PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

Matilda
You should have received an information note regarding the Matilda Excursion this week. After discussions with staff and at the P&C it has been decided that the students will wear their YELLOW sports uniform for this excursion. The students will be much easier to see with the brighter uniform and they may be more comfortable in it for what will be a very long day.

Staffing for 2016
Mrs Smith has accepted the 5 day 3rd position for 2016. She will be teaching Kindergarten and Year 1. Miss O’Connor will take the Year 2/3 Class and Primary will be a 4/5/6 class for 2016. This will enable us to continue the programs we have started in infants, and allows an equitable split of students across the 3 classes in terms of numbers.

Semester 2 Reports
The Semester Two Progress Reports will be issued to parents on 7th December (Monday of the second last week). This will allow a week for interviews if parents/caregivers or teachers request them.

Presentation Night
This will be on Monday night, 14th December at the Mechanics Institute Hall, beginning at 6.00pm. Please note the earlier than usual start time for Presentation Night. More information about rehearsals will be forwarded to you closer to the night.

Tree Audit
Next Monday, 16th November, Mr Chown and I will complete the 2015 Tree Audit. This involves us making a visual assessment of all of the trees on the school site to identify any that may be dangerous. The audit is required by DoE to be completed by the end of this year.

Christmas Craft Day
Christmas Craft Day will take place on Tuesday, 8th December, not on Tuesday 1st December as previously advised. Parents/caregivers will be invited to attend and assist on this day.

With my best regards

INFANTS NEWS

Christmas Craft Day
On Tuesday 8th December (week 10) we will be having a Christmas craft day. Students will be making various Christmas decorations and keepsakes.

If you are able to help out please let Miss O’Connor know.

Veggie Patch News
Our veggie patch is growing quickly. This week, we picked the last of the broad beans and have replaced them with heirloom carrots and rockmelon. Fingers crossed they are successful. It will not be long before we have zucchinis to sell and maybe even a few tomatoes.

Our veggie patch has been integrated with our literacy, numeracy and science and we have been
using this as an opportunity to do hands on learning. We have learnt how plants and veggies grow from seed and watched their development, studied insects in the garden and their impacts and we have been using a variety of writing styles to reflect on what we have learnt.

In the coming weeks we will be exploring the world of chemistry and stepping back in time and learning the art of making relish, pickles and jam.

Mrs Morse

A Quick Bite …

A Confident Throw

Learning to throw and then mastering this skill through practice can help children confidently play all sorts of games. Here’s how to do an overarm throw:

1. Start windup by first moving your hand (with the ball) downward.
2. Rotate your hips and shoulders to a point where the non-throwing side and with non-throwing arm is pointing where you want to throw.
3. Bring your arm behind your head with a bent elbow.
4. Transfer your weight by stepping with the foot opposite your throwing hand. Release the ball and let your hand follow through diagonally across the body toward the non-preferred side. A simple game of catch and throw will help your child to build skill and confidence.

For more information visit

mats.health.nsw.gov.au/WellbeingHealth

Matilda

Only 20 days to go. Please remember to read and keep the note sent home on Monday.

SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Schools

We now have 2 weeks break while we are at intensive swimming. We will conclude the year with a small party Wednesday week 8.

Intensive Swimming and Swimming for sport

Intensive swimming has been going very well and the students are enjoying their time in the water. Thank you to Jess and Robyn Sargent for helping us out this year.

Miss O’Connor

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kinder will be sad to say farewell to Mr Cotter tomorrow. Mr Cotter has been working with the class for the last 3 weeks and his quiet and friendly manner has been a lovely addition to our classroom. The children have had many additional opportunities for sharing their learning with 2 teachers in the room. Mr Cotter’s lessons have also engaged the class with a range of interesting and stimulating activities. Our sincere thank you to Mr Cotter and we wish him well in his studies and hope we might see him again at Binalong School in the future.

Mrs Morse