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With my best regards

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SPORTS NEWS
Boorowa Touch Football/Netball Carnival
The Boorowa Carnival is on tomorrow. Good luck to all the students participating.

Remember tomorrow will be very hot so a hat, water bottle and sunscreen is essential. Also remember that it will be very busy, so leave plenty of time to get there and park.

Intensive Swimming
Intensive swimming will begin in week 6 on 9th November 2015. The intensive swimming program is an hour lesson held over 10 consecutive school days. The program aims to develop water confidence and provide basic skills in water safety and survival for all students from years Kinder to 6. A note will be sent out closer the date outlining all the details.

INFANTS NEWS
Veggie Patch
Our veggies are in and growing!! We already have broad beans developing their pods and soon will be ready for families to buy.

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

Miss O’Connor

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
This week kinder engaged with the beautiful picture book, Refugees by David Miller. The children were enthralled with the expressive language the author used, the themes of conservation and preservation of our wild animals and environment, what a refugee is and how it would feel to be a refugee. We have written and illustrated stories about the book.

In our maths work we continue to work on counting and recognising numbers up to 30 and back from 30, odd and even numbers and using a number line. In measurement children are learning about different times of the day and reading times on an analogue clock.

As we near the busy end of the year and with daylight savings the Kinders become very tired. I encourage parents to keep home learning a quiet and enjoyable sharing time with your child. If it becomes stressful please have a chat with either myself or Mrs Smith.

Mrs Morse

A Quick Bite …
Start Right with a Veggie Garden at Home!
Growing a vegetable garden at home can be very rewarding. Here are a few tips about the right spot to start. A vegetable garden should be positioned where:
• It receives maximum sunlight (roughly 6hrs) and not be shaded by trees and buildings.
• It is easy to access.
• It should have good soil and be on fairly flat ground to ensure good drainage.
• It is mostly free from weeds and other competing plants.
• It has access to a good supply of water.
• It is going to be safe from damage i.e. strong winds and pets.

For more information visit
mihdl.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

Students at the veggie patch

A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE REPORT ANY SAFETY CONCERNS TO THE SCHOOL SO WE CAN ATTEND TO THEM APPROPRIATELY.

CALENDAR Weeks 3 & 4

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ARTS
Art classes resumed this week, with local artist and Art therapist Liz Knight leading the children through some guided drawing activities. The kids loved exploring this abstract and expressive way of drawing and will use these initial drawings to help generate ideas for their artworks for Operation Art next year.

From next week, we are very lucky to have two very successful and well known local artists, Al and Sara Phemister to be leading a Puppet Theatre workshop for the infants and a wire sculpture workshop for the Primary students. This will run for about four weeks and these works will be exhibited in our school art exhibition next year!

Music – From next week our music lessons will begin. Local guitarist Jon Schofield will begin weekly guitar lessons and Robbie Winterflood will resume piano and brass lessons.

Lucy Saunders