Hello everyone
The year is quickly coming to an end. Let me remind you of the dates for this year and next.

The school finishes on **12/12/2014** for the summer vacation and school will start again on **TUESDAY 27/01/2105**. Please make sure you take care over this long break, as we are looking forward to seeing you all in 2015!

The school will be saying goodbye to 14 students this year, as they move into post school life. The graduation ceremony will be held on November 26th at Brothers Events room at 6 pm. Our local member, Ian Berry will be attending to give the students their certificates.

We are very excited for the future of these students. We have a number of students transitioning to paid work, some students are moving to supported day programs and some students accessing packages for Disability Services Queensland.

We wish this cohort of students all the best for the future and hope they stay in contact and let us know all of their adventures!

**Class Fun and end of year parties**
Keep an eye out for notes home from your class teacher about the end of year celebrations. There has been some whispers about some lovely experiences and some gourmet delights to be offered! Sounds like a lovely way to finish off all the hard work form the school year!

**Staff Changes**
This year we say goodbye to Elwyn Phipps as he takes a year’s leave to assist with his family.

**SICK STUDENTS**
As was mentioned the parade on Monday morning, the school has had many students that have presented with sickness this term. The symptoms that the students have had include; coughing, congested chest, headache and upset stomachs. School is not the place for sick students.

Unfortunately, the sickness has been spread to many other students and staff. This is a worry to the school, as we have many students with compromised immune systems and any illness can have a terrible effect on their health.

As a school, we encourage you to take the time needed for your child to rest, recuperate and get better. As we know, sickness is easily spread in this environment and we need to make sure that we are all working together to limit the spread of infection.

Wash hands with soap and water is good, make sure you drink water and keep the fluids up, use tissues and throw them away and cover your mouth when coughing. This is our best advice.

The school will only contact you when we feel it is necessary. Please show the respect to others in the school community and let’s find the best possible solution to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**November 26 —**  
Senior Graduation

**December 8 —**  
Brothers Christmas Party

**December 10—**Whole School Award Ceremony

**December 10—**Reports sent home

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**CHAPPY NEWS**

Hi Everyone,

It is hard to believe that in just over a month that school finishes for the year! 2014 has definitely gone very quickly. I am sure that many of you are looking forward to the break and hopefully all of you have some exciting things planned – going away, spending time with family and friends, Christmas parties etc. I would love to hear about what you have got planned!

“A little spark of kindness can put a colossal burst of sunshine into someone’s day” – Unknown.

Have a fantastic week,

Chappy Lucinda

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

Our Middle and Junior Secondary students participated in a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Ipswich RSL as a part of their Geography Unit. The RSL members were delighted that our students laid handmade wreaths at the memorial as their visual arts program.

The catering team under the guidance of Miss Jo created a delicious carrot cake, decorated with poppies. This cake was donated to the members to enjoy at their morning tea.

Students are looking forward to following up on this experience with written recounts of their day and recording oral histories.

Alex Wallace - Head of Curriculum

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**VACATION CARE— JUNIOR and SENIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

Focal Extended Inc. is pleased to provide information about the Summer Vacation Care Programs.

**Junior** Vacation Care Program will operate 9:00am-3:00pm, as follows:
- Monday, 15 December to Friday 19 December 2014
- Monday, 5 January 2015 to Friday 9 January 2015

The **Senior** Vacation Care program is open to young people with a disability, attending school and aged between 12 years to 18 years.

will operate **8:30am-5:30pm**, as follows:
- Monday 15th December 2014 to Friday 19th December 2014
- Monday, 5 January 2015 to Friday, 9 January 2015
- Monday, 12 January 2015 to Friday, 16 January 2015

Please contact the OSHC Coordinator on (07) 3812 2014, 0424 506 546 or via email childcare@focal.org.au

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**OUR SCHOOL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

Our school follows the Positive Behaviour Support Program. This program involves active teaching of our School Code of Behaviour. It is our expectation that all students will be following the three key parts of the code. They are:

**We are SAFE**
**We are RESPECTFUL**
**We are LEARNERS**

Our school welcomes your support with this program.
## OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

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## FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

A big thank-you to Paul who is a cabinet maker (our Teacher Aide, Beth’s husband). He made the school these wonderful easels so we can do lots of great painting during our Art sessions. Once again thanks Paul for donating your time and the materials for the easels. The students will get a lot of enjoyment from using these while doing lots of great projects. Thanks for Amanda (Art Teacher).

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### Public transport disruption during G20

Public transport into and across Brisbane City will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to this event.

- South Brisbane train station will be closed from **Monday 10 November** to **Sunday 16 November**. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
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