With only 1 week left, the end of the year has crept up on us quickly! What an action-packed and fun 4th term we’ve had at Nowra Hill.

Before reporting on some of the events, I’d like to take this opportunity to say thankyou to all Defence families for the support given to me since commencing in the DSTA position at this wonderful school. I particularly love the nurturing environment at Nowra Hill and the way the older children look after the younger students. Having worked at a large school in Sydney, I have come to appreciate the benefits of a small school in the country.

Fourth term activities

- Most Fridays throughout term 4, the Watering Warriors have been in action. This group of children, all Defence, get together and work on leadership, teamwork and friendship activities. Sometimes, the Warriors are weeding and watering the school gardens. Other times, they’re making craft or playing games.

- In October, a number of Defence children from years 2 and 3 joined the mosaic group as part of Ed Plus. As well as making a mosaic hanging to take home, the kids made mosaics, based on the sea, to present to the school. The mosaics have since been combined into one picture and hung on the external wall of the wash shed and they look fantastic! Well done, Nayana, Brieanna, Sam and Madelyn (all Defence kids), and Jayden, Daniel and Aidan.

- A number of defence kids were successful in the recently held Nowra Hill’s Got Talent competition. What a talented school we have!

- The teddies have continued to “party”. This term, they have attended a birthday celebration, a sleepover and they’ve flown to Townsville.

- Wednesday’s Presentation night was a great success. It’s exciting to see the kids up on stage brimming with happiness and confidence. It was also great news that a Defence child, India Patmore, was voted in as one of the school captains for 2013. Congratulations India!

End of year farewells

A couple of weeks ago, Nowra Hill said farewell to Lindsay in 4/5 and in a few days, we will farewell Madelyn and Brieanna, in 2/3 and Jason in 5/6. We wish them and their families the best of luck.

Finally, I want to wish all Defence families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and a safe and wonderful holiday. See you in 2013!