Happy Holidays—Last Newsletter
As I will be away on Monday of next week, this will be the last newsletter published for 2016. The staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and we hope you all have a wonderful holiday. Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on the Tuesday 31st January 2017. Please note staff will begin on Monday 30th January.

Farewell Year 6 Students
We wish Indie, Samuel and Jayden all the best as they finish their primary education at Underbool. All the best for your time at the Ouyen P-12 College and we hope you take many happy school memories with you.

Good Luck Mrs P
We all wish Bec good luck as she takes 6 months leave. Thank you for your hard work and dedication, you will be greatly missed. We wish you and Marissa all the best in 2017.

School Concert
Well, what a great night on Thursday! Congratulations to all staff and students and especially Molly for all of her organisation and hard work putting the concert together. There was lots of laughs and lots of foot tapping to the music during the night. Well done everyone. Thank you to the Parents and Friends for the lovely supper.

Kris Kringle—Senior Room
Students in the senior room will be swapping their Kris Kringle gifts on Friday of this week. If you haven’t already brought your gift to school please do so asap so no one misses out!

Year 6 Christmas Activities
On Friday the 16th of December we will be having a Pyjama/Christmas themed day. The kids will be able to wear Pyjamas or Christmas clothes. We will have a normal lunch, so kids will be able to have a shop lunch as well (Walpeup Shop—correct money if possible please). We will be doing lots of fun activities before going to the pool after lunch. The time to pick up your children from the pool will be at 3.20pm the same as
Fridays Afternoon WATER SAFETY FUN
Students will participate in a fun afternoon at the pool participating in some water safety activities.

Students will experience
- Weed beds
- Boating safety
- Tunnels, confined spaces
- Slippery bank
- Rescues

If students have a life jacket could they please bring one along on Friday.

If families have any spare jackets that they are happy for us to use, that would be appreciated.

Any old jackets that are broken or not in good condition are welcome.

Could students in Grades 3-6 bring some jeans/pants, t-shirt, jumper and shoes to wear in the pool.

Parents are welcome to come along, with their bathers, and join in the activities with the kids.

School Council & Parents & Friends Christmas Breakup
A reminder to all families that we will be having drinks and nibbles at Francey and Kevin’s home on Friday of this week from 7pm. Please BYO drinks and glasses, a plate of “goodies” to share and a chair.

Classes for 2017
There is information attached to today’s newsletter regarding the class breakup for 2017. Please note the teaching position for the Senior Room is currently being advertised and as soon as the position is filled we will notify parents.

2017 Student Requirements
Attached to the newsletter are details of student required supplies for next year. If you have any questions please see the staff concerned.

Holiday Reading
Please endeavour to keep up with your children’s reading over the holidays. Many children lose some of the reading skills they have built up during the year through lack of practice. Reading is fundamental to all aspects of live and we would really appreciate you hearing your children read regularly over the holiday break.
Molly will be sending home books for holiday reading with students in the Middle Room on Thursday.

**Garden Weeding.....Please**
There are several Moptop runners with HUGE spikes along the front of the school that need to be cut out. I have pulled one but I think it will require something better than hands to remove them properly. If there is anyone who can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

**Watering Roster**
The watering roster and watering instructions will be sent home to all families concerned later in the week. Any questions please contact Mrs P.

**Messy Church—Underbool Term 4**
Start the summer holidays with this after school activity event, hosted by members of Underbool churches.

WHEN: Tuesday December 20th 4.30pm—6.00pm
WHERE: Underbool Fire Station / Cooperative Church Building
WHAT'S ON: Craft activities, Bible story, a light meal and drink for all attending.

Students to be accompanied by an adult * Gold coin donation
Activities begin at the Fire Station at 4.30pm
RSVP appreciated Nita Wandel 50946226 by Monday 19th December

*NB. The adult can be a parent, grandparent, aunty, uncle, willing neighbour etc., as arranged by the parent as parents may be working or have other commitments on that day.