FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

L3 TRAINING
All teachers from infants will be attending a full day of L3 Training in Wagga on Wednesday, 15th July. This training will then see the teachers ‘caught up’ and they will join a Wagga L3 Training Group for the rest of this year. Training takes place for half a day about every 3 weeks.

ABSENCE NOTES
Contained in this newsletter are some extra pre-printed absence notes that can be returned with your child after they have had time off school. Notes can also be provided in advance where you know that an absence will be occurring.

Thankyou to those parents who have already returned pre-printed notes for absences this year. Our aim is to have no unexplained absences for 2015!

As an aside, absence notes can also be emailed to the school if this is more convenient to you. The school email address (binalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) should be used for this purpose, and not individual teacher’s email addresses. Sentral can then be immediately updated to reflect the absence and the reason.

PICTURES PAGES
We take many photos at school that are not used in the newsletter or on the website, so we thought that we would publish a small number of them in the last newsletter for Term 2. As you can see by the photographs, the children participate in a wide variety of activities over the course of a semester.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
Just a reminder that the Primary Assembly will take place on Friday at 12.15pm in the hall (unless it is too arctic to be in there) and will be followed by lunch as prepared by the students. Start Date – Term 3

As previously noted, school for students in Term 3 starts on Tuesday, 14th July.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
On behalf of the staff please have a happy and safe holiday and return refreshed for Term 3.

With my best regards,

Jaemie Bennett
Principal
primary assembly at 12:15pm. All are welcome to join us for assembly and then a hot lunch.

MATILDA
A reminder that permission notes for Matilda need to returned to school by Friday. The permission note was sent out with the last note and is at the top of the payment plan. Students can not attend if we do not receive a permission note.

SPORTS NEWS
Footsteps Dance
Next term students will be participating in Footsteps dance lessons again. There will be 5 session on a Friday starting week 2 from 9am. Please remember that it is $15 per students and this needs to be paid before the first session in week 2.

YEAR 1 AND 2 NEWS
Year 1 and 2 presented their home learning projects and I am so proud of their efforts. I was blown away at the research and level of detail they put into their assignments. A big thank you to parents for assisting their children through their first project.

HOME READING
Home reading is a very important part of home learning. Over the holidays, I encourage all students to continue to read. This may take many forms including home readers, magazines, novels, library books, newspapers, brochures etc. Reading at home shouldn’t be a chore either. Make it an opportunity to share a moment with your child either jointly reading a story, reading a recipe to make a cake or even build something.

Miss O’Connor
Class Teacher

KINDER
It is astonishing to think our Kinders have now been at school for half of their Kinder year. They have learned so much and their progress and enthusiasm for their learning and school life continues to delight their teachers. Each term our assessment data has to be sent off to the Department to report on the Early Action for Schools Program and we are happy to report that our students are reaching the expected benchmarks for Kinder.

The children have good knowledge of sounds and are practising to say words slowly to hear and record the sounds in their writing. They are also learning to clap the syllables in words. Kinder enjoy using the Reading Eggs program online and are becoming more proficient at logging onto the computers.

In numeracy we are counting forwards and backwards to 30, skip counting by 2s, learning about friends of 5 and 10 and making equal groups. Online the children enjoy using the Mathletics program.

In the photos Grace is matching the small letter to the correct capital and Nolan is puzzling over the sight words that have been written across two paddle pop sticks.

We have had a home learning free week and will commence again in Term 3! I encourage parents to support their child with some reading over the holidays and if possible encourage them to use the Reading Eggs and Mathletics Programs at home. Each child has been given a login and password.

But most of all it has been a busy 20 weeks and children deserve and are ready for a wonderful holiday, enjoy!

Mrs Morse
Class Teacher

ATTACHMENTS
1. Absence notes

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A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE REPORT ANY SAFETY CONCERNS TO THE SCHOOL SO WE CAN ATTEND TO THEM APPROPRIATELY.