Principal’s Message.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this final newsletter. After 35 years of teaching I have decided to retire. I have had a wonderful career and the most rewarding time has been spent here at HIPS as Principal. As a team, the staff and P&C and I have worked hard to improve the school facilities, provide as many opportunities for your children as possible and to ensure your children have been able to learn in a safe and happy environment. I am excited about the next chapter of my life and I plan to travel and rediscover my artistic side.

I am taking 6 months Long Service Leave before I officially retire in July. A replacement has been found for me and I am thrilled with the person who is coming in 2016 to be your Principal. Mr David King currently is Assistant Principal At Mullaway School and comes with a wealth of experience, a broad knowledge of the curriculum and many glowing recommendations. I am confident Mr King will be an asset to our school.

Hopefully I will be able to catch up with everyone on Thursday night where I can say farewell in person. If you are not able to come, I say farewell and thank you.

Peggy Eather

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Presentation night will be held at the Harwood Hall this week on Thursday 10th of December, at 5.30pm. All parents and friends are invited to this special evening. We are having a very special visitor this year and would like all parents and children to come along to our presentation night.

Please don’t forget to bring in your surprise!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
The year 6 Farewell will be held tonight at 6pm at the Harwood Hotel. This is a very special evening for our Year 6 children and their families to celebrate their time spent at Harwood Island Public School.

SWIMMING SCHOOL
The last day of swimming School is this Friday.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our assembly. Blaine Wilson—Good work writing his sentences; Bailey Anderson—Very good literacy skills; Rhea Shannon—Excellent work on Christmas craft; Isaac Bendeich-Hall—Excellent work on Christmas craft; Sam Carter—Great interest in discussions; Jack McLeod—Big effort in swimming; Maddison Earle—Big effort in swimming; Jack Evans—Big effort in swimming; Harrison Earle—Great autobiography.

Well done!

STUDENTS OF THE TERM
Each term special awards are presented to children who have shown consistent effort throughout the term. The following children received ‘Student of the Term’ awards at our assembly today. Taben English—Kindergarten, Evie Brown—Year 1, Rory McLeod—Year 2, Cindi Coram—Year 3, Jaala Bendeich-Hall—Year 4, Mali Matthews—Year 5 and Ruby Stewart-Wayland—Year 6.

Congratulations!

1/2/3 NEWS
A big thank you to all our reading parents and grandparents over the year. Your help in our class throughout 2015 has been invaluable. Thank you!
Maclean Rotary’s Traditional Christmas Carols will be held at the Maclean High School on Saturday December 12, commencing at 6 pm. Programme provided by Sister Ann Gallagher and the Lower Clarence Community Choir, Maclean Music Academy Ensemble, and small groups from the local schools. Santa will attend.

Also during the hols, the Maclean Rotary Club is holding its’ Giant Book Sale at the Maclean Bowling Club on Friday 15th January 9am to 6pm, and Saturday 16th January 9am to noon. Lots and lots of books for children and young teens which are free to children (grandmas are asked for a donation....).

Any more info contact Dick Richards, Maclean Rotary 6646 0217.