I would like to thank the parents, staff and students for their wonderful efforts this year. It has been a tremendous year filled with many great achievements. Our students have performed well academically, in sports, public speaking, drama, dance, singing and leadership.

I would like to thank the captains, prefects and Student Parliament for their excellent leadership and for their contributions to Tower Street Public School.

Thank you to the parents who have stepped into committee positions within the school. The P&C, Fundraising and Uniform committees have worked very hard for the benefit of our students.

To those who celebrate the festive season I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**SHARING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all our generous families who sent in food for our annual charity food drive. It was heart-warming to see the mountain of food build up at the front of the assembly. There were hams, Christmas cakes, tinned fruit salad, tinned vegetables, biscuits and lots of other food to give some less fortunate people a happy Christmas. There were also some fabulous Christmas costumes as students and teachers got into the spirit.

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**HOLIDAY INFORMATION**

The last day of school for students is Wednesday, 17 December 2014. Teachers will be attending school on Thursday, 18 and Friday, 19 December and will be involved in training and development.

Students in Years 1-6 next year, return to school on Wednesday 28 January 2015. Students starting Kindergarten will receive a letter informing them of their start date and time.
ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE
Congratulations to Ainsleigh in KC and Mariah in 2C for winning prizes in the Alliance colouring in competition.

Sincere thanks to Alliance Real Estate for their support during the year. They have recently made another donation of $100.00 to the school.

On behalf of the school community I wish Alliance Real Estate a very happy Christmas.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Last night’s Year 6 Farewell was a wonderful send off for our Year 6 students. The students thoroughly enjoyed their night with great food and lots of dancing. Thank you to all the staff who attended, our special guests and our Year 5 students. Sincere thanks to Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Russell for all their support with the Year 6 Yearbook, organising the decorations and arriving early to help set up the room. Thank you to Mrs Collins and Miss Bitar for their organisation of the event.

HOUR OF CODE
Last week Tower Street Public School joined an estimated fifteen millions students around the world in 180 countries in taking part in the Hour of Code. As part of Computer Science Week each year an Hour of Code session is held where everyone from six year olds to Barrack Obama try their hand at creating and modifying computer codes. Computer code drives the apps, programs and games that our 21st century learners are growing up with and will play an increasing role in jobs of the future. This term Tower Street’s two Challenge Learning groups have been exploring coding through the use of a Scratch.mit.edu - a ‘drag and drop’ block coding program. Our students wrote scripts to create or modify simple games or animations in the process confidently changing variables and creating loops and data lists.

YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6 CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parents,

The following are classroom requirements for Years 3, 4, 5, 6 in 2015:

- 4 different coloured highlighters
- 6-8 different coloured whiteboard markers
- 4 boxes of tissues (donation)
- 4 rolls paper towel (donation)
- 2 soft/liquid soaps (donation)
- A4 visual diary with white pages
- 4 blue biros and 4 red biros
- 6 lead pencils
- Textas
- Coloured pencils
- 2 erasers (rubbers)
- Sharpener with container
- 4 quality glue sticks
- Scissors
- 30 cm ruler with cm and mm marked
- 2 x A4 display folders
- Ear buds for listening to sound on computers or iPad

On behalf of the school community I would like to wish all the Year 6 students the very best for the future.
Please note: liquid paper is banned but the children may bring correction tape if they choose.

Barbara Hornung
Principal
Surf educate was fantastic! We had a great day learning about water safety and doing relay races in the water and on the sand. We also had competitions to see who had the best sandcastles. We finished off a great day with some ice-cream. Thank you to Scotty our on-land instructor and Jordy, Kai and Jess our water instructors. Thank you to Mrs Collins for organising our awesome excursion and to Miss Bitar and Mrs Kearney for coming along with us.

By Stephanie and Charlotte : )