Principals Message

Instructional Leader, Numeracy
We would like to welcome Alison Brown to our school. She has been appointed as our Instructional Leader, Numeracy for the next 2 years. We know that she will be a valued member of our staff.

Welcome Back BBQ-Free Sausage Sizzle
Our welcome back BBQ/fun afternoon is on tonight, 11th February 2015 from 5pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

We would like to thank the Bilboe family and Beafalicious for the generous donation of the sausages for tonight’s event. And the Chhea family from Dalat Bakery for their donation of the bread. Their support is greatly appreciated.

School Swimming Carnival
Next Tuesday 17th February our School Swimming Carnival will be held at Goulburn Aquatic Centre. The bus will be leaving school at approximately 9.30am and will return to school at approximately 11.30am. We hope everyone has a great day.

Permission notes for this event need to be back at school tomorrow.

P and C Meeting
Our first P and C Meeting for the year will be held tomorrow morning, Thursday 12th February 2015 at 9.30 a.m. in the staff room.

It would be great to see some new families involved this year. Come along and meet our happy group of hard working parents and staff.

Mrs. McDade has kindly offered to talk about Establishing Afternoon Routines and Healthy Sleep Patterns.

Class Item
Group 3/4B will be performing at next Monday’s assembly which starts at 2.10pm. All welcome.

Citizenship Awards
Congratulations to:
Ebony Level 3
Jasmeen Level 2

Regards,
Ann Patchett

Sports House Captains
Congratulations to the following children from Year 6 who have been elected as House Captains. Thank you to everyone who nominated but didn’t become a Captain. There are many opportunities throughout the year to be a leader.

Meehan: Captain-Tilly  Vice Captain-Logan
Hume: Captain-Lincoln  Vice Captain-Brooke
Oxley: Captain-Mackensi  Vice Captain-Libby

They will receive their Sports House Captains next Monday at assembly.

Allergies—Birthday Celebrations
It is important that the school and community look after all students in its care. Whilst an allergy to peanuts or other food additives is still a relatively uncommon occurrence, we do have a growing number of students presenting with this affliction.

As a school we would like to provide responsible support for our children who have such allergies and suffer severe anaphylactic reactions that may be life threatening.

We acknowledge and value the celebration of a child’s birthday and understand the parents would like to supply a cake to share with their classmates to mark the occasion, however we ask you to be mindful of:

1. Our school policy and that of the Department of Education and Communities to actively support and encourage healthy food choices in all areas of the school.
2. That some students may have behavioural or severe allergic reactions to some foods (e.g. high sugar, high colour and preservative and nuts)
3. Some of our students and their families chose not to celebrate birthdays.

We ask parents to refrain from sending birthday cakes to school for the above reasons.

As an alternative to bringing in a cake, it would be great to see the children bringing in stickers or pencils to share with their class instead.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter, we really appreciate it.

Walking Excursion Permission Note-
Our Walking Excursion note will be going home today with this newsletter. Could you please list your child /ren’s names on the note and return it to school as soon as possible.

Parking on Grounds
In the interest of safety we ask you not to park in the Staff Car Park, it is used for deliveries and visiting performers. We try to keep the students away from this area and ask you to support us in our endeavours.

If you need to park on the opposite side of the road in the afternoon, please make sure you walk across the road to pickup your children and refrain from calling them across this busy road.

Week 3
11th February 2015
**What’s happening in Group KM**

This week we are continuing to develop routines. We have begun reading lessons with some good initial results. We have also been busy learning to work in small groups.

The children have begun learning to write some letters and basic words.

We are still having some issues with lunch boxes and clothing without names. It would be great if parents/carers would make sure that their child’s name is on all equipment and clothing.

Mr McQuillan

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**What’s happening in Group 1M**

Group 1M have been busy practicing their hopping skills. This is a very important fundamental movement skill, as it supports their transition to skipping.

We have started our reading groups, we are very busy bees.

Library is on Wednesday, please remember your library bag. Sight book needs to be returned on Thursday.

Mrs Manning

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**What’s happening in Group 2/3M**

We have displayed some of our visual art works and our classroom is starting to look very colourful and attractive. Please remind your child to return their home reader and homework each day.

In Maths we are working on whole number, data and length units.

Mrs McDade & Mrs Parlett

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**What’s happening in Group 4/5L**

Thank you to parents who have covered their children’s school books. They look great.

An information note explaining class expectations and routines was sent home last Thursday. I hope you received it.

This week we are looking at poetry in Literacy lessons. Some children read out poems at our assembly item. They have written some really descriptive poems. It’s been a great week.

Mrs Leten

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**What’s happening in Group 6C**

We have completed our Maths unit on Whole Number. The class has been quick to grasp new concepts to do with negative numbers, the Cartesian plane, prime and composite numbers and square and triangular numbers.

Year 6 enjoyed our first text ‘The Little Refugee’ by Anh Do. Next, we will be studying ‘Boy Overboard’ by Morris Gleitzman.

In Visual Arts we are working on a unit called ‘About Face’ - it is all about portraits. So far we’ve looked at the work of William Dobell and Del Kathryn Barton.

Mrs Copland

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**What’s happening in Group 6B**

This term we are focusing on Narratives, looking at different Fairy Tales. The first Fairy Tale we have looked at is The Three Little Pigs.

During Maths we are focusing on length—using formal and informal units.

Last Thursday, Milo Cricket was a great success! We are looking forward to seeing them again this week.

Remember sports shoes for Thursday and Friday. Library is on Wednesday and homework is due Friday.

Isaac is ‘student of the week’. Well done!

Miss Bosevski

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**What’s happening in Group K-6M**

This term we are looking at recounts and this week we began deconstructing our focus book Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox.

In Maths we are continuing on with Length on Tuesday and Number the other days.

Everyone enjoyed Milo Cricket on Thursday and are looking forward to seeing them again tomorrow. Well done to everyone for completing their homework this week and bringing in their home readers every day.

‘Student of the week’ winner was Cooper.

Ms Martin

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**Canteen Vouchers**

Congratulations to

Thomas, Amy and Justin

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**Southerly Buster**

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What's happening in the Library

Library days are as follows:

Monday - Group B3/4 (Mrs Barnes)
          Group M 2/3 (Mrs McDade & Mrs Parlett)
Tuesday - Group M Kindergarten (Mr McQuillan)
          Group C6 (Mrs Copland)
Wednesday - Group M1 (Mrs Manning)
             Group 4/5 (Mrs Leten)
             Group K/6B (Miss Bosevski)
             Group K/6M (Miss Martin)

It seems the television channels can change their programming, even though they have advertised a great series for children. I do apologise to families who tried to watch the show ‘Australia: the Story of Us’ on Sunday and can only suggest that you check program guides and watch for advertising giving specific starting times.

Mrs Gilchrist

The Enviro Club

Welcome back to our chooks after their “holiday” with Mr and Mrs Patchett.

Jacy and Michael are our new Animal Welfare Officers who feed the chooks the students edible food scraps and collect the eggs—none yet as the chooks aren’t laying.

Thank you to the students who helped plant a silky oak and two banksias in the Auburn Street native garden.

The veggie patch is looking great after the rain during the holidays—the corn, beans and tomatoes are so tall. Have you seen them?

P & C News

Canteen Roster

Friday 13th February
  Kiri, Michelle

Tuesday 17th February
  Pat

Wednesday 18th February
  Sherrie

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Catering

We have a function to cater for this Friday 13th February. Donations of a slice, cake, biscuits etc. would be very much appreciated. These may be left at the office or canteen. Thank you.

Canteen News

Special - Friday 13th February
Lasagne or Macaroni Cheese
With Yogurt Pop
.... $5.00 ....
North Blues Hockey Club

We will be having our 2015 Hockey Muster on:

Date: 13th February 2015
Time: 6pm until 7pm

Location: Goulburn Hockey Complex, Finlay Road for further information or if you are interested but unable to attend please contact Darrell Chambers on 0423403880
Jenny Patton on 0407360606

All age groups and abilities new comers, men women and children, come one come all, come along and make your sport a happy family day out.