# **Premer School Voice**

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# Give the gift of love.

# Swim school. Presentation Day

Swimming school kicked off this year a little bit differently. We normally have lessons at Coonabarabran but this year we downsized to a most luxurious resort private pool on the way to Quirindi. Thanks to Dick and Karen for the use of their crystal clear pool and commanding views over the Liverpool Plains. I thought I was on holidays for a moment.

Our Auswim accredited teacher; Mrs Seymour organised the venue and all the lessons that resulted in a win –win for everyone. Learning to swim is one of the best life skills you can have.

I would like to thank Mrs Seymour for the wonderful job she has done over almost sieven years.

Casey has been a SLSO, Librarian, swimming teacher and more recently a SAM. Nothing is a problem for Casey and the children have all benefitted from her presence at our school.

Our Presentation day has been and gone. We had a small gathering who enjoyed the exceptional performances that Pheobe was working on all term.

Colleen Gardner our loyal scripture teacher was awarded 25 years of service to the school for her scripture lessons. Colleen made a poignant speech as to the importance of keeping small school communities alive and prospering and said a prayer to bring families to Premer.

We had some other special award to Casey Seymour who has worked in all job descriptions over the last 7years and is looking forward to a new addition to her family in late January.

Kerry O'Hearne; our P&C stalwart over 20 years was here to organise afternoon tea ,present awards and accept one for her generous and loyal support of our small school.

Kylie Handsaker ;our School Chaplain was awarded with a gift for her care and support she has given to our school over the last three years.

Mr Panormo and Mrs Panormo were awarded a certificate for their long term contribution to the school. Almost thirty years my records say!

Pheobe was presented prizes for reading, sport, arts and the Namoi Cotton Growers cup for consistent effort.

Pheobe then went on to entertain the gathering with a poem and several tunes played and sung on the recorder and the piano. She brought the rain the next day with her performance of Thunder in a spectacular dance routine.

We all enjoyed the robotics display maze that was programmed by Pheobe.

An amazing effort for a seven year old. Well done Pheobe .Thankyou to all who attended.

#### **Reflections from community.**

We have a wonderful well resourced school but unfortunately it is going into recess at the end of the year.

We have tried different avenues of increasing enrolments, from initiating focus groups as well as renting out the school house, starting a Facebook page . We have 58 likes but no one with children apparently.

Our community library, story time, gym and play equipment, Pre School involvement and cooking were other initiatives we adopted to attract new customers from our community. It wasn't as successful as we hoped. I guess everyone's lives are busy but we do need to connect with each other from time to time to share, reflect and feel good about what we are trying to achieve.

The numbers are a means to an end and currently we haven't sufficient numbers for our school to continue to be sustainable for the future. This is unfortunate because we have such a great product at Premer but only a few to benefit from it.

Thankyou for he support you have given the school and lets hope circumstances change and interest will be reignited in the immediate future. So your community can prosper.

I have enjoyed my time at Premer school and looking over the years we have achieved so much as individuals and a community.

One of a number of messages sent to the school, one from Barrie Brown former teacher who visited our school in recent years.

Dear Mrs Cameron,

Thank you for your recent letter and the continued Newsletters over the past years.

It is of course disappointing to see that Premer Public School will not be opening for students in 2019, due to the lack of students.

I was the (first) teacher of lower division, during 1954 to 1956, and have fond memories of the school and the village at the time. A set of photographs that I took at the time I believe were deposited in the time capsule. Premer was a thriving organism, based around the shops, the hotel, the silos, the railway, the stockyards and the school. Reg and Jeanette Millard, who owned the general store, also set up a small cinema (Wednesday and Saturday nights) for which I ran the projectors and organised the programmes.

Having visited Premer a number of times since, it has been interesting to see how the educational facilities have grown since my time, when everything suffered from the overhang from the second world war.

My best wishes to all associated with the school, and to Premer village and community. Barrie Brown.

# **School Calendar**

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		10th Presentation Day 2-3 pm Miss Callaghan Coding Scripture with Mrs Gardner	11th Mrs Davison Mrs Fouracre	12th Mrs Davidson	13th	14th Library Pre-School transition Homework due Premer Lions Club chocolate wheel. Mrs Mackenzie
MEEN TO	Week 10	<ul> <li><b>17th</b></li> <li>Miss Callaghan</li> <li>away</li> <li>Mullaley</li> <li>Christmas craft</li> <li>and cooking</li> </ul>	18th Miss Birkett Mullaley Christmas craft and cooking	<b>19th</b> Miss Birkett Last day of the year	20th Staff DVPT Day	21st Staff development day . Premer school Recess.

## Community Notice Board

## Christmas Services

Tambar Springs & Mullaley Anglican Church

Sunday 23rd: 10am Mullaley

Monday 24th, Christmas Eve: 5pm Mullaley

Tuesday 25th, Christmas Day: 9am Tambar Springs

#### **Christmas Service**

Bundella Church

Sunday 23rd December

9:30 AM

Followed by morning tea





### Silkworms

The silkworms are large and the silkworms go in slow motion.

The silkworms look like a zebra.

The silkworms change into a moth.

We are going to spin silk from our silkworms.

#### Why we need to reduce packaging in our lunch box.

If we have packaged food it isn't healthy food because it costs too much and it's junk food. The junk food makes you overweight.

But if you have healthy food you will be fit and will be able to concentrate.

The pollution from all the plastic will destroy animals homes. Sea animals will die from the plastic packets in the sea.

#### How to swim freestyle.

- 1. Push off and glide with your head under the water, blowing bubbles
- 2. Kick with straight legs and point your toes.
- 3. Move your arms in a circle and cup your hands like a digger.
- 4. Turn your head to the side and keep your cheek on the water.

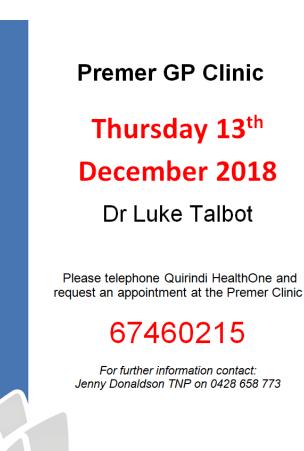
Relax.

## **Transition** Corner

The silkworms are moving. They are eating the leaves off the mulberry tree.







Have a Safe and Happy Christmas from all at Premer Public School.





PREMER COMMUNITY AND HEALTH CENTRE ELLERSLIE STREET

#### PREMER PRIDE

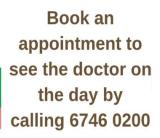


# THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Hunter New England Local Health District

Health





Introducing Dr Luke Talbot from Quirindi Healthone who will visit Premer on the day. Dr Talbot has an interest in remote rural medicine.

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A number of other health professionals and information will be available on the day. Bring your Medicare card.