Heartfelt Thank You to our School Community

I would like to thank everyone from our school community for your kind thoughts and best wishes following my accident last week. Also, a special thank you to those parents whose assistance helped settle the children while emergency procedures were underway. I am currently recuperating in hospital following surgery on Tuesday evening.

Until my return, Mrs Shaw will be in charge with Miss Heffernan taking on Mrs Shaw's role in a team teaching situation. Mrs Shaw and myself are keeping in close contact to provide continuity for our students' education, well-being, programming and administration.

Thank you also to my colleagues, for your wonderful support on the day and during the subsequent week, as it has required a number of changes which have been implemented smoothly, with great team work. I would like to acknowledge the work our Relieving School Administration Manager, Mrs Lyn Heffernan, has contributed during this challenging period and to Mrs Suzi Shaw in taking the responsibility of the school.

Mrs Robyn Watson

Messages from Mrs Shaw

Due to this week's rain, tennis was cancelled. Kevin will be here next Monday and Wednesday to make up the lost day.

As a result of Mrs Watson's fall, we have been advised to put salt on the ramp of the BER, whenever there is a frost. I hope that this will be a temporary measure and that a more permanent solution to the slippery surface can be found.

To add to our challenges this week, we have had computer and printer problems that have thankfully now been rectified. As a result this newsletter is later than usual, my apologies. The student reports will also be delayed, our priority has been creating a stable environment for the children in the last weeks of term.

I am going to continue as Relieving Principal until Mrs Watson's return. I have been fortunate to have the support of the P & C, as well as the professionalism of Mrs Lyn Heffernan, Mrs Kim Dolwing and Miss Kymberly Heffernan.

Mrs Suzi Shaw
**Miss Heffernan on Camp**

I am very pleased to report that Rory and Brynn were very polite and happy students at the Future Leaders Camp. Both boys handled themselves exceptionally well, and their behaviour and hard working attitude was recognised by the camp staff and other teachers from the Riverina area. Rory and Brynn presented a well read speech and spoke confidently to an audience of approximately 85 people. The boys enjoyed meeting new people and completing challenges such as rock climbing. I am very proud of Rory and Brynn.

**Leadership Camp**

On Sunday 14th June Brynn and I went on a Leadership Camp at Borambola for 2 nights. We only went to camp because of three special people. A special thankyou to Miss Heffernan, Mrs Heffernan and Karina Smith. Mrs Heffernan helped with the communication and paperwork, Karina Smith and Miss Heffernan took care of us while we were there. Our favourite thing to do was rock climbing, but things we did there provided us with a broad knowledge of leadership. We are very lucky we went at all. Rory and Brynn—Year 6

**Small Schools’ Camp**

Thank you to families for being so prompt with deposits for the Primary camp. Our Yrs 4-6 students are looking forward to heading off to Point Wolstoncroft with students from Gunning, Taralga, Bigga, Binda, Tirranna, Tarago, Collector, Windellama and Breadalbane. It will be a great experience for them all and a wonderful opportunity to socialise with their small school cohorts. The next instalment of $50 is due to be paid by Wednesday 24th, with another payment of $50 being due Week 2 of Term 3.

**District Athletics Yass**

Although last Friday’s weather wasn’t ideal for the PSSA District Athletics Carnival, our representative team of Khaled, Ellie, Patrick, Omar, Kyle, Abdullah, Brynn and Tory put in their personal best efforts to do our school proud. In the 100m sprint Year 4 student, Ellie Vivas, gave a sterling performance coming in 1st while the relay team of Kyle, Brynn, Abdullah and Rory have qualified for the P6 relay events at the Regional Athletics next term. Congratulations to everyone on your great efforts and thank you to Mrs Leah Ross for supervising students and Miss Heffernan’s assistance.

**Growing Our Future**
**Sydney Conservatorium Touring Show**

As a Partner School of the Goulburn Conservatorium of Music and Sydney Conservatorium, we have been given the opportunity of a visit from one of the Sydney Conservatorium’s small touring group along with David Miller—Australia’s best accompanist. This year the group will be a wind quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon), so there will be a variety of great music to see and hear. There will also be an opportunity for our students to ask the performers about their instruments, music or what a day in the life of a musician looks like. The performance by the wind quintet will take place next Tuesday 23rd June 2-3pm.

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**Speaking out - Public Speaking**

Our students have been invited to enter the Gunning Lion’s Club annual public speaking competition on Wednesday 16th September, which has as its topic, *The Kangaroo March*. Selection of our student participants will be by way of an ‘in-school’ speaking assessment for all Primary students.

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**Kangaroo March Re-enactment**

With 2015 marking 100 years of ANZAC there will be a re-enactment of the Kangaroo March which took place in 1915 as a recruitment drive to enlist men for the army. As the March will pass through Dalton on its way to Sydney organisers have asked our staff and students to be involved. We will be researching the March during Term 3 as part of our History Key Learning Area.

Details will be sent out at the beginning of Term 3.

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**Stripey; The Eggscellent Adventures of an Emu Chick**

While the senior students are away at camp next term, we have been given the opportunity to join other small schools, working around the book “Stripey; the Eggscellent Adventure of an Emu Chick”. This will involve video conferencing, research and craft, culminating in an excursion to the Canberra Theatre to see a performance of “Stripey”.

The P & C have kindly offered to pay for the children to experience the performance. More information will be available next term.
Our Photo Gallery

Left: Proudly displaying their art works completed in group time with Mrs Maree Dowling are Ned, Kyle, Brynn and Joe.

Right: Rory and Brynn attended the Future Leaders Camp at Borambola last week, they enjoyed the experience of meeting new people and gaining experience in leadership matters.