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# Dunedoo Central School NEWSLETTER

12 December 2011 (Week 2 Secondary Timetable)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 10

#### Monday, 12 December

- Kinder - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Yr 12 Biology, Red Cross Blood Bank, Dubbo
- Special Deb Ball meeting 6.30pm, Library

#### Tuesday, 13 December

- Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Yr 9 Horticulture Program
- SRC Excursion, Dubbo

#### Wednesday, 14 December

- Breakfast Club Afternoon Tea

#### Thursday, 15 December

- David Elith Retirement BBQ/Assembly, 12 noon

#### Friday, 16 December

- Last day of school. Yippee!!
- Yr 9 Horticulture Program

## Attention All Parents, Friends & Members of the Community

You are invited to attend an assembly to farewell our long serving Teacher, friend and colleague

Mr David Elith

*Farewell*

to be held at 12.00 noon on

Thursday, 15th December 2011

at Dunedoo Central School, Hall

followed by BBQ lunch

*Goodbye*

RSVP: 13th December 2011

to DCS on 6375 1489



13 SLEEPS TO GO!

*The Principal and Staff  
of Dunedoo  
Central School wish you  
all a very Merry  
Christmas and a happy  
and safe holiday season.*



*Merry Christmas*



# PRINCIPALS NEWS

Hello everyone. The response to the many activities on the night. Thank Award Night last Tuesday evening was you, Mrs Cluff, for your enthusiasm, overwhelming and I thank everyone motivation and coordination of the who was involved in making the night SRC, on the evening. I also want to such a success. Thankyou to all the thank all those staff, who were able to parents and students who joined us on make time, to supervise and support the the night, you certainly added to the students of our school.

On Thursday of this week a special farewell Assembly and BBQ for Mr Dabben recognised for your ability and your diligence. It was very pleasing to see how well the band and choir have progressed throughout the year and to hear their renditions of "99 Air Balloons" and the Theme to "Pirates of the Caribbean". The students have worked very hard to perfect their various pieces and it was so pleasing to see them perform.

The other pleasing aspect of last week was the very pleasant evening students, parents and staff enjoyed a BBQ and discussed the future of these students. Year 6 are a wonderful group of students who have their hearts in the right place. They have an excellent rapport with each other and should work very well with their year 7 teachers in 2012. Thank you, Mr Monaghan, for organising such a special evening and Mrs Abbott, for being there, to support the students and their parents.

The last school Disco for the year was enjoyed by all students who attended. The Xmas theme was very successful and the SRC did a great job organising children and supportive parents. The

If you've seen the School Magazine for 2011, you'd be extremely impressed. Congratulations Melissa Bampton for the refreshing, modern layout of this year's Mag. It embraces the special experiences in such a picturesque and informative way and is an excellent snapshot of our year. Parents should be very happy with the array of photographs and articles outlining what students have achieved. 2011 has been a very productive year on many counts and have provided many pleasurable experiences for the school community. It has been a pleasure working with so many delightful children and supportive parents. The

# PRINCIPALS NEWS

## Continued

future looks very promising. My special thanks to Vanessa Stuart and her supportive band of helpers who have contributed countless hours to producing a quality Newsletter, not only for the school, but also for the whole community.

### Semester 2 - School Reports

School reports were handed out to all students. If you have any concerns with your child's report, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with the appropriate person.

exciting and valuable educational experiences that have taken place. In addition, it never ceases to amaze me how many talented and gifted students and staff we have here at Dunedoo Central School. Thanks to all the staff for all their efforts throughout the year, you are truly invaluable.

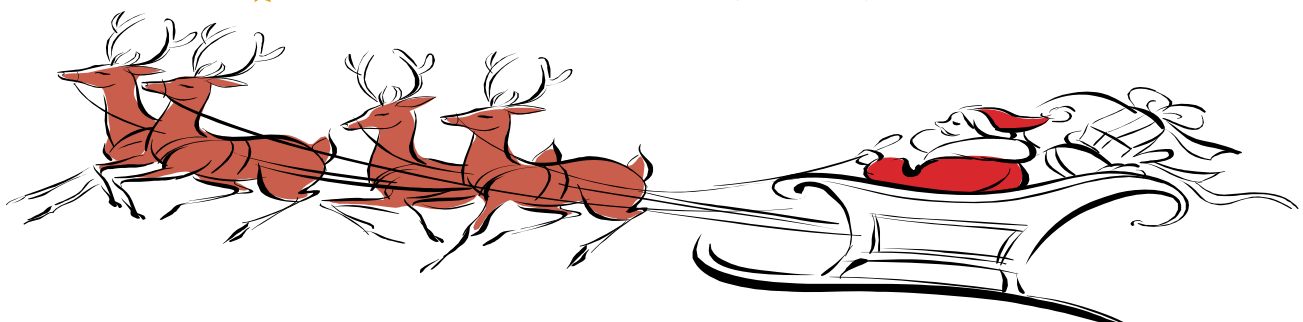
Christmas is fast approaching and I wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Enjoy the holidays.

*Peter Campbell,  
Principal*



### Holiday Season

As yet another school year comes to an end I have been reflecting on so many





# INFANTS IN FOCUS

## KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

- ☺ Kinder - Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 12th December in Mrs Yeo's room.
- ☺ Infants - Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 13th December. Please contact the front office to make an appointment.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone for your support in 2011. We have many parent helpers and I would like to thank you all.
- ☺ A big thank you to our Infants Teachers; Mrs Yeo, Mrs Lavender, Mr Budden, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Armstrong. You have all done a wonderful job.
- ☺ Wishing you all a Merry Christmas a happy and safe holiday. **Mrs M Abbott**

**Kindergarten:** Welcome to the last week of Term 4 for all students. How quickly the year has gone, however its been filled with fun, laughter and a lot of hard work. Its hard to believe my Kinder's are now ready for year 1. I will really miss them as we have had a happy time together. This week we will again concentrate on finishing up work and completing Christmas activities. Workbooks will be going home this week so a plastic shopping bag to carry home belongings would be helpful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who helped in my room, changing readers etc. and to Alana Burley the teachers aide in my room, she has been a great support. Congratulations to Harry Rookyard our student of the week and to Fergus Fergusson and Angus Goddard who received merit certificates. I hope Santa finds you all and that your holidays are safe and happy. I look forward to seeing you in 2012. **Mrs Yeo**

**YEAR 1/2:** Year 1/2 have been very busy making a Christmas wall display. The tree is made from the outline of the children's hands and the trunk the outline of the children's feet. The 'bon bons' are made from toilet rolls and recycled xmas wrap. The children made their very own picture frames for their 2D baubles and decorations to hang on the tree. Please come in and have a look at our display if you can! **Mrs S Lavender**



**YEAR 2:** This will be my last newsletter at Dunedoo Central School. Thank you for allowing me to teach Year 2. They have been a fantastic group of students. This week we are taking things a little easier and are using Christmas words to write sentences, find out their correct meanings using a dictionary and doing a bit of craft. In Maths we will be having some game time, something that the children have been looking forward to. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas break. **Mrs. L. O'Brien**

## PRIMARY NEWS (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

- ☺ Well the time has come to an end. As this is my last newsletter I wish to thank all those parents, students and community members who have assisted, supported and been part of our school and myself. In reflection I have seen change at Dunedoo Central and I have had an influence in a lot of projects that have made Duendoo a better place for students.
- ☺ I wish you all well and hope your children receive the education they deserve. I won't be leaving the district so I will still be about. So don't forget to say hello.
- ☺ Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday the 13th of December. Please contact the front office to make an appointment.
- ☺ All are welcome to attend Mr Elith's farewell assembly to be held this Thursday, 15th December, 12 noon, in the School Hall. Followed by free BBQ. Come along and say goodbye.
- ☺ Primary will be swimming for sport on Friday. Please remember swimmers etc. and money to get into the Pool.
- ☺ Last day for students this Friday. **Mr David Elith, Assistant Principal Primary**



## Years 1 - 6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Will be held on **Tuesday 13th December 2011**. Please contact the front office on 6375 1489 to arrange an appointment with the appropriate teacher.

# PRIMARY NEWS - *Continued*



**Year 2/3:** This Wednesday, weather permitting, 2/3 are joining with 1/2 for lunch and a play in the park. We shall leave school at approximately 12 noon and return before bus time. Your child will need their lunch, lunch orders are too difficult, and something small to share e.g. a packet of chips or a small packet of lollies. I will provide cordial for drinks. This is our end of year celebration.

On Friday year 3 will be going to the pool for sport as usual. Some money to spend at the canteen will help them celebrate their last day of school for 2011.

I have enjoyed teaching 2/3 and wish all the children a safe and Happy Christmas, New Year and holiday. As this is the last newsletter for 2011 I would like to thank everyone who has helped in our classroom or helped support education at home. I would especially like to thank our teachers aides Mrs Harrington and Mrs Leeson. They have helped support everyone in our classroom and I really value their suggestions and support. Thank you also to Natasha Brydon (and Callum) who has been a familiar face in our room, helping with readers and class room tasks. **Mrs Elith**



## **Year 4:**

☺ Well the time has come as this is your last week with me. Thanks for being a great group and I hope you all keep "trying" to improve your education. I'll miss you all but I am now heading for my own new challenges.

☺ Homework is not due this week.

☺ No reports for your parents.

☺ No black feet anymore.

☺ No rewards for that good work.

☺ Just a lovely time with your teacher.

☺ Bye and good luck.

☺ Books will go home Friday.

☺ Class party on Friday afternoon at the pool. **Mr Elith**

**Year 5/6:** Welcome to week 10, last week of Term 4 for the students. Thankyou to all the parents, grandparents and friends who attend the Year 6 assembly last Friday. Your support is appreciated. This week we will be finishing off a lot of things plus having some fun!

Maths will continue as usual for both Year 5 and Year 6. Spelling will be Christmas activities. Our class party

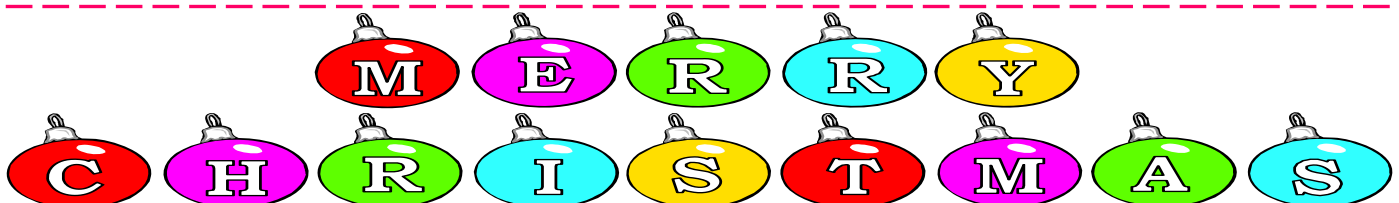
will be on Friday - I will provide drinks for the children. Could they all bring something to share (maybe something healthy!). I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to be part of your child's education at DCS. I wish all students the best for 2012 especially the ones heading to high school. A huge thank you to our Teachers Aides, Debbie Fitzgerald and Linda Ewin, Father Robert Bowman, Scripture Teacher and Mrs E Abbott, Mr B Budden, Mrs J Armstrong and Mrs L O'Brien who have also been teaching the class this year.



**YEAR 6 2011 - GRADUATION ASSEMBLY**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held tomorrow. I would like you to bring your child to the interview.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe Holiday. **Mrs M Abbott**



# INFANTS & PRIMARY AWARDS

## Student of the Week

K	Harry Rookyard	Working hard in class & showing improvement in all areas
1/2	Paul Sweeney	Great application during creative arts
2/3	Charlotte Cluff	Effort in writing and reading
4	Joshua Rookyard	Improved bookwork
5/6	Natasha Yeo	Putting effort into all class work and always listening

## Merit & Special Awards

K	Angus Goddard	Great progress in Term 4
K	Fergus Fergusson	Excellent progress in Term 4
1/2	Laura Moorhouse	Great application in creative art
1/2	Claire Seis	Consistent effort in science
2/3	Alissa Brady	Being a pleasant class member
2/3	Jaycob Kelly	Trying hard with reading
4	Megan Seis	Good manners
4	Sally Christensen	Good manners
5/6	Amelia Rawling	Being a hard worker and always listening
5/6	Patrick Gough	Effort in all class work

## CANTEEN NEWS



- ⇒ Hello for the last week of term. Where has this term gone? I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff, students and the parents. I look forward to working with you again next year with some new and exciting additions to the menu. Thankyou for all the valued support and feedback and for welcoming me into the school community, my transition into this position has been smooth thanks to everyones support.
- ⇒ I look forward to catching up with our volunteers at the thankyou afternoon tea. It doesn't matter if you have only volunteered once in the whole year or numerous times, your contribution is greatly appreciated and Lynn and I would like to thank you.
- ⇒ I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I hope Santa is good to you all. Keep safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all next year.
- ⇒ It would be appreciated if all accounts are finalised before the end of this term. **Many thanks - Jenny Farley**

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4	
12/12	Nick
13/12	Help Needed
14/12	Help Needed
15/12	Help Needed
16/12	Help Needed

## LIBRARY REPORT

Merry Christmas from all of us in the Library. We hope that Santa brings you books because they do not need batteries, never need recharging and people do not look over your shoulder and tell you how to play a book. Students who signed up for Holiday Reading is Rad will receive their activity bags this week. Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented too. Congratulations to Charlie and Natasha Yeo who have both received a Gold Award for participating in the Challenge for four consecutive years.

Please return your library books and textbooks so they are on the shelves ready to borrow next year. **Mrs E Abbott**





# BREAKFAST CLUB



**Held every Wednesday morning in the Food Tech room. Everyone welcome to attend!**

**SPONSORS:** Dunedoo Bakery: Barry & Helen Norris, Dunedoo Fruit & Veg Bowl: Lyn Kearney, The local milkman - David Grant, Dunedoo Fivestar Supermarket - Trish Booth, Red Cross Dubbo - cornflakes, weetbix, marmite and honey. Families for donations of eggs when able. Thankyou for generously supporting our Breakfast Club. Without this support our Breakfast Club would not be possible. Thank you!

## RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES 2012



**Friday, January 27th - Staff only**



**Monday, January 30th - Years 1-6, 7, 11 & 12**

**Tuesday, January 31st - Kindergarten, Years 8, 9, 10**

## 2011 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

**Is finished!!**

**If you ordered a copy please collect from the front office.**

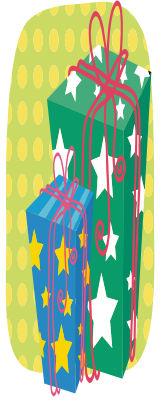
*ALL CLOTHING, BAGS AND OTHER ITEMS ON SHELVES OUTSIDE MRS LANE'S ROOM NEED TO BE COLLECTED BEFORE THE END OF TERM OR THEY WILL GO TO THE "SALVOS".*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing you all a great day!



<i>Connor Fergusson, 12</i>	<i>14 December</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Annie Inder, 16</i>	<i>15 December</i>	<i>Year 10</i>
<i>Rachael Sweeney, 13</i>	<i>15 December</i>	<i>Year 7</i>
<i>Jacob Spicer, 7</i>	<i>22 December</i>	<i>Year 1</i>
<i>Jock Stuart, 7</i>	<i>24 December</i>	<i>Year 1</i>
<i>Lachlan Stuart, 13</i>	<i>27 December</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Nathan O'Malley, 11</i>	<i>28 December</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Brad Hudspeth, 12</i>	<i>30 December</i>	<i>Year 12</i>

## 2012

<i>Shay Kelly, 9</i>	<i>1 January</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Alisha Harrington, 14</i>	<i>3 January</i>	<i>Year 8</i>
<i>Henry Kensit, 10</i>	<i>3 January</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Carly Cowell, 14</i>	<i>5 January</i>	<i>Year 9</i>
<i>Ashleigh Healey-McMillan, 16</i>	<i>9 January</i>	<i>Year 11</i>
<i>Kimberly Miller, 15</i>	<i>9 January</i>	<i>Year 10</i>
<i>Sadie Inder, 14</i>	<i>9 January</i>	<i>Year 9</i>
<i>Brenden Solberg, 14</i>	<i>12 January</i>	<i>Year 8</i>
<i>Jesse Roche, 13</i>	<i>14 January</i>	<i>Year 8</i>
<i>Hayley Cox, 9</i>	<i>14 January</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Leah Martin, 11</i>	<i>19 January</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Brittney Cowell, 11</i>	<i>25 January</i>	<i>Year 5</i>
<i>Leilah-May Flynn, 9</i>	<i>28 January</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Patrick Gough, 12</i>	<i>29 January</i>	<i>Year 7</i>
<i>Lachlan Stoddart, 10</i>	<i>29 January</i>	<i>Year 5</i>
<i>Roy Watton, 8</i>	<i>31 January</i>	<i>Year 3</i>

*And staff.....*

<i>Mel Whackett</i>	<i>16 December</i>
<i>Belinda Fergusson</i>	<i>30 December</i>
<i>Jan Elith</i>	<i>13 January</i>
<i>Linden Ewin</i>	<i>17 January</i>
<i>Kylie Turnbull</i>	<i>20 January</i>





# Sticky Date Pudding (Baking)

## Ingredients

½ cup dessicated coconut  
½ cup firmly packed soft brown sugar  
¾ cup self raising flour  
¼ cup plain flour  
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
100g butter  
¼ cup golden syrup  
1 cup chopped dates  
¼ cup orange juice  
2 eggs, lightly beaten

## Sauce

80g butter  
¼ cup firmly packed soft brown sugar  
1 cup cream  
2 tablespoons golden syrup

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to moderate 180°C. Brush a deep 20cm square cake tin with melted butter or oil. Line the base and sides with baking paper.
2. Combine 2 tablespoons each of the coconut and brown sugar and sprinkle over the base of the tin.
3. Sift the flours and soda into a large mixing bowl. Add the remaining coconut and make a well in the centre.
4. Combine the remaining sugar, butter, golden syrup, dates and juice in a pan. Stir over medium heat until the butter melts and the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat.
5. Using a large metal spoon, fold the date mixture into the dry ingredients. Add the eggs and stir until the mixture is smooth.
6. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 35 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted in the centre. Leave the pudding in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out.

**To make sauce:** Combine all the ingredients in a small pan. Stir over low heat until the sugar and butter have dissolved and the mixture is smooth. Stir for a further 2 minutes then serve immediately over slices of the hot pudding. Sprinkle over a little icing sugar and serve with scoops of vanilla ice cream.



## *P&C Ladies Afternoon Raffle*

### Winners

*1st Prize - Teena Besgrove*

(Essential Additions Handbag & "Have-a-Chat" gift voucher a& Oasis Homewares gift voucher)

*2nd Prize - Murray Coe*

(Chalkies Clothing, Coonabarabran, \$200 gift voucher)

*3rd Prize - Lorraine Rose*

(Essential Additions Wallet, \$50 Kids of Dubbo gift voucher & Oasis Homewares gift voucher)

*4th Prize - Penny Copelin*

(Annett Piper Jewellery, leather necklace with pearl drop & Oasis Homewares \$20 gift voucher)

*5th Prize - John Austin*

(Lorraine Lea Linen, travel rug & camel rehydration pack)

*6th Prize - Belinda Fergusson*

Undercover Wear \$50 gift voucher & Summer PJ's

*Thankyou to everyone for once again supporting our raffle and fundraising events throughout the year.*

Essential Addition Handbags & Oasis Homewares orders have arrived & are at the Front Office.

## SECONDARY NEWS

**Year 9 Horticulture Presentation:** Will be held this Wednesday, 14th December, 12pm - 2pm at Kahkama House. Please ensure your child is wearing correct sports uniform.

**All Year 12 Students 2011:** Anyone wanting information or needing help to accept University offers. Friday 16th December, room 10, 11.10am - 12.50pm. Bring UAC pin, BOS pin, early entry letter/s and any other correspondence you have received.

**All 7/8 TAS:** Please bring \$4.00 for Wednesday.

Wishing you all a Merry & Happy Christmas,  
*Mrs Fergusson.*



# Community News



## Dunedoo Touch Football

**Junior Touch Football:** Last game for this year. Wednesday, 5pm at the Sports Club. Please pack a hat and water bottle.

Senior & Junior Touch will commence again on: Wednesday 1st February 2012.

<b>SENIOR TOUCH</b>	
Wednesday 14 December 2011	
Round 2 - last game for this year	
6.00pm - A Grade	Sullivans -v- Bezzy's Bulldogs
6.00pm - B Grade	DRH -v- Sports Club
6.45pm - A Grade	Pumped up Wood -v- Ladies & Gents
6.45pm - B Grade	Wog Rock -v- Elong Runaways

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SALE

**Simpson Automatic Washing Machine**  
**EZI Sensor, 6kg, Top loader**  
**Excellent condition (with manual), \$295.00**  
**Phone: 6375 1058**

Merry  
Christmas

# Community News

## DEB BALL MEETING

A special Deb Ball meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 12th December in the DCS Library.

This meeting will be held with the DCS P&C Executive Committee. It would be appreciated if all Debs and Parents please attend.

## *DUNEDOO SWIMMING CLUB*

### **Dunedoo Swimming Carnival - this Saturday**

- ⇒ This Saturday, 17th December, is our Swimming Carnival. Warm up will start at 8.15am with a 9am start.
- ⇒ We will be calling for helpers so if you can spare some time please see Cathy Gallagher.
- ⇒ It would be appreciated if all members donate an item for our Xmas Hamper, which will be raffled.
- ⇒ We also require members to bring a plate of sandwiches, fruit, quiches etc. for lunch for all our helpers, judges, timekeepers, to share on the day.

⇒ Prize money for each race is \$20.00, with skins being \$55.00. If you would like to make a donation toward these races please contact Cathy Gallagher or Fleur Guan.

⇒ Good luck to everyone who is competing in the carnival, do your best and have fun.

⇒ **Timetrials will commence at 6.00pm on Thursday.**

⇒ Remember you must have a season ticket before you can compete in Time trials.

### **UP COMING CARNIVALS:**

- Dunedoo - 17th December.
- Walgett - 18th December, entries close 25th November.

***Please give your entries and money to Fleur.***

## **Dunedoo Junior Rugby League & Netball news...**

The annual DJRLN AGM was held on 31st October 2011 at the Dunedoo Sports Club. Thankyou to all that attended the AGM. We thank our outgoing committee from 2011 and welcome our new committee for the upcoming 2012 season. The 2012 committee is as follows:

President: ..... Dale Hogden  
Vice Presidents: ..... Ian Johnston, Mark Gallagher  
Secretary: ..... Melissa Bampton  
Treasurer: ..... *Position Vacant*  
Football Co-ordinator:..... Matthew Guan  
Netball Co-ordinator:..... *Position Vacant*  
Canteen Co-ordinator: ..... *Position Vacant*  
BBQ Co-ordinator: ..... *Position Vacant*  
Publicity Officer: ..... Ailsa Brydon

You will see the above positions of Treasurer, Netball Co-ordinator, Canteen Co-ordinator and BBQ Co-ordinator are still vacant. Please take time and consider whether you are able to fill any of these positions. Our club will require a full functioning committee in 2012 to run. There will be assistance from current and previous committee members, and other parents available to you. If you are interested in filling any of the above positions please contact either Dale Hogden or Mel Bampton (0429 040 679). Our first meeting for 2012 will be held on Monday, 20th February 2012 at the Sports Club.

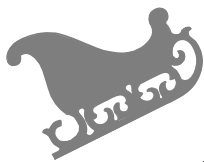
# LIONS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL



**SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER**



Commencing at 6.00pm



## Santa



Hot Chips



Sleigh Rides

Disco/Karaoke



Chocolate Wheel

Sing Australia

Face Painting

Jumping Castle



BBQ & Refreshments



Sample Bags

Fairy Floss

Knock em downs



## "SUPPORT LIONS SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY"

No alcohol to be brought onto Showground