It is wonderful to be back at school with our students and staff and I very much appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the children, parents and the community. Also the ongoing communication that we have had as a whole school community while I was recuperating enabled me to continue much of the administration and keep abreast of our students' learning. As a result, this has provided for a smooth transition back to the Teaching Principal role.

I would especially like to thank our staff for their support during this time: to Mrs Shaw for her hard work and dedication while she was in the relieving position and to Ms Heffernan who enthusiastically team taught with Mrs Shaw. As School Administration Manager, Mrs Foran ably supported Mrs Shaw as well as liaising with myself. A true team effort!

From the end of next week Mrs Foran will be on leave for a few weeks with Mrs Heffernan filling in for this period.

The end of last term saw a number of our students representing the school and region across a range of events. At the Camden Interschool Equestrian Carnival, Joe represented the school and region, bringing home four ribbons.

Brynn and Ned competed in the Lions Club of Gunning’s Public Speaking Competition on the topic, ‘The Kangaroo March’. They both gave excellent speeches to impress the judges with content and delivery to be awarded first place in their year division.

Tana and Patrick as junior representatives and Rory and Brynn in the senior section of the Regional Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee competed against students from across the Southern Tablelands. All four students gave their best on the day.

Ellie and Ned’s two day robotics camp has given them a sound foundation to basic robotics building and coding. They will be consolidating these skills at the forthcoming workshops and will be valuable support to their peers.
We have an exciting term ahead for our students with opportunities to increase and extend their knowledge and skills in ICT across a range of learning experiences with Kindergarten to Yr 6 undertaking two robotics workshops while Primary students have begun lessons and production of iMovies. Imovie production will be integrated within the Literacy unit, ‘Global Connections’, which includes History, Geography, Science and Technology and will have students investigate the ways Australia is interconnected with other nations and explore a range of global issues including issues of war and peace, poverty and extreme weather conditions. They will read and study the literary text, ‘The Cay’ with writing focusing on descriptive language.

In Infants, the children will be undertaking a unit in HSIE called “I am me” which looks at some of the common characteristics that all people share as well as some of the differences. They will also be reading a variety of stories about families.

In Science the children will be doing follow up work after the FrogWatch visit and are keenly watching the tadpoles as they undergo metamorphosis.

Kindy Start – a great way for preschoolers to transition to ‘big school’

We are looking forward to welcoming our 2016 incoming Kindergarten students and their parents next Tuesday morning, 13 October at 10am for the beginning of our Kindy Start Orientation Program. The morning will include an information session, tour of the school and visit to the Infants’ classroom followed by morning tea. Kindy Start will continue each Tuesday for a further 5 sessions.

Robotics Workshops

In partnership with Binda Public School and following planning and discussions with Goulburn High School teacher and robotics leader, Katherine Hyland during the year, two robotics workshops have been organised for all our students. The first workshop will take place at Binda Public School next Thursday, 15 October with the second workshop set down for Week 5 when Binda students will travel to Dalton.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to be introduced to robotics and for Ellie and Ned, who attended the robotics camp at the end of last term, a consolidation of their prior learning.

Details and permission note are attached to this newsletter.
**Kangaroo March**

Our school was well represented when the Kangaroo March re-enactment, which was a part of the recruitment campaign and commemorated 100 years of ANZAC, passed through Dalton and Gunning. Brynn and Ned delivered their winning speeches from the Lions Club of Gunning public speaking competition to the crowds who gathered in both towns.

![Kangaroo March Image]

**Swimming**

Each afternoon in Weeks 8 and 9 we will be participating in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Gunning pool. The bus will cost approximately $30 per student for the two weeks and we will require one driver each day in addition to the bus. More details will follow in a later newsletter.

**Tarcoola Hut Museum**

Our excursion to the Tarcoola Hut Museum was a great success. Thank you Kim and Eric Dowling and Brian Bembrick, who shared stories about old memorabilia collected over the years. The children were enthralled by “olden days” things such as a dial telephone! More photos to follow in the next edition of the Dalton Dispatch.

**Thank you**

Thank you to our four volunteers who contributed to our students’ learning with Lunchtime Clubs during Terms 2 and 3. All the children enjoyed these activities. We look forward to continuing Clubs next year.

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**Growing Our Future**
Relieving Principal: Mrs Robyn Watson

GROWING OUR FUTURE

Joe at the Interschool Equestrian Carnival held in Camden.

Our Photo Gallery

Spelling Bee representatives

Term 3 Assembly