So here we are at the end of another fantastic year at Bowen. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has passed us by. All the staff are very proud of the achievements of our students throughout the year and, looking back to the year’s beginning, are amazed at the way our kids have matured, learned and grown throughout 2015.

This year we farewell Mrs Chambers, Miss Goodacre, Miss Kinney, Miss Thompson and Mrs Day. All five of these amazing teachers have made incredible contributions to our students and staff over their years at Bowen and they will be greatly missed. We congratulate Mrs Chambers on her permanent position at Orange Christian School, Miss Thompson on her permanent position at Kelso Public School and Miss Goodacre on the impending birth of her baby. We are sure it will be gorgeous! Congratulations also go to Mrs Day and Miss Kinney on their new roles as Assistant Principal at Gwandalan Public School and classroom teacher at Mumbil Public School respectively.

In 2016 we welcome Mr Joel Gear, Mr Tom Aggett, Ms Emily Hall, Ms Elise Laughton, Miss Stephanie Wilson, Mr Stephen McKinley, Mrs Brooke Burgess and Mrs Julie Wright to our school. These teachers will take on various class and release roles for the year.

If you are travelling these holidays, please drive carefully. Remind your kids to wear a helmet when riding their bikes/scooters, supervise them near and in the water and bring them back safely to us in the new year. We truly love seeing their smiling faces every year and while we might be a little tired at the end of this year, our staff will be bright-eyed, bushy-tailed and eager to see them all again in the Term 1!

Merry Christmas, happy new year and I hope Santa brings you something special.

Mr Mac

I would like to thank all of the Bowen staff for an incredible 2015. The teachers, learning support officers and office staff are among the most dedicated and professional people I have ever had the pleasure of working with and I look forward to our continued accomplishments in the year to come.

I would also like to thank all of the students and parents for their support throughout this year. Our students have really stepped up in terms of their learning, behaviour and social consciousness. Obviously the positive growth of any child is a team effort between their parents and the school and I especially thank all of our parent community for their support in helping us to ‘grow’ your children this year.

More thanks to all of the wonderful organisations that help and support our school. Our mentors, scripture volunteers, men’s shed blokes, canteen ladies, the Mountain Hope Church breakfast crew, the IGA brekky team and all the community members who supported the Brospeak program, all deserve special mention. We couldn’t provide such wonderful opportunities for our kids without your help; so thank you.

Completion medals for Riding for the Disabled
INTRODUCING OUR 2016 LEADERS

UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 4

DECEMBER
Friday 25   Christmas Day

JANUARY 2016
Thursday 28  School resumes for Term 1

FEBRUARY 2016
Monday 1     Swimming Carnival
Year 6 graduation photos
Some colouring in to keep you busy