From the Acting Principal

It’s hard not to notice that ‘hanging in there’ and ‘staying strong to the end’ are a popular theme in school newsletters this week. It is true though that the school year still consists of another 3 full weeks which will be busier than ever and featuring final assessments which will contribute towards end-of-year grades. It is important that students (and staff) keep pushing through to the very end.

Despite the hot weather and lure of Christmas holidays, the boys have been working well and maintaining very high standards of attendance and manners. They are looking forward to the upcoming Brigalow Swimming Carnival in Nebo on 23 of this month. Students have been putting in the hard yards at the pool to work on their strokes and diving skills.

Another event that we are all looking forward to is our annual End-Of-Year Awards Night and Concert. This year the P&C has again very kindly offered to organize a catered dinner which will commence at 6:00pm. Concert goers will have a choice of roast meats and vegetables followed by dessert. The Awards Night will start at 7:00pm. During the night we are expecting a very special visitor and will also have snow cones and other treats.

As anyone who has been to one of these occasions will tell you, they are always a very special evening. Gathering at the school with neighbours and friends to celebrate the students’ achievements is incredibly special. It is great to see the sense of pride they have when they receive an award or get to perform in front of the crowd.

If you are a member of the district, a friend, family member or past student/staff, please consider joining us on the night. Even after 43 years, our gate is always open and our school ready to welcome past and present members of the school community.
Remembrance Day

Last Friday we held a simple ceremony at the school for Remembrance Day to commemorate the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front and to reflect on all those who had died or been injured in other wars. Students and staff wore a poppy and sprig of rosemary which led into conversations about their significance.

Thankyou Brigalow Cluster

This Tuesday I travelled to Valkyrie State School for our last 2016 Brigalow Cluster Meeting. I thought it was timely then to say thankyou to Valkyrie, Coppabella, Nebo, Mistake Creek and Kilcummin schools for being so welcoming of me and really embracing our school. Being able to join in events and activities with these schools was invaluable to our students. We feel very fortunate that everyone in the cluster was so eager to include us in so many ways.

I personally gained incredible support from each of the principals which allowed me to slide into my role here. For the boys, the chance to mix with other students and make new friends, made a huge difference to their year. One of their highlights would have to be when we hosted Valkyrie here at the school. Having one visitor is exciting so a whole school of visitors was pretty memorable!

Thankyou again to each of our Brigalow Cluster friends. Best wishes for 2017 from the students and staff of Mackenzie River.
Mackenzie River State School invites you to share in a very special occasion with us.

2016 Awards Night and Concert

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm with the concert commencing at 7:00pm sharp.

A very special guest will be attending although he may have to leave his reindeers behind.
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