The year is rapidly coming to a close and we are all a bit sad to see our Year Six students disappear off to high school. The next few weeks will certainly be busy with lots of things happening as we lead up to the holidays.

This term has been extremely busy with both in and out of class activities. The term started with our SMART Boards finally arriving! We had waited sooo long to get them, three terms to be exact, that we were so ecstatic when they were finally ready to use. We were all excited to have a go and we have found some pretty amazing interactive web sites. Mrs Allan hardly touches the white board anymore as she too is mastering the SMART Board. We have to help her every now and again!

Some students participated in the two week Learn to Swim School. During this time some of us went to Toukley Pool every day for two weeks to improve on our swimming skills. On the last day we had the most fun because our survival safety was tested. We had to wear our pyjamas into the pool. We had to tread water in the deep end for 2 minutes and then we were required to take off our pyjamas and swim to the edge. It was pretty hard but now we know that we could do it in real life if we had to.

We had good news from the Tennis Gala Day which was held last term with Jessie being awarded a tennis scholarship. Matt from Tuggerah Tennis helped Jessie improve his tennis skills.
We helped raise money for Canteen on Bandana Day. We displayed the bandanas in our classroom and some people helped sell them before school and during break times. We raised $510 all together. Good job everyone!

In week 5 this term Maddi, Adam, Jessie, Matt, Dawood and Dylan tried out for Targeted Sports Program for Year 7, 2011. Letters have been posted but at this stage, we haven’t heard how successful they have been.

Matt and Giarne both represented our class at various functions. Matt was awarded the Rotary Primary Citizenship Award for 2010. This is a great achievement. Well done, Matt. Giarne represented us at the Wyong RSL for Remembrance Day Service. Congratulations to Ashleigh who has been elected as an SRC representative for 2011.

In science this term we have been looking at a unit called *Sinking, Sailing, Soaring*. The best part about this unit was designing and making paper aeroplanes. We got to test these in various wind conditions with Giarne’s and Paris’ going the furthest. A few landed on the roof but we enjoyed flying them anyway.

In Friday morning sport, because it’s been wet, we have done a variety of indoor activities including Zumba, Pilates and Relaxation. Some of us almost fell asleep while listening to the waterfall music being pumped out by our new SMART Board speakers.
We’ve spent time with Vincent Van Gogh this term. What an amazing man! We’ve read about his life and several of his paintings including *Sunflowers*, *Five Bottles*, *Starry Night* and a *Self Portrait*. Dylan did a fantastic job drawing the *Sunflowers*. Van Gogh was an interesting character who had some troubled times. You should check out some of his paintings. They’re awesome!

The Gate Party is rapidly approaching. People are getting organised, dresses are being bought and plans are being made. Even though the Gate Party is always a good night, it will be sad as it is our official farewell to Year Six. We wish Year Six all the best and hope that they enjoy High School. Good luck especially to Luke who is leaving us. Don’t cry, Georgia!!!!

5/6A would like to wish all our readers a merry Xmas and all the best for 2011.

We hope you have enjoyed being involved with our class this year.

GODD BYE and GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!!!!