Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Is your child reaching their individual reading goals sent home earlier in the term? Will your child meet the end of year reading benchmark level? As the term and year come close to an end it is important to know your child’s reading progression in comparison to school and regional benchmarks. We have been working hard to help children progress towards year level benchmarks in reading to ensure that all students are successful throughout their education. These are aligned to EQ regional expectations. It is critical that teachers and parents work together to ensure children are reaching these benchmarks. The school has had an enormous focus on reading this year to improve progression in reading achievement. Students have been bringing home reading goals each term that will give an indication of their current level and their target level. If you are unsure of your child’s reading level, please ask the classroom teacher. Below are the benchmark levels for each individual year level. Parents need to know these so that they understand the level of reading necessary, and so that they can work with their children and the teacher to attain this level or beyond. Please endeavour to know your child’s reading level and talk with your child’s teacher about how you can help.

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Please continue to listen to your child read every day, even through the holidays.

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D. Broadfoot
27th November, 2014

Prep Information Night
We will be having another information session for 2015 Prep parents that were not able to attend our first information session. This will be held in the Prep room on Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30pm.

Are you moving?
Please ensure that you inform the school if your children will not be back at school on the first day (Tuesday 27th January) or if you may be moving. This information is essential for planning classes and for staffing planning for 2015.

REPORT CARDS
Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday 10th December. Report cards will not be available before this time.

Enrolled for Prep 2015?
We also need to enrol all Prep students immediately to ensure we can adequately prepare for 2015. If you have children eligible for Prep in 2015, please call the office to arrange enrolment.

GRADUATION AND AWARDS NIGHT REMINDER
Our annual Awards Night will take place on Friday 5th December at Pimlico State High School Performing Arts Centre. The evening will begin at 5:00pm. Year 6 and 7 graduation presentations will be a highlight of the evening. Year level awards in English, mathematics and science will be presented along with sports, music and LOTE awards. The 2015 school captains and student council positions will also be announced. These presentations should conclude around 7:00pm.

Following the presentations the Year 6 and 7 students and families are invited to stay for a short disco and supper that will be held at the same venue. We are asking all Year 7 families to please bring a plate of food to share on a disposable plate/platter. This will be a nice time for the Year 6s and 7s to celebrate their years together. This should conclude by 8:00pm.

We look forward to seeing many families there.

YEAR 6 AND 7 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS
Please be aware that there will be a High School transition day for all Education Queensland schools in Townsville on 3rd December. Students going to Townsville State High School, Pimlico State High School and William Ross State High School have been given newsletters informing them of the process. If your child is going to another school and you have not received information about their transition day, please contact the high school that they are enrolling in.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015
Good luck to all of our students currently in Year 5, who are in the process of preparing and presenting speeches for school captain, house captain and student council positions. We heard some great school captain speeches on parade on Monday. All leadership positions will be announced at the Awards Night.

Joyful Day reminder – TOMORROW
A note was sent home recently that tomorrow, Friday 28th November, will be Joyful Day. This is a day in memory of the late Joy Donnellan, who was a teacher and Guidance Officer at RESS. On this day we will have fun novelty activities on the oval at lunchtime. Students may also wear brightly coloured clothes. A gold coin donation will be collected by the Student Council and then donated to the Joyful Foundation, who then provide support for students in Townsville with high needs.

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