K/1 students are finishing the year strongly. They're still working hard, albeit a little tired after another busy term and a long year.

In Literacy, our Year 1s have really come along with their writing. Looking back over their progress in 12 months is very encouraging. Here are some examples:

Yesterday there was a ferocious storm. The wind blew so strongly trees fell over and one blocked the back door. The hail stones were almost as big as tennis balls. We collected the hail and put it in the freezer. (By Max)

As the year comes to a close, it is a perfect time to reflect on the wonderful experiences that 2/3 has had this year and to set some goals for next year.

I am personally very proud of 2/3 as a class. We have had lots of individual and group challenges throughout the year and have grown as a result of these challenges. I believe the class has become a very supportive group who show great empathy towards each other. It is not always easy sailing but we try hard to work through things together and always celebrate each others achievements. Thanks for a wonderful year 2/3!

My favourite mythical creature is Bigfoot because he is big. He is hairy. He runs around because he is so big and hairy. He hides in an ice cream truck. (By Xavier)

K/1s have loved getting outside the classroom to do hands on things, such as the measuring challenge with metre rulers, harvesting the potatoes with Year 6, the swimming scheme and of course, the School Disco.

We've had lots of fun this year and I've been really impressed with the achievements the students made. They are an energetic and enthusiastic group who have had some memorable experiences this year.

Merry Christmas and have a great holiday!

Here are some student reflections on the year and goals for next year.

Annabelle: My proudest moment this year was when I went to swimming school. Next year I would like to improve on my running.

Zara: This year I did awesome dancing. My proudest moment was when I did a proper cartwheel. My goal for 2016 is to run faster. I will need to practise up and down the hill.

Tayah: This year I have learnt to plait my own hair. Next year I will learn to do a fish braid.

Connor: My proudest moment this year was when we won our cricket game. My goal for next year is to run faster. I will need to practise a lot.
3/4/5 have been working hard on their end of year Christmas concert. As a group we collaboratively created ideas, wrote a script and re-worded a known Christmas carol. Our students are eager to present this to you on the final evening of the year.

After the storm, our student wrote some poetry to describe how they felt. Here is an example:

The clouds were as dark as night,
Flashing every minutes,
BOOM, CRASH,
Everyone stood in terror

The wind was howling like an angry dog,
Destroying everything in sight,
Strong and powerful,
It blew over a tree.
Binnie Year 4

Our students conducted an experiment on heat transfer. We placed a cup of tap water in ice and one in boiling water. Here is Issy’s conclusion.

The heat from the boiling water transferred into the cup which made the water temperature in the cup rise. It began at 28°C and rose to 46°C. The temperature of the ice transferred into the water in the cup and made it decline. The cold water didn’t cool down as quickly.
Issey Year 4

As this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to take this chance to thank you for your support this year and wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing break.

Year 3/4/5 - Mr. Swift

On Tuesday the 8th of December all the Year Six students and their family’s went to the South Lismore Bowls Club for the end of year graduation dinner. When we arrived there we had to wait outside so everyone could get seated.

Once everyone was ready we got in a line and then Mr Cooper introduced us. After that we took our seats we had dinner we could choose what we wanted. Then we said some speeches and listened to some speeches and had dessert. Then we did the piñata and cut the cake. Finally we were free to dance the night away.
By Riley

On the 10th of December Years 3, 4, 5, 6 went to the Ballina Waterslide. When we went to school we came in casual and played. Then when the 2nd bus came we went and got our name marked off and went on the bus. It took about 45 minutes to get there. First we went to the beach and had a walk then we had some of our recess and walked to the Ballina Waterslide. When we got there this men told us all the rules. Then we went on the waterslides. There was a Green slide and a yellow slide. The yellow was the biggest one and the green was not as big as the yellow. The green slide you were allowed 2 people on it. But the yellow one was only allowed 1 person on it.
We were there for a while then we had fish and chips and went back on it then later we caught the bus back to school. By Jessica

Disco

On Thursday 3rd December we went to the Tullera Hall for a whole school disco. For dinner we had pizza and a popper. The money went to the SRC for new sports equipment. We played games to entertain ourselves.
The SRC students went to the hall to set up the streamers and balloons. We had a lot of fun.
By Jason