Dear Parents,

This will be our final letter for the year. It’s hard to believe the year has gone so quickly! The children were so small at the beginning of the year and now they are much more confident and brave. Hopefully your child enjoyed orientation to Junior Primary this morning. They showed how ready they are for the next step.

**Boomerang Bags**

Please ensure that you keep sending your child’s boomerang bag to school until the very last day. We will be using them to send homework and keepsakes so please also empty it daily. This will make it a little lighter and we can fit more of your child’s books to go home the next day.

**Take home books / home reading**

This Friday will be our last day of take home books, and these will be collected up on Monday. Please ensure that any borrowed books are returned then.

We will be keeping the key rings to recycle, and will take them off this Friday, but you are welcome to keep the laminated sentences for your child to revise the key words, and practise writing if they would like to.

While the children need a rest from regular routines, ready to start a fresh next year, some reading practise over the holidays is essential. If they do not have a little practise fairly regularly, they may slip back a level or two in their reading before they are tested again near the start of next year. This is only temporary, as once they get back into home practise habits, they gain confidence and familiarity with the text again.

You may take advantage of the local library for books to keep your keen reader engaged, or you may access Reading Eggs Express, through your Reading Eggs password, and get lots of levelled books for your child’s enjoyment. Having time on Reading Eggs or Eggs Express playing the regular skills games will also help them retain their learning.

**Prep Nativity Play**

Our Preps will be first up at 9.30am in the Gym for the whole Primary School GT to celebrate Christmas, and to show our appreciation for all who have helped us in our school this year. Please come along if you can to support your child, and stay for morning tea if you have helped in any capacity in the classroom, with excursions, with guest talks, or covering books at home. If you have helped in any way, we would love to honour you this way. The children’s costumes will be provided for them, with the exception of needing just a few angels to bring in a white dress to wear. If your child is an angel, and has a white dress, could they please bring it along this week so that we can have it ready? We only need a couple so **please do not buy one especially**. There are bound to be one or two children with white dresses already available. Your child will be able to tell you if they are an angel.

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**Important Dates**

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**Last Day Party**
Next Thursday, December 17, will be our last school day for 2015! We would like to finish with a celebration and a party. Could you please send along a plate of food to share for lunch? We will tick a recommended food for your child to bring along to share, so that we have an even spread. There will be a paper form sent home with this information. Please check your child’s boomerang bag for that.

**Last Day Pack Up**
Next Thursday afternoon we will be cleaning and sorting the classrooms, if you could spare some time we would appreciate some help, **starting at 1pm until home time (early finish at 2pm)**.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, however you celebrate our Lord’s birthday!

Thank you all so much!

Yours in Christ,

*Alison Holdsworth & Jan Ormrod*
*Prep Teachers*