Term 4 Week 7 Thursday 19th November 2015

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

Last Week of Intensive Swimming
This week is the last week of the Intensive Swimming Program for 2015. All students who have participated have enjoyed themselves as they learn the skills required for water safety. Congratulations to all of the students who receive certificates for this activity, you’ve worked hard and deserve the recognition.

Swimming for Sport
At the conclusion of Intensive Swimming students will begin swimming for sport on Friday. This will run for 3 weeks prior to the end of term.

Grounds Changes
Mr Chown has been working hard to improve the playground and last weekend started work on ‘reclaiming’ the front garden area. The large stump beside the entrance gate was removed, as were a number of the bushes that were growing in that area. This weekend will see further thinning of the bushes and the removal of one completely to allow more access to the front of the administration building. Other works undertaken have been the removal of some of the pone bushes down the edge of the old classroom and the brightening of the colorbond fence.

Murrimboola Learning Community
Binalong, Jugiong and Murrumburrah Public Schools, in conjunction with Murrumburrah High School, are currently in discussions to reinvigorate the Murrimboola Learning Community. Binalong will offer an art day next year, Murrumburrah a sports day and Jugiong another day. This follows on from the very successful “Paddock to Plate” day held by Murrumburrah High School.

With my best regards

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Attachments: 1. Kindy Session 3 Photos

Last Kinder Orientation
The last session of kinder orientation will take place next Tuesday. All mini-kindergarten students have participated well and enjoyed their time at ‘big’ school. Mrs Smith has also survived well with quite a number of students in her class!

Country Rugby League Visits
The first of the CRL sessions was held today with Luke Branigan working with both primary and infants students. There are two more sessions, next week and the week after, and you should have received a note about these this week.

Semester 2 Reports
All teachers are currently working on the Semester 2 progress reports, which will be given to you on Monday, 7th December. Reports will again be generated by our Sentral program.

Presentation Night Organisation
Please look for a separate note coming soon regarding the organisation for Presentation Night and the associated practices. Presentation Night will take place on Monday, 14th December at the Binalong Mechanic’s Institute Hall, and will begin at the earlier time of 6pm.
INFANTS NEWS

Matilda
We have 2 weeks until Matilda!!!

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.

Vegetable Patch News
We have Zucchini!! Our vegetable patch is thriving and won’t be long before we can start selling our veggies.

Students in the vegetable patch

SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Schools
Next Wednesday, 25th November will be our last Sporting School session for 2015. We will celebrate with a small party followed by fun games. If the weather is warm we may have a small water fight and fun under the sprinklers. Could you please pack an old set of clothes and a towel to save uniforms?

Intensive Swimming and Swimming for Sport
Intensive Swimming concludes on Friday. Despite the weather the students have been getting and having a go and it great to see an improvement of skills across all students.

A big thank you to Jess and Robyn Sargent who have helped us out this year.

Miss O’Connor

BOOROWA VET CLINIC

PARVO VACCINATION RUNS
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2015
BINALONG FIRE SHED 10.30 am

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015
HARDEN SHOWGROUND 10.00 am
Bookings Essential 02 63853 877

A Quick Bite …

It’s Only Natural

There is solid and building evidence that children’s contact with nature can affect their physical, emotional and mental health. It can improve their understanding of the environment and boost attention levels in the classroom.

Even if you don’t have much space, finding places and opportunities for your children to play in nature will benefit all of you. Ideas include:

- Plants – bushes, shrubs, trees, vegetable patch
- Piles of stuff – leaves, bricks, logs, sand, dirt and rocks to climb over, explore and transport
- Water play – sprinklers, buckets, spray bottles, a hose
- Sand play – a sand pit can become a place of untold imagination for little ones, especially with the addition of water and some simple tools like a bucket and spade.

For more information visit

mihb.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

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 8 & 9

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ARTS

The kids have had a great couple of weeks working with Jon, Dan, Mrs Winterflood and Mr Cotter on a new Binalong School song - to be launched on Presentation night!

They have all had a go at playing a string, brass or percussion instrument and carefully selected their instrument of choice for the night.

Mrs Winterflood is continuing to run the piano and brass lessons each Wednesday afternoon and ends the lessons with a small brass band rehearsal - which sounds great!

Next week Al and Sara will return to assist the students to complete their Theatres and plaster sculptures. While the kids are very keen to take these home, it would be great if we could keep them at school for our music night and art exhibition next year! They look fantastic!

Lucy