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**End of Year Arrangements**

A note accompanies this newsletter explaining the arrangements for Presentation Night practices. There are some changes to drop-off and pick-ups and times for the two days of practice.

**School Uniform**

What a great sight it has been on the playground to see everyone in school uniform and (nearly) everyone with a broad brimmed hat. Keep up the great work!

**School Front Entrance**

Mr. Chown has removed quite a number of the bushes surrounding the entrance to the school over the past few weekends. Whilst this is very much still a work in progress he has neated the area considerably. We are hoping to lay turf on the reclaimed garden area and further neaten the site as well as make a wider and more accessible entrance.

**Term Dates – Term 1 2016**

Term 1 begins on Wednesday 27 January 2016 and concludes on Friday 8 April. Students from Year 1 to 6 begin school on 28th January (Thursday) and Kindergarten begin officially on Monday, 1st February. Kindergarten students should have already received their letters regarding Best Start testing, which takes place in the first week by appointment.

**Matilda**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that the Matilda excursion is next week. This is a school excursion and even though parents are accompanying students in many cases it is important for the students to realise that they are at school and need to do as they are instructed by the teachers on excursion.

Miss O’Connor reminds us that we need to leave on time from the school and that we will not be able to wait for late students as if we are late for the performance we will be locked out.

**Swimming**

Students will continue to do swimming for sport on Friday’s. It is great to see everyone in the pool and it was excellent to see the number of students who completed their intensive swimming course. Swimming, especially for country children, is a vital skill and can actively assist in saving lives.

With my best regards,

**INFANTS NEWS**

Matilda

We have 6 sleeps till we see Matilda.

Just a few reminders:

- The bus leaves at 6am sharp.
- Please do not be late.
- Students only are to wear full sports uniform.
- All other children are to wear normal clothes.
- Recess, lunch and afternoon tea need to be packed in disposable packaging.
- Please no technology for students.

We will have movies to watch on the bus. Some will be PG, but have been deemed appropriate for students viewing. If you have any concerns about this please contact the school.

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 News
This week we picked onions, which we thought had died. All our other veggies are thriving. Monday next week we will start selling some of our produce. All veggies are purchased for a donation and all the money we raise will go into next years’ crop.

Sports News

Swimming for sport
Swimming for sport continues this Friday.

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...
Rainy Day Active Play

Keeping children active and occupied during wet days can be a challenge. Here are some active indoor play ideas:
• build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
• play "hide and seek"
• play "basket" ball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket . keep increasing the distance to make it more of a challenge
• have a dance competition or disco at home
• set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc.)
• grab the gumboots, raincoat and umbrella and go exploring. A nice bath afterwards will do the trick to warm back up again.

SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Schools
Yesterday was our last session of Sporting Schools for this year. Students had a little party and enjoyed playing games under the sprinklers.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

On Tuesday we had our last orientation for our 2016 Kindergarten students. Over the last 5 weeks we have enjoyed many activities and meeting new friends. Enclosed in student backpacks is an overview of some of the fun things we accomplished. There is also an invitation for students to come to a Christmas craft day - Tuesday 8th December, 2015 and the interview times for Best Start assessment - Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January

2016. All Kindergarten students start school on Monday 1st February 2016.

Mrs Smith