During the past two weeks we have been involved in completing some testing that is conducted across our region during term four.

As a result of this testing there have been some significant improvements and outstanding results. There have also been a number of students not reaching their potential due to the amount of school missed.

I would like to congratulate the following students for outstanding achievement over the year

**Mia O’Neill**
Stanine 7 - Reading
Stanine 8 - Numeracy

**Sophie McCallum**
Stanine 7 - Numeracy

**Brendan Kelly**
Stanine 8 - Numeracy

**Luke Smith**
Stanine 7 - Numeracy
Stanine 7 - Reading

**Travis Stonehouse**
Stanine 8 - Mathematics

**Ethan Foley**
Stanine 9 - Reading

**Jacinta Yore**
Stanine 9 - Reading

The above results demonstrate the students are above where they should be in the mentioned areas. The average range is stanine 4 to 6, and most of the students are in this range. Students operating in Stanine 9 are in the top 5% of Australian students.

This week the school will be involved in a quadrennial curriculum and discipline audit that will provide data of where we need to go with our school planning.

The curriculum audit will cover the following eight areas:

1. An explicit Improvement agenda
2. Analysis and discussion of data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted use of school resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic curriculum delivery
7. Differentiated classroom instruction
8. Effective teaching practice.

Results of this will guide the school’s future direction.

Community input is welcome. This process will happen on Tuesday, November 4th.

The Live, Learn Leap team have been doing a great job with the students at school. Last week was their final session for this term. We will see them back in term 1 2015 where they will be assisting with the touch football.

A reminder that everyone attending the Graduation and presentation evening should have returned their notes. Please contact the school immediately if you have not returned your invitation.

The Xmas tree evening is on the last Thursday of the school term and there is no need to let us know if you are attending this except if you have a child that is not at school and would like a present from Santa.

Last P & C meeting for the year will be on Wednesday November 12th at 5.00 p.m.
Congratulations to the Students of the Week. Nathan and Mia.

Our school expectations - Absentees

**All children should attend school every school day**

**When students are absent**

Ring the school on 47456197 before 9.00 a.m. with a reasonable explanation or provide a signed note.

If the student absence is to be for some time collect some work from school.

Students are required to be at school by 8.20 am to ensure they go into class in adequate time.

When students are late i.e after 8.30 a.m. they need a note explaining their absence.

**School Response to absences**

2 days absence without explanation – class teacher will ring home to enquire

4 days absence without suitable explanation – Principal will ring home to enquire

If there is no response to the phone call then an Absence Letter will be mailed home, reminding parents/carers of their obligations to ensure their child attends school on every school day and the requirement for providing satisfactory explanations for all absences.

**Absences greater than 10 days**

If you are expecting that your child will be absent for greater than 10 days you need to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. This form can be accessed at school.

**Behaviour Focus**

**Littering**

Students generally try very hard to keep the school grounds clear of litter, sometimes though small bits of plastic from popper straws, roll up, muesli bar, biscuit packets appear on the ground.

This will be targeted for the next two weeks and some students may be given litter duty. Assist by not sending prepackaged food to school.