FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

STUDENT TEACHER
We welcome Luke Cotter to the school for a two week practicum. Luke will be working with the Kindergarten class during his time at Binalong Public School.

ARABIN CUP
Preparations are well underway for Arabin Cup which will be held at the Binalong Golf Course on 11th September. 5 schools have already registered to attend this event, including for the first time a school from the catholic system. We look forward to more registrations coming in the next few weeks, making 2015 perhaps the biggest Arabin Cup since its inception.

LATE ARRIVERS/EARLY LEAVERS
Thankyou to all parents who are visiting the office to record student late arrivals and early leavers when this is necessary. If you fill out the book in front of the window then a note is not required for the part-absence. We still have a number of students who need to return their absence notes for whole day absences however. If this could be attended to as soon as possible it would be appreciated. Notes with dates for absences have been sent to primary parents to assist with the days we need to have a reason supplied for.

READERS FOR 1/2
Miss O’Connor will very soon be meeting with a representative of MacMillan Education to finalise her order of new readers for the 1/2 classroom. This will mean supplementation of the current PM library with many more books above level 18. We have made a substantial investment this year in our core reading library and home reading schemes for each of the infants classes with the assistance of the Early Action for Success (EALIS) funding as well as from our global budget.

ART PROGRAM
This week saw the start of the Art Program for Term 3. As with the arrangement for music, Wednesday lunch comes forward to start at 12.45pm. This allows us to start the last session at 1.30pm and gives us two 45 minute sessions before the end of school for art or music. This program is made possible due to the fundraising efforts of the school P&C through the “So you think you can create!” fundraiser.

TOYS AT SCHOOL
Periodically students bring toys to school to play with. Whilst there is generally no problem with this, sometimes the toys are quite valuable or unsuitable for play. Parents/caregivers are asked to use discretion with toys that you allow to come to school; guns and other toys of that nature are specifically not allowed at any time. Other toys that are extremely expensive or have a lot of small parts are also probably not suitable at school as the parts are easily lost or damaged. All toys brought to school remain the responsibility of the child.

With my best regards,
Jaemie Bennett
Principal
**MATILDA**

A reminder to everyone that the final payment for Matilda is 5 weeks away.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Footsteps Dance**

Footsteps Dance starts tomorrow. Please be at school by 8:55am as we start at 9am sharp. There are some family who have yet to pay their $15 per child. Please send the money to the office ASAP. Students who have not paid will unfortunately be unable to attend.

**Sporting Schools**

Binalong Public school has been successful and received funding to run Sporting School in term 3 and term 4.

Sporting Schools will begin next Wednesday 29th July. This term we are learning to play softball. Please see attached sheet for all the details.

If you are able to assist with preparing afternoon tea for sporting schools, please see Miss O’Connor. Any help is greatly appreciated.

**Infants News Week 2**

What is my favourite colour and why?

Miss O’Connor
Class Teacher

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**FUN AND GAMES IN THE PLAYGROUND**

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**INFANTS HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AT SCHOOL**

The K/1/2 children have very busy and full days at school for their age and maturity.

In this very cold weather we are noticing that children get tired very quickly and find it hard to focus on their learning. Each morning children are involved in intensive literacy activities and after recess they are focused on their numeracy.

It is very important that children are getting more than 8 hours of good sleep to ensure they are able to maintain focus to maximise their learning.

Mrs Morse
Class Teacher

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Binalong People Care Flyer
2. Sporting Schools information sheet and permission note.

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**Footsteps Dance**

24th July 2015
$15.00 per student
Due now

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!