Live the Fish Philosophy and see what’s possible!

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The term is quickly disappearing.

Next week we are halfway through the term. During the next fortnight you will notice some changes around the school. The new playground arrives next week ready to be installed in the very near future. We are currently seeking joint funding from the Dept. of Education and Communities to see if we can install rubber under surfacing around the playground equipment. Watch this space!

WORKING BEE:

Last Saturday a working bee was held to remove the old playground and prepare the site for the new equipment. The removal of old posts proved to be challenging and in the end Peter Jackson saved the day with his machinery. The garden was also given some special attention, with many hands weeding and removing dead and overgrown plants. Thank you to everyone, young and old, who assisted on the day. A special thank you also to Jim, our GA, who spent many hours removing bolts, chains, swings etc from the old playground. Thank you all!

MultiLit Reading Tutor Program

During the past fortnight Margaret has worked diligently to ensure out MultiLit (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) program was ready for implementation. During this time she revisited the components of the program with our trained parent tutors. This week the program ‘kicked off’ with nine students. Thank you to Monique, Madeline and Jo who along with Margaret ensure the program can operate over three days per week.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Snowy Mountains District Swimming Carnival. They had a very successful day achieving many personal bests. Congratulations to Jack Newson who won Junior Boys Age Champion. Congratulations to Gracye, Alex, Ruby, Jack and Alec who will represent the School and Rivers District at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto next Friday 7th March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos will be taken on Tuesday 8th April. Please return these envelopes to school by Friday 28th March. Please ensure your payment is enclosed in the envelope or make prior arrangements with Schoo’s.

SAKG PROGRAM

Today we had our first SAKG day for Term 1. What a wonderful start with so many parent helpers and enthusiastic students cooking up a storm and gardening with green thumbs! Students, parents and staff alike enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea and lunch prepared by the budding chefs under the watchful eye of Madeline, back in her role as Kitchen Specialist.
STATIONERY PACKS
As outlined in one of the last newsletters from 2014, each child has been provided with a stationery pack containing all their requirements for 2014. These packs are priced very reasonably and are heavily subsidised to ensure equity for all students. The cost is as follows: K-2: $40.00 and 3-6: $50.00. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already done so.

SAKG GARDEN
During the last two weeks you have been inundated with notes regarding the garden and its future. Thank you to everyone who has returned their notes confirming their commitment to the garden, its maintenance and its sustainability. When it is your turn on Garden Care could you please contact Therese (6453 3454) to see what work needs to be completed during your week.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Bev & Pat O’Ryan on the birth of their little boy - Dan Barry John who was born on the 11th February. Bev will be bring baby Dan out for a visit on Friday 28th March (our next SAKG Day). She is looking forward to catching up with everyone.

Finally, I hope to see you all at the P&C AGM on Monday 10th March at 6.30pm. Child care will be provided.

Regards Jo

NOTES HOME
- PRC News
- Notice of AGM & Agenda
- P&C 2013 AGM Minutes
- General Permission to Publish

Thought for the Fortnight
"Sometimes you just have to take the leap, and build your own wings on the way down."
Kobi Yamada

UPCOMING EVENTS
March
3,10, 17,24,31 – AASS Program
4 - Pancake Tuesday
6 - World Read Aloud Day
7- Regional Swimming Carnival
10- P&C AGM
28 - SAKG

Students of the Fortnight
Congratulations to: Luca, Angus, Gracye, Olivia and Will (2).

MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER
March 3rd - Jauncey
March 10th - Meloni
March 17th - Miners
March 24th - Newson
March 31st - Schofield
April 7th - Swain
FAMILY GARDEN WEEK
If you are unable to do your suggested week please make arrangements to swap with another family. Please contact Therese to see what is required each week.

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Thank you to Madeleine and Leanne who have already completed their weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

There are so many great things to be part of in the Library this year, almost an activity a week! Over the next weeks there will be a Scholastic competition, KOALA Award nominations and more online stories, among other things.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
THE PRC Challenge kicks off next week. I hope everyone will be involved this year. A letter is attached to explain it for those who have forgotten.

World Read Aloud Day, March 6, 2014
Imagine a world where everyone can read...
World Read Aloud Day is about taking action to show the world that the right to read and write belongs to all people. I only found out about it recently so this year we will be participating by reading a story about friendship and doing some art. I hope in future years to extend the activity to raise funds to promote literacy in other countries.

Information about this event and the reason for it can be found at www.litworld.org This is a “non-profit literacy organization fostering resilience, hope and joy through the power of the story.”

Paws for Reading
I’m thrilled that some of you have told me you are recording your Reading Minutes. It’s a good charity to be part of that doesn’t cost you anything except practising your reading while benefitting others. Last year the school accumulated 79,770 Reading Minutes by purchasing books from Scholastic. Let’s see if we can beat that this year by recording our Reading Minutes as well!

Enjoy reading to each other,
Fiona Wharton