Dear Families,

Do you feel like your child is ready for school?? Is school ready for your child?? The holidays ahead present a great opportunity to hone skills and get excited about the next step. Some of the best tips for success are getting the basics right! These include; maintaining a good daily routine with an early bedtime! (Kids need 10-12hrs sleep a night at this age); including fruit and vegetables and calcium rich dairy in every day; reading together, playing together, talking (real shared thinking in sustained conversations with children) and singing. Importantly, research shows the more parents are involved in their children's education, the better they tend to do, so don't be a stranger at school. Joining the P & C, helping at the canteen occasionally and helping in the classroom can be very rewarding not just for children's wellbeing, but for us adults too! We wish all going off to big school the most wonderful start to a fantastic schooling experience. More information about 'school readiness' can be found at http://www.kidspot.com.au/school/preschool/school-readiness/is-your-child-ready-to-start-school

Dates for your diary

- Week 9 - Friday 4th December - BHPS Presentation Day - Preschool children are welcome to attend with us or can go along and sit with their own families.
- Family information to add to transition to school reports due this week.
- Week 10 - Thursday 10th December - Preschool – Year 2 Christmas concert (Both sessions welcome)
- Week 10 – Wednesday 9th December – Final Preschool day of 2015 for Session 1
- Week 10 - Friday 11th December – Final Preschool day of 2015 for Session 2

We welcome Jusara to the program next week and we are very excited to have her on our BHPS Preschool team for 2016. This will be our last newsletter for 2015. From Andrea and Lyndal, we wish all a wonderful, safe and beautiful holiday break. If you would like a copy of all the photos from 2015 pls leave Lyndal a labelled thumb drive. These will be done during week 10.

See you all here for the final fortnight of Preschool 2015! Love Lyndal and Andrea.

Finally, as orientation programs conclude and we get ready for Christmas holiday celebrations, we reflect on the incredible journeys children have made this year! The recent science and maths sessions have been a great addition to the program and the technology project, while having had its hiccups, is well on the way for full roll out in 2016! Miss Jusara Caple will be taking over from Mrs Walker in leading the Preschool program next year, with continued brilliant support from Miss Andrea Zammit.

From Lyndal: It has been an incredible honour for me to have spent the last five years working in the Preschool. So many proud and special memories I'll cherish forever. However, the time has come for a new adventure - back into the formal years setting at BHPS! I'll be catching up with many of our Preschoolers in the 'big school' at some stage I'm sure - where the fun in the learning will most definitely continue! Exciting times ahead!