naomi Busana for the sensational DVD, Kate Bacon for all her time and effort to produce the individual place mats and graduation booklets and Wendy and Kay for their sensational organisation.

This year there are many families whose youngest child has graduated from grade 6. These families have contributed hugely to the school and the school community over the many years they have been at the school. We would like to acknowledge their efforts in contributing to the culture of Bittern Primary School. Thanks to the following families:

- Bennetts
- Deas
- Lanigan
- O’Dwyer
- Reardon
- Simon
- Watson-Sharrad
- Barber
- Cohen
- Fisher
- Foot
- Grace
- Hastie
- Huber
- Linsley
- Welsh

**CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2014**

The staff has worked extremely hard to compile class lists for next year. A lot of effort and organisation goes into this to ensure that there is a balance in each of the classes. A balance according to gender, academic ability, special needs, and social considerations i.e. friendship groupings are vital. Children have spent some time today with their teachers for 2014. Student End of Year school reports will be sent home this afternoon.
2014 LAST ASSEMBLY
We will be holding a short assembly to celebrate the last day of the school year. The assembly will commence at 1.00pm on Friday.

FARWELLS:
I would like to thank Holly Jones and Rebecca Stannage for their efforts this year at Bittern Primary School and wish them every success in their future educational journeys. Thanks again for the positive contribution you have both made to our school.

Finally I wish all the families of Bittern Primary School a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year, looking forward to 2014.

CALENDAR DATES
Dec - Fri 20th Early dismissal
1.30pm
Tuesday 28th Jan 2014 – Book Collection
9.00am – 12 noon
Wed 29th Jan 2014 – Children return to school

NO HOT DOGS THIS WEEK

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!
To: SUE MILLS AND HER BAND OF HELPERS.
EVERY FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THEY PUT TOGETHER HOT DOGS FOR THE CHILDREN. THIS IS A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL AND WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE.
(Sue will be back in 2014 if we have enough volunteers)

Moonlit Sanctuary Summer School Holidays
Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during:
January 2014,
Monday 6th, Wednesday 8th, Friday 10th
January
Monday 13th, Wednesday 15th, Friday 17th
January
Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd, Friday 24th
January
Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 4PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50
Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

Canteen for 2014 will resume on Monday 3rd February
A price list for both Monday and Wednesday is being sent home today, but you can also access it on our website.

STUDENTS 2014
GRADES 1-6 IN 2014 RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY
PREPS IN 2014 COME TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 30TH FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY
9:00AM TO 1:30PM