**Principal’s Messages**

**Welcome Back!**

It was great to see everyone in attendance yesterday on my return to school! Students looked refreshed and ready for a term full of activities. Nearly all students attended with a hat yesterday which is also very pleasing as we are now enforcing the no hat – play in the shade policy for Term 4. Students need to wear a brimmed school hat to ensure that their ears and neck are protected from the sun. Whilst caps are a ‘better than nothing’ option, they do not provide adequate protection.

**Holiday work at School**

Over the holidays lights and power were put on in the hall. Additionally, several spotlights were placed around the perimeter of the hall to allow us to provide light on the path down the front of the hall and also onto the concrete slab area at the back. Cabling was also put in place for future work on heating and cooling.

Mr Chown has also done a great job in maintaining the grounds to a very high standard and the courtyard area looks very neat and tidy.

**IT Issues**

As you are aware the school commenced this term with no computer access to the network and no telephone system. After some work yesterday the IT technician from Wagga Wagga was able to re-establish the network, although it is still not working properly and requires a call from Telstra to replace several pieces of equipment at the school.

The telephone issue seems to be a separate one with Telstra reporting faults on both our main school line and the fax line. As a result, we have had all numbers diverted to my office line. You will still be able to contact school by ringing the normal number [6227 4381] as this will divert.

Please bear with us however if you do not get through straight away, as with only one working line we may not answer immediately if on another call etc. Telstra have indicated that it may be up to two weeks until a technician is available to look at the phones.

**Visit of the ACT Concert Band**

We have been extremely fortunate to be offered a visit by the ACT Junior Concert Band as part of their road trip this term. They will play at school on 23rd October from 2.15pm to 3.00pm. An invitation was sent to all families yesterday to attend this performance, with an open invitation to members of the community as well. We would love to see as many people in the audience as possible for this event.

**L3 Training**

L3 training as part of the EAFS program will conclude this term with one session today and a final session on 22nd October. Training for this will recommence in 2016 when we enter the second year of the EAFS program.

With my best regards

**Attachments:** 1. Sporting Schools & Boorowa Touch Information . 2. Bundarbo Station Flyer.

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**Binalong Public School**

**BULLETIN**

Term 4 Week 1 Wednesday 8th October 2015
OLIVER Installation
The new library management system (called OLIVER) will be installed over the next two weeks at school. This system replaces the antiquated OASIS Library system in use by schools.

SPORTS NEWS
Sporting Schools
Sporting Schools will begin again in week 2 of this term. We will only be doing 5 sessions this term due to intensive swimming and Matilda. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school.

Boorowa Touch Football/Netball Carnival
The Boorowa Carnival is on next Friday 16th October 2015. Students from Year 1 to Year 5 will be involved in the day.

Please see note for full details.

INFANTS NEWS
Veggie Patch
We have started our summer veggie patch and will be planting lots of yummy things to sell. As soon as veggies are ready to harvest we will be selling them on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for donations.

All money we make goes back into buying new plants for the next season, so please buy up.

Year 1/2 Art Project
Year 1/2 have been learning about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her life in the late 1880s. We have learnt about what life was like before electricity, cars and modern technology.

This term, we are going to have a go at making a rag rug that Laura describes making in the story. If you have any old clothes or scraps of material we would love them to make our rug.

Thank you.

Miss O’Connor

A Quick Bite ...
5 Top Tips for Garden Design

Once you have decided on the correct site for your garden it’s important to map out and design what you want in your garden.
1. Consider the materials you need and make a list.
2. Estimate your garden dimensions and draw a map roughly to scale.
3. Draw and label on the map where the seedlings and/or seeds will be planted and how many will be planted in each square metre.
4. Do some research on what plants thrive best when planted next to each other.
5. Calculate the quantities of seedlings/seeds you will need to purchase.

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