I have been notified that the decision has been taken to close Wollombi PS. This will take effect from the end of the last formal school day for 2014, Friday 19 December. Students will complete their school year as scheduled on Wednesday 17 December. It is expected that regular classes, learning activities and the school in general will operate unhindered through until that time. I appreciate this news may present a challenging time for the students and families. My immediate concern is for the wellbeing of the students and their understanding of the decision, what the future holds for them, school and their education. I ask that parents contact me to discuss how together we might best deal with this issue with individual students.

A big thanks to Atticus and Fiona Burless for travelling up to Nundle over the weekend to accept the school’s Highly Commended award as part of the Tidy Towns Education Award. Atticus came back and told us about his exciting weekend and all the wonderful activities he did during his trip. The award was in recognition of the environmental activities that the school and students have been involved with over the last year. This includes the planting and weeding of the areas near the millpond and also the kitchen garden program that the students have been participating in. Well done everyone!

On Tuesday students participated in Remembrance Day activities. This included watching a video that explained the significance of the poppy as the symbol for Remembrance Day. We then made poppies to wear on our uniforms and the kinder and year 1 students planted a poppy garden. Year 3 students learnt the poem *In Flanders Field* and watched a story on the role nurses have in war.

We cooked another delicious lunch last Wednesday which was an Indian curry with flatbread. The kitchen smelt amazing with all the spices and fresh produce from our garden bubbling away on the stove. The students are always encouraged to try everything they cook and this has resulted in students trying foods they normally may not have eaten before. Well done everyone and you look great in your new aprons.

Next Tuesday we are having a Maths Fun Day where students will be involved in engaged in maths games and will have the opportunity to purchase items from a shop that will operate at school on the day. Students are asked to bring $2 with them on the day.

Our school chaplain, Father Graham Jackson, will be away from school until around 10th December. We hope he has a nice break and we look forward to seeing him when he returns.

Next Wednesday we will be having a special assembly at 2:30pm. In this assembly we will hand over the original school deeds to the local museum. All welcome to this event.

*Kind regards - Michelle Murphie*
News from Mrs Baker

Christmas Crafts
Children enjoyed their first Christmas craft today. They made a reindeer out of wooden and paper beads. Silver tinsel was used to thread the beads on. The children then finished their craft by adding a red nose and googly ears and antlers. A very enjoyable craft.

Dance News
We are practising very hard with the dance and it is coming together. If you could practise the dance at home, it would be greatly appreciated. At P&C next week we will be discussing outfits as a group.

Recorder News
Just a reminder that it would be great if the children could be practising the recorder at home. We are having recorder lessons every week, so the children need to bring their recorders to school every Thursday.

Mrs Baker

P&C News
There is a P&C meeting on Thursday 20th November in the school library. All welcome to attend.
Student activities

We had a great time at Wollombi Village Vineyard on Tuesday.

We saw some very interesting sculptures that were scattered around the vineyard.