Hi Everyone, I hope your term is going along well. Christmas is fast approaching so the children and staff will be launching into a Christmas curriculum for the last weeks of the Term 4, 2012. We will be trying to look at the celebration of Christmas from different perspectives, knowing that every Lameroo family is culturally unique and special. We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

**Our Excursion to ‘McPiggery’**

We had a great day last Thursday visiting ‘McPiggery’ with the children. We all enjoyed it and increased our learning about pig farming in general and the anatomy of a pig. We were treated to a tour of sections of the ‘McPiggery’ business by Jen McMahon and Kate and Madi Venning. First we were able to hold some 2 day old piglets then we were taken to see some pregnant sows and who came up very close to us as we stood on the fence outside the enclosure. Jen showed us where and how they are fed. We drove down to see some 5 week old piglets who were housed in large sheds. We had to look for shed number 15! Jen asked us to wait very quietly while the piglets crept back to see us on the fence after retreating to the back of the shed! We had our Snack time and a play and a very yummy ‘sausage sizzle’ lunch provided by Jen and Kate at Kate, Sam, Madi and Evie Venning’s house. We also sang ‘happy birthday’ to Madi in preparation for her birthday on November 18 and shared her delicious birthday cake with her.

I’d like to thank both Jen McMahon and the Venning family for their kindness and hospitality. It was really appreciated and made it a special day of learning and sharing to remember. Thankyou also to Megan Wellburn and Sonya Auricht who helped with transport on the day and shared the day with us.

**Working Bee**

On Sunday, November 11, we held a successful Working Bee completing a variety of tasks, particularly spreading bark chips over some new areas that have now been edged and replenishing some previously covered areas. Some old railway sleepers were removed from the main entrance way, a new path was begun leading to the ‘chook house’ and the large equipment shed was tidied. I’d like to thank Tracey and Jason Dowd, Nyree and Charlie Best, the Wellburn family, Annita Noll, Brian Austin-Smith and Eric Rossiter (who supplied his ‘Dingo’) for their valuable help on the day and before the day.

**Pageant Float**

Mention was made recently about the possibility of the Kindergarten putting in a float for the Lameroo Christmas Pageant. Unfortunately, many of our Parents are involved in many ways already on the day making it a very busy one for everyone. If you would like to see the Kindergarten organise a Float for the Pageant and you would be available on the day to help decorate and assemble it, please can you let me know as soon as you can? Thankyou.
Our Christmas Concert is on: **Thursday (Dec. 6)**

We will be closing the Kindergarten at 12pm on this day.
(Please mark this on your Calendar)

The children will then be able to go home for a rest before returning to the Kindy at 6pm for our Concert.

Please can you bring a plate of sweet and a plate of savoury food to share?

We will have our shared meal at 6pm at the Kindergarten. The Concert will begin at about 7pm in the school’s Performing Arts Centre followed by some short Governing Council announcements. It should be a fun night! We are practicing for it each day now at Kindergarten. EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME!!

P.S. Help! We need some large synthetic palms for our Concert SET. If you have one for us to borrow, please can you let us know?

Thankyou

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Have a great week! Please feel free to talk to any of our friendly staff if you have questions or queries.

Ali, Annita, June, Lisa, Di and Denise.

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **November 27**: School Transition starts
- **December 6**: CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 6.00PM
- **December 11**: Father Christmas VISITS – 11am
- **December 13**: End of Term – Kindergarten Children Christmas Party – 12.30pm
- **December 14**: Last Day of Term (Early Dismissal 2.20PM—Same as School)

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SURVEY QUESTION: Please can you return this ‘tear-off’ slip to Ali with your much valued feedback? We are always trying to improve.

What do you like seeing at your child’s Kindergarten?

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Thankyou for taking the time to fill this in. **Ali Steer**