Principal’s Message
Welcome back for 2016! I hope you have all had a refreshing, fun-filled holiday and are ready for the new school year ahead. I would like to thank the parents and staff who were able to meet with me late last term and made me feel so welcome to your school community.

Our first two weeks are looking very busy indeed with the Small Schools swimming carnival being held at Yass pool this coming Tuesday and Best Start assessment for kindergarten to be held next Thursday.

Dalton, Gunning, Wee Jasper and Bowning Primary Schools will hold their joint swimming carnival at the Yass Olympic pool this year. This provides students with the opportunity to swim in a 50m pool. This means our Small School students are not disadvantaged when attempting to qualify for district events. The permission note has been sent home with this newsletter. It is vital that the swimming carnival permission note is returned immediately as the event is next Tuesday!

Mrs Finlayson

Small Schools Swimming Carnival Information and Permission note

Date: Tuesday, 2nd February 2016
Venue: Yass Olympic Pool (starting at 10am, approx. conclusion 2pm)
Transport: Parent transport
Cost: $3 entry fee for participants; $1 entry fee for spectators

The Small Schools swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday, 2nd February (next Tuesday). As Dalton has 4 students eligible to attend the event transport will be by parent on the day. Please sign the note attached to this newsletter.

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. The children will be going to Gunning pool during the day so please pack swimmers and a towel. Parents are asked to have their Infants students at Gunning Public School by 9:15am where Mrs Finlayson will meet them and mark the roll. In the afternoon Mrs Finlayson will be with the K-2 students at the Front Office of Gunning PS for you to collect your child. Please sign the note at the end of this newsletter.
Working With Children Check
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 Finlayson 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 15th 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.

Student Banking
If you are interested in your child participating in Student Banking, please pick up a Parent Pack from the school office. To participate in Student 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.
Student Banking day will be Wednesday each week.

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