PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

School Photographs
As mentioned previously, school photographs will be held on Thursday, 29th October. Students are requested to be in full school summer uniform, including black shoes. You should have already received your envelopes for ordering from Cliff Dykes. If you have not received your envelope, please check your child’s bag or contact the school.

Art and Music
We were fortunate enough yesterday to commence the new Creative Arts program with lessons given to both infants and primary in the afternoon session. Unfortunately, due to a clash of dates, we will be unable to commence the music component of the program until next week, but we look forward to guitar, piano and some brass lessons starting for the students.

Practicum Student
Luke Cotter, who did his observation practicum with us last term, will be returning to complete a 3 week teaching practicum starting next week. Mr Cotter will work in with the infants classes and predominantly with the kindergarten class.

ACT Junior Concert Band
The ACT Concert band will perform tomorrow in the school hall from 2.15pm-3pm. Please remember that all are welcome to attend this performance.

Kindergarten Orientation
Kinder Orientation begins next Tuesday, 27th October and runs for 5 consecutive weeks. The new kinder students will be here from 9am until 1pm on these days. We look forward to welcoming them to the school.

Due to the class arrangements this year (3 classes instead of 2) the new kindergarten will go into their own class on Tuesdays. All other classes will remain the same and can continue with their own programs of work. SO, on Tuesdays for the next 5 weeks, Binalong Public School will have 4 classes operating on site!

IT Update
A new router was installed this week at the school, replacing the older. Slower and possibly faulty one. This should prevent any further repeats of the loss of networking after power outages. Unfortunately, we are still no further advanced with the phone system although the workaround in place lets us be contacted and make calls. A technician will assess the phone system this week and let us know what has occurred and how we may be able to proceed.

Building Works and Maintenance
A quote has been obtained to provide an awning to the new hall building over the double doors. This is to prevent water from storms that approach from the direction of the township entering the hall. Additionally, work to rectify the primary room air conditioning leak has been quoted. This is a long standing problem that has, in the past, caused the room to flood repeatedly.

With my best regards

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Attachments: 1. CDP envelopes 2. Paddock to Plate Permission Note
SPORTS NEWS
Boorowa Carnival
All students should be very proud of the behaviour, sportsmanship and their willingness to ‘have a go’ at Boorowa Touch/Netball Carnival. Without any reserves the students put in 100% effort in each game and persisted, learning new skills and working as a team. Well done to all.

Intensive Swimming and Swimming for sport
Intensive swimming will begin in week 6 on 9th November 2015. After the conclusion of intensive swimming we will be swimming for sport on Friday afternoons from 2-3pm.

INFANTS NEWS
Paddock to Plate Day at Murrumburrah High School
On 4th November 2015, all students have been invited to participate in “Paddock to Plate” Agricultural Showcase at Murrumburrah High School. A note is attached with all the details.

Veggie Patch News
It is exciting to see our veggies grow. Our tomatoes are ready to be staked, we are already picking broad beans and our capsicums are looking fantastic.

We have also learnt about some of the enemies of the veggie patch. Unfortunately snails and slugs love cucumbers and zucchinis. We will have to replace them, along with finding a way to eradicate these nasty pests. Also we have some minor issues with rabbits, but some mesh fixed that.

It is great to see the students eager to learn and take responsibility for the garden. They are really enjoying it.

Over the summer holidays we will have to work out an arrangement to look after our veggies and to harvest the vegetables. If you are able to help out please let me know and we can work something out.

Miss O’Connor
Kinder Orientation
Kinder Orientation starts next Tuesday at 9.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are looking forward to 2016 Kinders joining us for the next 5 weeks. Please bring a packed fruit break, water bottle, hat, recess and wear enclosed shoes.

Mrs Smith
It is very exciting to see the students hard at work enjoying the creative skills and spirit of two of local artists, Al and Sara Pheister.

Al worked with the Primary kids to create wire sculptures of trees. Next week they will explore this further through experimentation with plaster.

Music - Robbie Winterflood will resume individual and group piano and brass lessons next week. The kids are all very excited to get back into their playing and I’m sure will spend lots of the week ahead practising!

In the coming week Jon Scholfield with the assistance of Dan Corkhill, will give the entire school a chance to have a go at the acoustic guitar, bass guitar and ukulele. The students can then decide if they would like to go ahead with lessons each week.

Lucy Saunders

CALENDAR Weeks 4 & 5

EVENT
ACT Jnr Concert Band
School Photographs
Matilda

ACTIVITY DATE
23rd October 2015
29th October 2015
2nd December 2015

COST

NOTES/MONEY DUE

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