Principal’s Messages

Christmas Craft Day
Everyone enjoyed the activities on Christmas Craft Day last Tuesday at school. Our thanks goes to the parents and grandparents that assisted on the day and to Miss O’Connor for her organisation. I can vouch for the fact that the White Christmas made as part of one of the activities was of extremely high quality!

Additions to the Hall
Approval has been granted for the construction of an awning to cover the double doors at the school end of the new hall building. This awning will stop water from hitting the doors on the exposed wall and will be large enough to stand quite a few people under. The total cost of this addition is approximately $5000 and it is being provided by our Asset Management Unit at no cost to the school.

Presentation Evening
You should have received several notes regarding the organisation of practices for Presentation Evening. A reminder that children need to be dropped to the Mechanic’s Institute Hall at 9am on Friday this week and picked up from the pool at 3pm. Next Monday they are to be dropped (out of uniform) at the Mechanic’s Institute Hall at 9am but picked up at 1pm. They will then return and be seated in the Hall by 5.45pm for a 6pm start to Presentation Night in their full summer school uniforms.

Sporting Schools
As a result of a new application for the Sporting Schools grant for 2016 Binalong has been successful in receiving funding for Sporting Schools in 2016. This is an excellent outcome and will mean that the after-school program will again be able to run next year.

Term Starting Dates – 2016
Term 1 – Students (1-6) return on Thursday, 28th January. Kindergarten return on Monday, 1st February. Kindergarten students for next year should already be aware of the day and time for their Best Start Testing, which will be in the first week on either Thursday, 28th or Friday 29th January. Kindergarten students only stay for the duration of the testing on these days.

Last Newsletter for 2016
As this will be the last newsletter for 2016, on behalf of the staff may I wish you a happy and safe holiday and a great start to 2016. Enjoy the break if you are having one!

With my best regards

INFANTS NEWS

Year 1/2 News
This year, year 1 and 2 are celebrating Christmas with a Secret Santa. The aim of this is to promote friendships and show Christmas is more than just presents. Students are encouraged to do random acts of kindness for their SS in class and at school throughout the next week and on Wednesday 16th December we will have a little giving with each students giving their SS a small $5 gift (please no more).
Christmas Craft Day
We had a fabulous day on Tuesday making all our Christmassy things. Thank you to all the parents that helped us.

Miss O’Connor

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
This year as we come to the end of the year the children are enjoying some literacy and numeracy activities with a Christmas theme. We are also continuing with our usual reading practice and other learning activities.

Kinder are writing a letter to Santa and have learnt to write the words, Santa, Christmas and presents to use in their letters.

Mrs Smith and I are now collecting all home readers and library books to assist us with a stocktake of resources. We would appreciate children and parents having an extra search for books that may belong to the school.

A big thank you to Miss O’Connor and parents for organising and helping us with the fun Christmas activity day we had on Tuesday.

Please contact the school if you would like to speak with me regarding any aspect of your child’s academic or social progress for 2015 and I would be happy to make a time to suit.

Mrs Morse

Thank you to all parents who have donated all their recycled items, please hold them over until 2016 as we are drowning in a sea of cardboard.

P & C NEWS

Disco
Reminder that the Disco is this Friday 11th December starting at 6pm. $5 per child this includes a sausage and slushie.

Presentation Night
The P & C will provide supper for presentation night. Could all families please bring along a plate.

Thank you, Madaline.

We Need Help!!... Veggie Patch
Most of our veggies have planted are producing or just about to. Unfortunately, it will all come in over the holidays and we won’t be here to pick or water our veggies.

This is where we need your help... The plan is a family take care of the veggie patch for a week. In that week the family water it (we have timers and 2 hoses) and pick any veggies they need or are ready. That way if it rains or is really dry or you time it with your visits to town you can take care of it as it suits you.

If you are available to help out for 1 week over the holidays please see Miss O’Connor with a week that best suits you.

Week 1 21-27/12, Week 2 28-3/1, Week 3 4-10/1, Week 4 11-17/1, Week 5 18-24/1

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming for sport
Swimming for sport continues this Friday.

Pool Party
We will be celebrating the last day of term, Wednesday 16th December with a pool party. We will travel by bus from school at 12noon and will remain at the pool for the rest of the day.

Miss O’Connor