Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great couple of weeks of learning at school. The routines of the classrooms are now well established and Jess and I are both very pleased with the progress of all students; academically and socially. Merit awards were presented last Friday to recognise these efforts. Each week we will now present 4 awards to recognise student effort, behaviour achievements etc.

We will also be holding assemblies in Week 5 & 10 each term where we will be sharing our learning and achievements. The first one will be on Thursday 2nd April.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Student Meeting last Friday and was very impressed with the way it was conducted and the ideas the students had.

Work hard, be kind, smile often…

Jenni

Harmony Day

We are looking forward to our Harmony Day this Friday with Boree Creek and Pleasant Hills. Students are encouraged to wear ‘orange’ mufti as it is the official Harmony Day colour. The day will include art, cooking, music and language from all around the country Turkey; as part of the ANZAC day centenary learning. Lunch is being provided by the Yerong Creek P&C.

Greater Kengal Cross Country

The Greater Kengal Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 1st April at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre. This is an activity for all students K-6 and parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the event. Pleasant Hills P&C will be running a BBQ. Please return the permission note attached by Monday 23rd March.

P & C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7pm. At this meeting I will be discussing our School Plan for 2015-2018 and would like to have parent/carer input around the directions for our school, so please come along!

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016

Completed Expression of Interest forms should be returned to the school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

School Fees and Book Contributions

Thanks to all those families who have paid this money. We would like to finalise these payments ASAP. Please contact the school if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

Sporting News

Our swimmers had a great day at the SRPSSA carnival. Our P6 relay team performed especially well gaining 1st place.

Congratulations to Ryan Muir (AFL), Rachael Galvin and Hayley Anschaw (Netball) for attending the trials for their sports. Although they weren’t successful in gaining selection, they did enjoy their events.
**Student Meeting report**

At last week’s student meeting we decided to have an Easter Hat Parade and Easter colouring in competition on the last Thursday of this term. The final details of these events are being planned and we will send home a separate note later this week so everyone knows what is happening.

*Rachael Galvin*

**ICE-CREAM SALES**

Ice-creams will be available each Friday for $1.00. Unfortunately we won’t be able to have IOU’s anymore.

**Work Experience**

This week we have Sky Cowan from Billabong High school working with us as part of her work experience program. We welcome her and hope she enjoys her week here.

**Parent tips**

**Sounding out aloud**

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


**Facts about fractions**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

**Find our more:**


**Amazing art**

Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.


**Calendar – Upcoming events**

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