TERM 4 FINISH DATE
This year the department mandated final day of school is on Tuesday 20th December.

This was greatly discussed at School Council last week and after a lot of thought it was decided that our remaining Curriculum days for 2016 would be moved to the 19th & 20th December, thereby meaning that the last day of school for all students will now be Friday 16th December.

This decision was not made lightly and many things were taken into consideration including high school finish dates, minimal interruption to learning etc.

All teachers and staff will still be expected to work on the Monday and Tuesday and these days will be dedicated to curriculum planning and professional development.

OUR ES STAFF ARE AWESOME!
As you will be aware August is ES Month and we acknowledge the dedication and effort that our Education Support Staff put into making Churchill Primary School such a great learning environment.

Today we showed our gratitude by providing a lovely chicken and salad lunch and letting them know how much we appreciate them.

The ES role is diverse and they have a big impact in many areas of our school. Some of the roles they do within our school are working with students, supporting different programs throughout the school, working with families, planning with teachers, supporting individual learning plans with students, coordinating the beehive, bus duty, providing first aid, and general classroom support.

In addition to our classroom ES staff we have ES staff that support our office management and our Primary Welfare officer incorporating everything from breakfast club through to catching on early programs and basic student welfare.

Our school community thank all ES staff throughout the school for their continued dedication and commitment to Churchill Primary School students.

WHAT DO CHAPLAINS DO?
School chaplains promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through role modelling, mentoring, pastoral care and structured programs. These dimensions of care enhance a school’s overall wellbeing strategy and contribute to the achievement of a school’s educational goals.

Our school chaplain Matt Stear spoke to our school council last week regarding his role at CPS. Matt is at CPS every Monday & Tuesday and below are just some examples of some of the ways that chaplains support school communities:

- Formal conversations with students
- Deliver programs covering issues including relationships, grief & loss, family breakdown, bullying / harassment and school disengagement
- Role modelling & mentoring

IT’S A GIRL!
A big Congratulations to Hollie & James Burke who welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world on Monday 15th August. Matilda May Burke weighed in at 7lb 15oz and is already the apple of her daddy’s eye and the light of her mum-my’s life….. We can’t wait to meet her!

OVAL GRASS RENEWAL
This week our gardener has sown new lawn seed on our oval and sections have been taped off and will be out of bounds to students over the next few weeks.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
We will be holding a special Afternoon Tea next Wednesday 24th August to re-launch our Parents & Friends group. Please see the attached invitation - All Welcome.

BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY
Next Week we will be celebrating the Children’s Book Council shortlisted best books for 2016. On Tuesday we will be having a Book Character Dress-Up day and encourage all students to get in the spirit and dress up as their favourite book characters.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October @ 5:30pm.

I hope you’ve all had a chance to enjoy this beautiful sunshine today… hopefully the forecast is wrong and it stays around for a while! See you all next week,