PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

Kinder Orientation
The first kinder orientation session ran very smoothly yesterday with the new children having a walk around the school as well as some in-class activities. There didn’t even appear to be any tears, at least from the students! We look forward to the next 4 weeks of activities with the ‘mini’ kinders that will complete their orientation.

Assembly and Gonski Day
Assembly will be next Thursday, 5th November at 12.30pm. We are asking all children to bring in a plate of food to share at this assembly, with the theme being ‘green’ (so if the food is green, all the better!). Children should also wear green if they have it on this day!

School Photographs
Tomorrow is school photograph day. All students should be in full summer (blue) uniforms with their black shoes. It would be appreciated if children bring with them a hair brush (for those with non-low maintenance hair!). We are not sure of the time of arrival of the photographer but we will endeavour to remain in a tidy and presentable state until his arrival.

EAFS Forum – Narrandera
Both Mrs Smith and Miss O’Connor will attend the Early Action for Success forum in Narrandera on Friday. This will be the last of the official days for EAFS this year. The EAFS program is a two year intervention and will continue at Binalong Public School next year.

Telephone System
As you are aware our phone system is not working.

Following a visit by the technician it has been confirmed that storm damage caused the system to fail. We will now make an insurance claim to recover the cost of the system and put a new system in place. All phones continue to work to the school, we are just unable to transfer calls.

Hall Chairs
We took delivery of 60 new adult sized chairs for the hall on Monday this week. These chairs will remain in the hall and be used only for assemblies etc. These were provided to us by Asset Management at no cost to the school.

Intensive Swimming
Just a quick reminder that it is only two weeks until Intensive Swimming begins. This program runs for 10 consecutive days and takes place from the end of lunch until the end of the day each day. The program begins on Monday, 9th November and ends on Friday 20th November.

With my best regards

Jaemie

SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Schools
Next week sporting schools will be held on Monday 2nd of November not Wednesday due to the paddock to plate day at MHS.

Intensive Swimming and Swimming for sport
Intensive swimming is only 2 weeks away. Please complete the note attached and return to school ASAP. Please note the cost for the bus is

 compulsory for all students to pay and must be paid directly to school please.

**INFANTS NEWS**

**Melbourne Cup Fancy Hat Day**

Next Tuesday, 3rd November is Melbourne Cup. This year we will wear fancy hats and be having a few fun activities on the playground.

**Gonski Day and School Assembly**

On Thursday 5th November staff, students and parents come dressed in green to show their support for Gonski. Following a short assembly we will have a shared picnic lunch. Each family should bring a small plate to share.

What is Gonski and what does it have to do with Binalong Public School?

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources. Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

For more information about this you can head to http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/

**Paddock to Plate Day at Murrumburrah High School**

Please remember to return your notes ASAP.

**Veggie Patch News**

Our veggie patch is thriving. Our corn is now 5cm high and we have fenced off the corn so the pesky birds and rabbits do not eat them. Our tomatoes are growing so quickly, they have already started to flower and we have had to stake them. Our broad beans are still producing and we will have more to sell next week.

We also have in our veggie patch zucchini, pumpkins, onions, beetroot, snow peas, potatoes and strawberries. Fingers crossed nothing happens.

**Miss O’Connor**

**Kinder Orientation**

This Tuesday saw our first Kindergarten Orientation for 2016 Kinders. Students enjoyed many different activities and playing with other students through out the morning. We walked around the school, visiting the other classrooms and finding out where all the important places are in our school e.g. playground and toilets.

Mrs Smith is looking forward to next Tuesday where more fun activities are planned for our second orientation day.

**Library**

The library is up and running again. Oliver is now in place and students will be learning how to navigate the new system, looking at e-books and research options.

**Mrs Smith**

**CALENDAR Weeks 5 & 6**

**EVENT** | **ACTIVITY DATE** | **COST** | **NOTES/MONEY DUE**
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**School Photographs** | 29th October 2015 | | |
**Paddock to Plate** | 4th November 2015 | | |
**Matilda** | 2nd December 2015 | | |

**News**

Great to have our new library system operating now. This new system seems so much easier to use. The K/1/2 were able to borrow new library books yesterday. There are many beautiful new books that have been accessioned into the library and are ready for borrowing.

Please remind your child to bring their library bag on their day.

For the last 2 weeks the children have been reading, writing and illustrating ‘Refugees’. They have done a wonderful job and if you like to visit the library you can see them

**Mrs Morse**

For always being a kind and thoughtful friend.