Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
This will be the final newsletter for 2013.

School for all children begins on Wednesday 29th January 2014.
The following day (Thursday 30th January) swimming lessons will commence for five days, concluding on Wednesday 5th February.
As this occurs so close to the children returning from holidays, a permission note is attached to this newsletter. Please return it to school before the holidays. We will again be asking for help with lessons and transport.

We say ‘goodbye’ to our three wonderful Year 6 students who will be making the big move to High School next year and wish them all the best.

Thankyou to the hardworking members of the P & C who have supported our school throughout the year with their many fundraising activities. We can’t do it without you. It has been a very busy year!

We will see all the children back at school safe and sound in 2014.
Have a great holiday!

Please join us...

For our 2013 Presentation Evening
On Friday 13th December at 7.00 pm at the Hall
Parents—please bring a plate for supper
The children have been busy learning their lines for their play, the costumes are organised and they are looking forward to friends and family coming to see them perform.

Christmas Church Service
Father Max from the Anglican Church in Mudgee will be presenting a Christmas Service on Tuesday 10th December commencing at 11.30 am.
The service will take place in the little church opposite the school.
All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
If you DO NOT wish your child to attend, please see Mrs Rae.

Children’s Christmas Picnic Lunch
The picnic will take place on Tuesday 17th December, starting at 12 noon in the school grounds.
To help with the catering, P & C need to know if you are coming and are able to help by bringing a salad.
Further enquiries can be made to:
Louise 0438 637 389 or
Helen 6373 8516.
Join in the fun and wear something Christmassy!

A great week has been had by all at swimming lessons. It has been encouraging to see the progress the children have made. Thanks must go to all our helpers - for transporting the children and for those who have helped in the pool. The swimming lessons would not be possible without you. It has been great to have ex-students Zoi, Lucy and Andrew on board as instructors!
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**HARGRAVES VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE**

**Saturday 21st December 2013**

Starting at 5pm at the Recreation Ground

There will be a Barbeque & Chocolate wheels

Everyone is welcome for a wonderful evening

Santa will be arriving at 6pm

Enquiries Helen Lawson 63738516

**Barbeque from 5.00pm**

Steak & Sausage sandwiches & soft drink available

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**IMPORTANT P & C NEWS**

P & C are asking for donations of non-perishable items for a Grocery Hamper raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Tree. They are also asking for help with the running of the Christmas Tree.

Attached to last week's newsletter was a small booklet of 10 raffle tickets for you to either sell or purchase yourself. Tickets are $2 each. Tickets will also be for sale at the General Store. This year's raffle will be huge with a number of great prizes on offer.

Please return the tickets (both sold and unsold) to school by Tuesday 17th December.

The children's picnic on Tuesday 17th December - each family is asked to provide a salad. Please return your note to school as soon as possible.

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**School Photos**

These are at school and are available for parents to look at and select the ones they would like to purchase. All orders and money must be in by MONDAY. Money MUST be included with every order.

- Package 1: 1 school photo and 1 individual photo—$16
- Package 2: A pack which includes school photo and individual photo in a cardboard folder—$25
- 6 x 4 family photo—$3, 7 x 5 family photo—$5.

Please return Annual School Report surveys to school by Tuesday 17th December. Past Annual School Reports can be viewed on our school website: hargraves-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Carols at the Court House—Thursday 19th December**

Start gathering from 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Bring a chair, something to nibble on and a glass to raise to the Christmas spirit. Our recorder players will be performing

If wet, the event will still go ahead. We will raise the roof from inside instead!

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**New Year’s Eve at the HARGRAVES HALL**

Doors open 7pm—Music from 8 pm

GOLD COIN ENTRY— Kids under 12 FREE

Gourmet BBQ Sausages—BYO

Chocolate Wheel  Lucky Door prize  Lucky Spot prizes

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A Christmas Church Service will be held on Friday 20th December commencing at 5 pm in St Paul's Anglican Church across from the school.