Best Wishes for 2016
This will be our final information newsletter for the year, and for me the last one I will ever do for you!

It has been a truly fabulous experience for me being principal at Moorland. I would never have guessed as a young teacher (from inner and western Sydney) that I would complete my working life as a principal in a small village school "up the coast!"

But here I am! It hasn’t always been plain sailing, it has been a roller-coaster ride, full of ups and downs...and there have been moments when I have wondered what I have achieved in my time here. But at the centre of every decision and action taken have been the students. With the assistance of a very dedicated staff, I have tried to make our school a truly safe and caring environment in an increasingly complex and challenging world.

I would like to thank each and every member of the Moorland School Community for the wonderful support and encouragement you have given our school (and me personally) over the last ten years! Wow! Time flies when you are having fun...(and there is never a dull moment).

Best Wishes
Chris Godman

Canteen Volunteers
Friday 11th December ~ No canteen
Monday 13th December ~ Cindy Mobbs

Students of the Week
Congratulations to the following student who has been chosen as our student of the week.

Ryley Dark
For: Showing maturity and being helpful

Merit Certificates ~ Be Safe
K/1/2 ~ Clae Wilson
3/4 ~ Ebony Minett
5/6 ~ Tom Rawson

Be Proud, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner
Breakfast Club
This will be the final breakfast club for the year. A huge thank you to Kim and her helpers for keeping the club running so smoothly.

Year Six lunch tomorrow
Thanks to Trish Shelton and Annette Payne who have offered to assist with transport to the Chinese restaurant in Taree tomorrow. I’m looking forward to having lunch with the Year Six students, most of whom I have known since Kindergarten. It’s always an enjoyable experience and a great way to end the year with them.

Picnic this Friday at Kendall Pool
We are all looking forward to a great day this Friday at Kendall Pool. We are catching a bus to the pool, and entry fee for the students will be covered by our government sporting grant. The P&C is providing a sausage sandwich and cordial for lunch. Students will also be allowed to buy from the pool shop at certain times during the day. We have hired the pontoon for some added fun in the sun. All students will need to wear their rash shirts during the day and will be required to wear a coloured wrist band to identify their swimming capability.

Presentation Day next Tuesday 15th
We hope you will all be able to come along to our Annual Presentation Afternoon next Tuesday. We will commence at 1pm with our awards ceremony, then afternoon tea and finally our concert. The children have been working very hard on outfits, props and rehearsing their items. A special thanks to Denise Greenaway who has assisted Mrs Schneider in making costumes. We also appreciate the loan of costumes from Old Bar and Manning Gardens Schools.

Great Work Seniors scraping poles!
We love having our students contribute to projects around the school; it helps them take pride and ownership of our great little school. Over the past couple of weeks senior students have been scraping back the very untidy poles near our eating area. We have tried various paint finishes to keep these poles looking neat and fresh. Thanks Year 5 and 6 you have been doing a fabulous job.

Please return all Library Books
Students have been given overdue notices and library books are “trickling” back to school. We would love to have all books returned by Friday, so that we can complete our stocktake. Thanks to everyone who has already returned their books. If you have lost or damaged your books we expect you will make a donation to replace them. There will be no further borrowing until next year.

New Signs along our verandah
Thanks to Lionel and Grahame who patiently drilled and erected our beautiful new signs. They look fantastic! We are still working on a new sign for the front fence, but it won’t be ready until next year.

Gardening Group
Thanks to our Year 5 and 6 students who have been helping Racheal, Kim and Kerri-Anne move the garden tubs and soil. We decided they would be better next to the canteen, where the produce can be used in the meals that are provided by our fantastic volunteers.

P&C News – Christmas Raffle
Tickets for our annual Christmas Raffle were sent home last week. We have some great prizes this year...
1st Seafood Platter
2nd Meat & Vegetable Tray
3rd Fruit Tray
Please support our school by selling tickets to family and friends. More tickets are available from the office. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Day, Tuesday 15th December.

Community News

Moorland Soccer Club Presents!

2015 Kid's Christmas Party!!
Saturday 12th December 9am – 5pm
Open to Everyone
Free Giant Tiger Slide, Jumping Castle & Water Activities
Canteen Open & Bring Your Own Picnic
Santa Arrives At 12:30pm
(Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
Estelle: 0413 899 479 or Joani: 0402 497 973