From the Principal’s Desk

Parent Information Afternoon

Today 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. The following are the times for the class presentations.

**Kinder** – 3:30 – 3:45  
**Year 1/2 Clancy** – 3:45 – 4:00  
**Year 1/2 Pauling** – 4:00 – 4:15  
**Year 3** – 4:15 – 4:30  
**Year 4/5** – 4:30 – 4:45  
**Year 5/6** – 4:45 – 5:00  

A complimentary sausage sizzle will commence at 4:00 pm for all parents and students.

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

Kindergarten

A big thank you to the Narrabri Lions Ladies. Each year the lionesses kindly make library bags for all our Kindergarten students. These bags also come with a donated book and puppet.

Student School Banking

Every Wednesday Student School Banking is held. New account forms are available from the school office.

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.

PSSA Trials

Gunnedah PSSA will hold trials for different sports during the year. If your child would like to attend these trials please write a permission note
and hand it into the school office. Parents will need to provide transport and students are to be 8 years or older to attend.

Up Coming Events

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School Photographs
The photographers from Advance Life will be visiting the school on Monday 21st March to take this year’s school photos. Each child should have received an order envelope today. Please return the order envelope and payment to the front office before photo day if not ordering online. Sibling order envelopes are available from the office.

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 93%. We would really like to make it to 100% so we can have our school party. Please remember that school shoes need to be plain black and socks plain navy or white. Notes will be sent home if students are not in uniform, requesting an explanation and offering assistance if required. If your child is not in school uniform for any reason please contact Mrs Wood or your class teacher.

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.

Please remember that students are expected to wear black school shoes Monday to Thursday and joggers of any colour on Friday.

All uniforms, except the shoes and socks can be purchased from the school office.
We do run a very limited clothing pool where items are available for a small donation.
If you require a copy of the school uniform policy please see the front office.

Charna Wood
Principal
Our school photos will be taken on Monday the 21\textsuperscript{st} March 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- [ZKV 4CZ 6QQ]. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.

2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.

3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.

Canteen News

Smart Chef
Smart Chef is available with lovely home-made morning teas and delicious homemade lunches on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please remember that only the Smart Chef menu is available on Wednesdays. Students will be offered a Smart Chef replacement if they order from the normal canteen menu on this day.

If you would like to join the group of canteen 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
Tuesday – Cherie Tumbers
Wednesday – Smart Chef
Thursday – Bec McMillan/Tammy Hodge
Friday – Charmaine Waters
Monday – Deanne Vowels

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.

Busy Little Hands at Play
Busy Little Hands at Play is held every second Tuesday of the month. Next session will be held Tuesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} February at 10.00am-12noon in the Smart Start room. You can always check dates & times on Facebook –Busy Little Hands at Play. For more information Phone Kate 67923562 Tue & Fridays or email playgroup@ndcas.com

P&C News

The P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} February commencing at 3.15 in the staffroom. Everyone most welcome to attend.
What’s on in the SMART Chef kitchen this week....... 

**WEDNESDAY 17/02/2016**

**Morning Tea**

Jam Drops - $1.00 ea

**LUNCH**

Chicken and vegetable skewers with rice - $3.50

**THURSDAY 18/02/2016**

**Morning Tea**

Raspberry coconut slice - $1.00 ea

**LUNCH**

Pork chow mein - $3.50
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 1 2016, your school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students’ personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by 26th February 2016.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Charna Wood
Principal
Boggabri Public School
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by 26th February 2016.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

Name of student/s …………………………………………………………………………………

Roll class/es ……………………………………………………………………………………..

Name of parent/carer ………………………………………………………………………...

Signature of parent/carer ……………………………………………………………………

Date ……………………………...