Term 3 Commences!

Welcome back to all our members of our school community. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time with family and had a restful winter break. Term 3 is set to busy with a number of important events this term. Following is an outline of significant events:

- Primary Swimming - Fridays from Weeks 2-9
- Kinder gymnastics - Wednesdays from Weeks 2-9
- Education week, Book Fair and Character Parade - Week 3
- Intensive Swimming - Years 1 and 2 from Weeks 7-8
- Life Education - Healthy Harold Week 7
- CSU Dental Clinic on Wednesdays
- Learning Journeys from Weeks 9-10

There are many more exciting events in the term so be sure to read upcoming bulletins.

Staffing Changes

At the end of Term 2, there was a merit selection process to appoint a permanent teacher, replacing Mrs Thurling. I would like to welcome Mrs Dionie Hodges to our school. Mrs Hodges will be the permanent teacher on 5W for the remainder of the year.
“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”

Tim Notke

Messages for our parents

**Trial of the English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) learning progression tool for Aboriginal students**

During Semester One, Miss Skinner attended a conference in Sydney with 100 teachers from across New South Wales. The conference was held to introduce the trial of a language progression tool. During Semester Two, Miss Skinner will be involved in trialling this progression tool. The tool has been created to measure how Aboriginal students use Australian English when their main home dialect is Aboriginal English. At the conclusion of the trial, a report will provide recommendations about the usefulness of the learning progression tool with Aboriginal students in NSW schools. Miss Skinner will be required to assess 10 Aboriginal students and map their English language levels against the learning progression tool. This will be a valuable experience for the teachers and students involved. Notes will be sent home to chosen students. These notes will need to be signed and returned as soon as possible.

**Important Dates**

- **Dental visits on Wednesdays** 15 July-19 August
- **Circus Quirkus** 20 July
- **P&C Meeting @ 2.00pm** 21 July
- **Kindergarten gym on Wednesdays** 22 July-9 Sept
- **Tony Lockett Shield Rescheduled** 23 July
- **Primary Swimming on Fridays** 24 July-11 Sept
- **Education Week** 27-31 July
- **Book Fair** 27-30 July
- **P&C Meeting @7pm** 21 July
- **Book Character Parade** 31 July
- **Book Fair Breakfast** 31 July
- **K-6 Aboriginal Performance** 6 August
- **Jeans for Genes Day** 7 August
- **Life Education- Healthy Harold** 24-27 August

**Year 6 Shirts**

We have a new supply of Year 6 Shirts in stock. If you would like to get another shirt please come to the office. Shirts are $25.00 each

**Canteen Roster**

- Wednesday – T. Bennett
- Thursday – T. Bennett
- Friday – K. Warner
- Monday – D Tootell
- Tuesday – K Warner / A Phillips
Book Week
BOOK FAIR—Tuesday 28 July – Friday 31 July
There will be a wide variety of books available for sale in the Community Centre from 3:00pm-3:30pm (Friday 8.30am-9.10am).

Students will be able to view the books during class time to see if there are any they would like to buy.

BREAKFAST— Friday 31 July 8.45am-9.15am
Children who purchase a book from the book fair will be provided a voucher for families to join us for breakfast.

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE—Friday 31 July
The parade starts at 10:30am. All students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Swimming Note - Years 3 - 6
Students will participate in weekly swimming lessons each Friday, beginning on Friday, 24 July and finishing Friday, 11 August 2015. They will develop water confidence and swimming skills. Students will need a packed recess and drink for these days as well as swimmers, a towel and a plastic bag. The cost will be $40 or $5 per week (cost has been substantially subsidised). Please note that payment must be received prior to the student’s lesson or students will not attend. There will be no refunds given for students who miss lessons. Students with multiple siblings may be eligible for reduced rates. Please see Mrs Whyte to discuss.

Students will be taught according to their ability by a qualified instructor each week. The swimming program is a part of the school’s sports program and it is expected that all students in Years 3-6 will attend.

Correction - Best Writer
Best Writer for 5W is Maddison Griffiths.

Circus Quirkus
Next Monday some students will be going to Circus Quirkus. The bus will be leaving at 12 noon and return at 3pm. We would like to thank the Rotary Club of South Wagga for their donation of tickets. The cost of the excursion is free.

Gymnastics Program - Kindergarten
All children in Kindergarten will have the opportunity to participate in the Gymnastics Program at Airbourne Gymnastics. Lessons will be every Wednesday for 8 weeks during Term 3, beginning Wednesday 22 July 2015. The cost for the 8 week program is $36 ($4.50 per lesson). This includes bus transport, qualified instructors and a personalised certificate for students and individual assessments for school records.
AWARDS - Term 2 Week 9

**Merit Awards**
KB: Isabella Ingold, Liam Lang  
KR: Tenaera Harbour, C-Jay Phillips  
1JS: Ellora Wolfe, Liam Griffiths  
2G: Aleetah Thackeray, Yazmin Websdale  
1/2S: Jasmine Barnes, Wayne Green-McGowan

**Blinky Bill Award**
KB: Melitta Hampton  
KR: Jett Lyons  
1JS: Tye Honeysett  
2G: Tyler Thomsen  
1/2S: Destiny Knight

**Blinky Bill Jnr Award**
Joshua Cunningham

**Uniform Award**
Tyler Thomsen

Our Crazy Hair Day