From the Principal’s Desk

Kindergarten
A big welcome to all our 2016 Kindergarten students, who have had a wonderful first day. All Kindergarten students received their new hats which were donated by the P & C. Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Clarke are very much looking forward to an exciting year of learning and fun.

Smarties
Our 2016 Smarties will commence next Monday the 8th of February. Mrs McInerney and Miss Paula are looking forward to welcoming our new little people to the school.

Formation of 1/2 Classes
Due to numbers and allowing all students equal teacher time, we will be forming two 1/2 classes this year. Students will be chosen randomly, however, we will keep friendship groups in mind. These classes will begin on Wednesday 3rd February.

Parent Information Afternoon
On Monday 15th February our teachers will be conducting an information afternoon followed by a sausage sizzle. This is a great opportunity for all our parents to meet their children’s teachers and be given valuable information about the year ahead including syllabus content, homework and structure of the class.

More information to follow.

Swimming Carnival
Monday 8th February

School Stream
This year we will be again using School Stream. School stream is a mobile app that sends information, such as newsletters, permission notes and important updates directly to your phone. The app also allows you to send through absent notes and permission notes. We will still have paper notes, however, once the system is up and running please let us know if you no longer require the paper version. Please see the attached form on how to download the FREE School Stream app on your phone. You will require a password to complete the installation process. This password is 1276. If your need help installing the app please see Miss Jones for iphone/ipod and Mrs Wood for Android.
Student School Banking
Every Wednesday Student School Banking is held. New account forms are available from the school office.

Attendance
The Department Policy clearly states that it is of utmost importance that children attend school every day unless they are sick or have appointments that cannot be scheduled for out of school hours. The Department no longer exempts students for family holidays and if taken these days will now be marked as absent.

If you need to pick your children up during school hours, please be aware that this will only be marked as justified leave if prior notification has been provided to the principal. Leave will always be granted in exceptional circumstances which does not allow for prior notification.

If your child falls below 85% attendance rate please be aware that the Home School Liaison Officer will be notified as per Department Policy.

Up Coming Events

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School Fees Smarties to Year 6
School fees are now being received at the front office. They are voluntary but are greatly appreciated to assist the school in paying for supplies. Fees are $40 for the first child (smarties to year 6) and $10 for any additional children.

School Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be held on Monday 8th February. This carnival will involve the whole school from Kindergarten to year 6. Those children turning 8 this year who can swim the length of the pool comfortably are entitled to participate in the primary carnival regardless of what year they are in.

The Infants will have their own carnival in the small pool.

The primary carnival 8 year old and over will commence at 9.30am.

The infants will begin at 11.00am and will conclude earlier than the primary carnival. The children will be brought back to school when they are finished.

All parents, carers and friends are welcome. Assistance on the day would be appreciated.

Parents will be reminded later this week what house their children are in.

Australia Day
A big congratulations to Tasmyn Clancy who represented the school at the recent Australia Day celebrations. Tassie spoke beautifully and was a real credit to the school.

Unfortunately as the school was not notified of the planned program the other school captains were unavailable at such short notice.
Asthma
February can be a bad time for our students with asthma, please ensure your child has all the necessary puffers and spacers at school for their treatment. If further information is required please contact the school office.

Uniform
Thank you to all those students who were in the correct uniform today. The percentage of students in uniform was 92%. We would really like to make it to 100% so we can have our school party.

Please remember that school shoes need to be black and socks plain navy or white.

Monday – Thursday
Girls
- School polo shirt with navy skorts (no bike pants visible), black shoes with white or navy socks
- School Dress with black shoes and white or navy socks, navy bike pants underneath (optional)

Boys
- School polo shirt with navy cargo shorts, black shoes with navy socks
- Blue short sleeve shirt with navy cargo shorts, black shoes with navy socks

Friday
Girls and Boys
- School polo shirt and navy mesh sport shorts with joggers and white or navy socks.

Permission Notes
Please return Student Emergency Update Information, walking, swimming and media permission notes to the front office as soon as possible.

Charna Wood
Principal

P&C News
The P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 16th February commencing at 3.15 in the staffroom. Everyone most welcome to attend.

Canteen News
Canteen is excited to be open for this year. We have 12 wonderful volunteers. If you would like to join the group of volunteers please call Adele on 02 67434 742.
We have a wonderful harvest of cherry tomatoes for our coujon packs and salad bowls. Our chickens are laying eggs but we welcome donations too.
If your child would like to order their lunch, please send their order on a paper bag or envelope with the money inside.
If you are on Facebook please join our Boggabri Public School P & C page to keep up to date with things happening.

Canteen Roster for this week
Wednesday – Adele Sullivan
Thursday – Robyn Seddon
Friday – Charmaine Keegan
Monday – Jade Shoobert

Community News

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
Open Day Wednesday 17 February
9.00am – 2.00pm
RSVP: 6764 8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer.
Wear casual clothing & bring a hat. Refreshments will be served.