December 2015

Dear Hayman Families and Friends,

At Hayman Island State School we:
- WE ARE LEARNING IN PARADISE
- WE ARE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL
- WE FOCUS ON READING, WRITING & ATTENDANCE

Our School Year is Over 😊😊

At the end of every school year there are mixed emotions....

The feelings of:

Celebration and Joy
- For the student successes and achievements of the year.
- As we enter the blessed Christmas period, emotions of celebration and joy.

Sadness and Thoughtfulness
- As we say farewell to our classmates for the holidays
- As we say farewell to each other as some, like Mrs Robbo (Ali), myself, Noah and Tilly leave the island to explore the world beyond Hayman Island

Gratefulness and Thankfulness
- For the contributions of so many who make the island and school so great.
- For our fantastic teachers throughout the year: Mrs Robbo, Mrs Fleetie, Miss Ponnampalam, Miss Olsen, Ms Esther Miller, Mr Farrawell, Mrs Thompson.
- For our wonderful cleaner: Todd Gardener

Dates to Remember:
Term 1 2016 Starts: Wednesday Jan 27
• We thank O&O Hayman Island and Ed Brea, GM, for the considerations and commitment to continue to ensure the school is an integral component of our island community

**Anticipation and Expectation**

• For what lies ahead for us all in 2016.
• As we welcome Rhonda Hawthorne, our Acting Principal (whom many of you met this week) who will be in charge of the school as the Robbos take some leave to go travelling.
• As we also look forward to meeting our new teacher at the school who will come with great energy and excitement.
• We wonder who might be at our school next year with many new families arriving in 2016 and maybe some leaving as is the way with island life 😊
• As Kirk and Chris enter their last year of primary school

**Reflection and Consideration**

• As teachers and parents we reflect on our achievements and the changes and growth in our children whom we love and cherish.
• As decisions are made regarding the school and the future plans for making it even better.

**Last Day**

We thank the Resort for their kindness and generosity as we celebrate our last day of the year in style at Pacific for breakfast and then beachfront activities 😊
Farewell For Now

After 2 wonderful years on Hayman the Robbos (Ro, Ali, Noah and Tilly) farewell the island for a period of leave to have an adventure. We plan to sail the Mediterranean next year following some time with family in Tasmania.

Our time on the island has been blessed with the most wonderful experiences the island and surrounds have to offer, which has only been surpassed by meeting some of the most delightful people on this earth ... people you meet might be for a season, a reason or a lifetime. Many that we have met on this touch of paradise are definitely for a lifetime 😁

We look forward to the ability to return to the island in a year or 2 if we don’t just keep sailing into the sunset.

Wishing you all a very happy and joyous Christmas with friends and family... and remember, you have a wonderful “colleague family” on the island.

Happy Days,
SHAKA!!!!
Ro, Ali, Noah and Tilly Robertson.
Welcome Zakaria

We welcomed Zakaria (Prep) to our school and island community along with his family, Head Pastry Chef Youssef, mother Amina and little brother Adam. Thank you Amina and Youssef for our treats to celebrate the end of the school year.
Farewell
We farewelled Maya and her family as they enter a new chapter in their lives.

What follows is a montage of photos (in no particular order) reflecting on the term that we have just had.
Somewhere, out there, between the deep, deep blues and the aquamarines, the turquoise and the waving greens, smiling yellows and gentle hues, is a place called Hayman.

And no brochure, no booklet of lovely words and pictures can ever do justice to it.

Because Hayman is simply a happy experience.

It’s a place in your mind.