From the Principal’s Desk

Attendance

Getting to school can be a great experience as three of our students demonstrated last week. Thank you to Matilda Fielding, Laura and Josh Bassett for showing us an exciting way to arrive at school.

Please remember that attendance at school is mandatory and can only be excused in certain circumstances. There has been an increase in the number of students who are regularly arriving at school after the bell for no justifiable reason. These absences will be recorded as unjustified. Any students falling below 85% attendance rate (unjustified absences) will not be allowed to represent the school in any sporting and/or cultural events.

Sporting Schools Swimming

This term we will be participating in the Sporting Schools program by participating in water confidence, swimming lessons and stroke correction. Due to the pools opening times only K-3 students will be able to attend on Wednesday, the older students will continue to swim on Friday. Students who are participating in the PSSA Armidale carnival will also be able to practice during this time.

Kindergarten – 12.00pm
Year 3 – 12.30 – 1.00pm
Year 1/2 P – 1.30-2.00pm
Year 1/2 C – 2.00-2.30pm

Students are to bring their swimmers, rash shirt, towel and sunscreen.

Please return your permission notes by Wednesday 2nd March.

Swimming for Sport

Swimming for sport is each Friday for students in Year 4, 5 and 6. Students are to bring their swimmers, rash shirt, towel and sunscreen. Entry to the pool will now be covered by the sporting school program. Any students in years 2 & 3 who are continuing onto Armidale for the PSSA carnival will also be able to do some extra practice at this time.
Up Coming Events

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Exciting News

It is with great excitement that we congratulate Zara Mexted and her fiancée Marty Beckett for the upcoming arrival of their first child. This little bundle of joy will make an appearance late term three.

PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival


Homework Club

We will begin homework club next Monday 7th. If you have indicated that your child will be attending homework club they will need to bring extra food for afternoon tea and their homework. Homework club will begin straight after school and students will need to be collected by 4pm. Mrs Wood will be running the homework club.

Year 6 Expression of Interest

Year 6 students have been given expression of interest forms today for moving into year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2016. These forms need to be returned to the school office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016.

School Excursion Expression of Interest

We are asking for expression of interest for students in Years 4/5/6 to attend an excursion to the Gold Coast. A note will be sent home shortly.

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.

**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.

**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 last week. 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.

**Headlice**
We believe that head lice are present in the hair of some students in the school. Please check your child’s hair for head lice tonight using one of the methods in the attached information sheets. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

**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**
Congratulations to the three classes that were all in school uniform last week. The students were rewarded with hot chips for lunch.

Thank you to all those students who were in the correct uniform today. The percentage of students in uniform was 90%. 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

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 [2KV 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 am 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

EASTER DISCO & EGG HUNT

The P&C will be holding an Easter Disco and Egg Hunt for all enrolled children (Smarties to Year 6) on Wednesday 23rd March. Siblings are welcome to attend as long as they are accompanied by a supervising adult. The night will begin with a sausage sizzle ($2) dinner at 6.30pm followed by the disco from 7pm to 8.15pm. The egg hunt ($4/child) will be carried out in year groups throughout the night and children are encouraged to bring a torch along. Costumes and hats are more than welcome but we have decided to forgo the usual parade and prizes this year and just focus on a fun night!! Drinks and snacks will be available from the canteen during the disco. As per usual, the doors to the hall will be locked during the disco and no children will be allowed to enter or leave. Any and all help would be appreciated, either on the night with supervision or in the form of donations of ‘easter themed’ goodies to sell or small hunting eggs to add to the hunt. More
information and BBQ order forms will be included in a newsletter closer to the date.

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.

P&C Canteen News
If you would like to join the group of canteen volunteers please call Adele on 02 67434 742.
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 1st March – Tamar Greatrix
Wednesday 2nd March – Smart Chef
Thursday 3rd March – Bec McMillan/Tammy Hodge
Friday 4th March – Charmaine Waters
Monday 7th March – Cherie Tumbers

Community News

Busy Little Hands at Play
Busy Little Hands at Play is held every second Tuesday of the month. Next session will be held Tuesday 8th March 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

Boggabri Community Church
Kid’s Church is held at the Boggabri Community Church every Sunday at 9.00am during the school term. Children of all ages and their families are welcome. Each week we learn about God through games, stories, craft and song. The Community Church can be found at the corner of Dalton and Laidlaw Streets.

For more information please call: Sarah Cooper 6743 4337.

Boggabri Girl Guides
Girl Guides is held each Tuesday afternoon in the Tennis Club Hall.
5 years – 9 years 3.30pm – 4.30pm
10 years – 14 years 4.45pm – 6.00pm
For more information please contact Stephanie Hancock 0402 539 031.
What’s on in the SMART Chef kitchen this week....... 

**WEDNESDAY 02/03/2016**

*Morning Tea*
Crepes with orange sauce - $1.00 ea

*LUNCH*
Pizza – Ham and Pineapple OR Chicken and Veggie - $2 per slice

**THURSDAY 03/03/2016**

*Morning Tea*
Banana Muffin - $1.00 ea

*LUNCH*
Chicken Casserole - $3.50