Principal’s Message
We welcome back to school all our Year 1 - Year 6 students and their families and extend a very warm welcome to our new students. In Kindergarten we welcome: Maddie, Henry and Kai who enjoyed a very exciting beginning to their primary school years yesterday.

I would also like to thank families and the community for the warm welcome I have received and acknowledge both Mrs Shaw and Mrs Foran for their invaluable assistance in orientating me to the school and its routines.

As with last year, we will be conducting parent/teacher interviews which will give you an opportunity to tell us about your children. These will take place in Week 3 on Wednesday, 11th February from 2:00 - 4:00 pm with Mrs Shaw and Mrs Rajik available from 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school by Thursday 5th February.

Our staff for 2015 are: Mrs Shaw Infants: Tuesday, Wednesday and Principal’s Release: Thursday
Mrs Rajik Relief and Learning and Support Teacher
Mrs Foran School Administration Manager
Mr Dempsey General Assistant
Mrs Pye Cleaner

We are looking forward to sharing our students’ learning experiences and educational milestones with our school community.

Robyn Watson
Relieving Principal
Administration Matters
With the beginning of each year there are a number of updates we require from families to keep our records current. We would please request that these forms are returned to the school as soon as possible and thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Swimming Carnival
This year Dalton Public School is hosting the Dalton/Gunning Swimming Carnival which will be held next week on Friday, 6 February at the Gunning Swimming Pool for students who are eligible to qualify for the district carnival ie turning 8 yrs or above in 2015.

As Gunning Public School K-2 students are remaining at the school we have generously been invited to have our Infants join them for the day. This will be a new learning experience and wonderful opportunity for our students to mix with their peers in a different educational setting. Please sign the note at the end of this newsletter.

Parents are asked to have their Infants students at Gunning Public School at 9:15am at the Library where Mrs Shaw will meet them and our swimmers at the pool by 9:30am for 10:00am start. Please return the student permission note attached to this newsletter.

Also, as Dalton is the host school we are looking for volunteers to assist us on the day. If you are able to do so please complete the attached note and return to the school by Monday, 2 February.

Bus travel
With our increased numbers, unfortunately the whole school is no longer able to fit on the bus. As a result will be kindly requesting transport assistance from parents for excursions this year.

Music lessons through the Conservatorium
Parents whose children do not wish to continue playing an instrument, if they have not already done so, need to let the Conservatorium know asap. Otherwise lessons will continue on Wednesdays. The same applies if students are wishing to change instruments for 2015. The contact number for the Conservatorium is 4821 8833.

Working With Children Check
A friendly reminder: It is compulsory for anyone in child-related work, paid or unpaid to complete the Working with Children Check. You are in child-related work if you work face-to-face with children in one of the following sectors: education (volunteer at school), transport services for children (private transport). We would appreciate if everyone could complete the enclosed Declaration, including the 100 point Proof of Identity, and provide a copy of your current driver’s licence and car registration details. It would be appreciated if this could be completed before the Swimming Carnival as it is a requirement for transporting additional students in your vehicle.
Library
This year, borrowing and return of books from the Library will be on Thursdays. Can each child please bring a library bag from home.

Calendar
A calendar for Term 1 is attached to this newsletter.

School Contribution Fee
This year we will again be asking for a small contribution of $25 per child. If this amount is difficult to pay, please contact Mrs Watson if you would like to discuss this matter, which will be kept confidential.

Permission to Publish
Attached to this newsletter is a request for parental permission to publish content that may identify you or your child in school communications. Please read the letter & return the signed note by Monday 16th February.

Messages
Please contact the school by phone & make sure you speak to a person if you have a message for your child, especially regarding transport arrangements. We have had the rare occasion when an email or an answering machine message has not been read/heard until after the end of the school day.

Book Club
Book Club orders are due back to school by Thursday 19th February.

Gunning Show
The Gunning Show is fast approaching, Sunday 22nd February and the theme is “ANZAC”. The students will be entering a display.

School Banking
If you are interested in your child participating in School Banking, please pick up a Parent Pack from the school office. To participate in School Banking, students need to have a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. For students who don't already have an account, the parent can either:
• Apply online – commbank.com.au/schoolbanking; or
• Apply at any Commonwealth Bank branch (with ID); or
• Apply with paper-based application - available to download at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.
School Banking day will be Wednesday each week.
Snippets from Dalton’s Past

Goulburn Evening Penny Post – 21 January, 1863

Dalton

Two commodious stores have been erected in this township already, one by Mr J. Wheatley, late of Adelong, the other by Mr W. Townsend, who has carried on business in that way for the last two years.

A post-office is very much needed in this place, an application for which has been forwarded to the proper authorities, and no doubt will be acceded to in a very short time.

A public meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th instant, in order to devise means to obtain the services of a medical practitioner, to reside in the township.

P&C News

Raffle winners

P&C Christmas raffle

1st prize – Food hamper – June Pye
2nd prize – Hume Café Gunning hot chocolate pack – Alexander Edgar
3rd prize - $50 fuel voucher Dalton Garage – Sue Fallon, Canberra
4th prize - $50 Gunning butcher voucher – Kahl Weir
5th prize - $50 Gunning butcher voucher – Julian Edgar
6th prize – Questacon family pass – Grace Palmer
7th prize – National Dinosaur Museum family pass – Kim Dowling
8th prize – National Dinosaur Museum family pass – Troy Willoughby, Gunning
9th prize – Powerhouse Museum – 2 entry tickets – Tim Lester
10th prize – Sports pack – Kahl Weir

Thank you to all of the wonderful businesses who donated prizes and the Dalton Post Office for their sponsorship. And thank you to all of the people who purchased tickets in our raffles.

Quilt raffle

1st prize – Quilt – Val Friend (thank you to Kahl Weir, Kath Kovac, Julie Perryman & Pat Robinson for their great work creating the quilt)
2nd prize – knitted blanket – Trisha from Goulburn (thank you to Heather Kovac for knitting the blanket and donating it)

AGM – Wednesday 11th February – time 6pm.
All welcome. All committee positions with be open and general members are welcomed. Come along and support our amazing small school. New members very welcome, we look forward to seeing you all 😊

Welcome Mrs Watson – We welcome our new relieving principal, Robyn Watson. We look forward to her being an integral part of our wonderful small school community. I am sure you will all make her feel welcome at school and around town.

Swimming carnival catering – the Dalton P&C will be catering for the carnival being held next Friday 6th February. We will be selling sausages, drinks, cakes & slices. No pre-ordering is required. Purchases can be made on the day. Price list will be sent home next week, so you can send your child with some money on carnival day to grab a yummy lunch. If anyone can help us on the day with serving food and cooking, make yourself known at the BBQ!
Cake & slice donations – The P&C kindly requests donations of cakes/slices etc. for sale at our food stall at the swimming carnival. You can drop these off on the morning of the event at our table under the shelter, or if you are not attending on the day you can drop them at school on Thursday 5th Feb at the school or arrange for Georgina to collect them from you on Thursday 5th Feb or at another convenient time. georgina.edgar@gmail.com or 0400 892 492. Thanks in advance 😊

Dalton School Autumn Fair – Saturday 28th March

Next newsletter – Thursday 12th February

Community Information

Yass Netball
Registration Days – Saturday 21st Feb & Saturday 28th Feb 9am – 12pm at the Netball courts, O’Connor Park. Season starts Friday 13th March. Cost: Net Set Go $45; Junior $55; Senior $75. Contact Gennene Kemp on 0481 159079 or dg.kemp55@bigpond.com.
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEE

Please find enclosed ………… ($25 per child) being for voluntary school contribution fees.

Child/Children’s Name(s): ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Caregiver Signature:…………………………………………… Date: ………………………

GENERAL PERMISSION NOTE

I give my permission for my child/children to walk outside the school grounds, accompanied by a teacher, to attend local venues. This permission stays current while my child/children remain at Dalton unless I inform the school otherwise.

Child/Children’s name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Signed _____________________________________  Date ___________________

VIDEO CONFERENCING PERMISSION

I give my child permission to be involved in supervised video conferencing sessions throughout this year. This permission stays current while my child/children remain at Dalton unless I inform the school otherwise.

Child/Children’s Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Signed _____________________________________  Date ___________________

PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION

I give permission for my child/children to be photographed during school activities for use within the school and publication in school based documents. Yes / No

I give permission for my child’s photograph to be used in external publications, such as newspapers or Education Department publications. Yes / No

This permission stays current while my child/children remain at Dalton unless I inform the school otherwise.

Child/Children’s Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Signed _____________________________________  Date ___________________
I give permission for my child / ren ________________________________ to participate in the Swimming Carnival on Friday 6th February 2014. There will be a pool entry fee of $1 or a season pass.

My child __________________ is (please circle) non-swimmer / able to swim length of pool

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My child __________________ is (please circle) non-swimmer / able to swim length of pool

Signed ________________________________ Date _________________

My child has allergies/medical condition                    Yes                             No

If yes please give details ……………………………………………………………………………….
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Please tick:

[ ] I will transport my child to and from the Swimming Carnival.

[ ] I can provide transport for ________ additional children.

[ ] I am unable to transport my child to the Swimming Carnival. I have organised for my child to travel with: ……………………………………………………….

- If you are transporting a child other than your own, the school requires a copy of your current driver’s licence and car registration.

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DALTON / GUNNING SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Friday 6th February 2014
Years K - 1

I acknowledge that my child _______________________ will be attending Gunning Public School during the Swimming Carnival. Mrs Shaw will be marking the roll at Gunning PS.

Signed ________________________________ Date _________________
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 11th February 2014

Please indicate below 2 times that would be suitable for you between 2:00pm to 4:00pm to see Mrs Watson and 3:15pm to 4:00pm for the Kindergarten parents to see Mrs Shaw. Preference will be given to first notes returned.

The purpose of these interviews is for you to come and tell us about your children. It is better your children are not in attendance. They can play in the school during the interviews.

Regards

Mrs R Watson

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Child/Children’s Name: ……………………………………………………………

Parent’s Name(s): …………………………………………………………………

Times: (1) …………………………….. or (2) …………………….. to see Mrs Watson

Times: (1) …………………………….. or (2) ……………………….. to see Mrs Shaw

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[This portion will be sent back home]

Dear ______________

Your interview time is: ………………………

Regards

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