Term 1, Week 2

Calendar – What’s On?

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R/Principal’s Report

Welcome back for 2016 to our students and families and welcome to our new students and families.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead filled with lots of wonderful learning opportunities. This year we have welcomed several new students and we welcome Sami Gifford, Kirsty Willis and Tiffany Hughes to our teaching staff.

New Director, Public Schools NSW, Deniliquin Network

We also start the year with a new Director, Public Schools NSW, Deniliquin Network. Mr Troy Mott takes on this role after 12 years as a Primary Principal. Mr Mott is calling in here today for a quick visit to meet me and to have a look at our wonderful school.

2016 Teaching Staff

Our teaching staff for 2016 is as follows:

KM - Mrs Kylie McLean
1/KL - Miss Jacinta Lewis (Rel. AP)
2/1D - Miss Kristen Dring
2/1H - Mr Nathan Haley
4/3A - Miss Tamara Ackers
4/3GR - Miss Samantha Gifford & Mrs Allison Rourke
4-3T - Mrs Cherilyn Taig (AP)
6/5B - Mr Luke Brooks
6/5W - Miss Kirsty Willis
Library - Mrs Carly Almond
LaST - Mrs Ruth Haynes
MKG - Miss Tiffany Hughes
Reading Recovery – Mrs Nikki Wane

Ms Williams is on Extended Leave this year. In her absence I will continue as Relieving Principal and Jacinta Lewis will continue as Relieving Assistant Principal for K – 2.

Kindergarten students’ 1st Day

Tomorrow, Tuesday 2nd February, sees our Kindergarten students starting school. Parents should have received a letter at the end of last year notifying them of which class their child is in. Students are to meet at their classroom at 9:10am. There will be light refreshments for parents after you’ve dropped your child at their classroom.

Sports House Meetings

On Thursday we will be holding Sports House meetings. At these meetings students will nominate the swimming races they want to compete in at this year’s Swimming Carnival. We
will also be holding House Captains and Vice Captains elections.

**MKG News**
This year Miss Tiffany Hughes will be teaching the MKG classes. Tiffany has worked here in recent years and in schools in the Deniliquen area as a casual teacher. She most recently worked all of last year in a school that also implements a Kitchen Garden Program, so has seen this program in action and has many ideas for MKG. The MKG program will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this year, with students attending a 1 hour session each week. We are looking for continued support from volunteers. If you or someone you know volunteered last year we would love it if you can help again in 2016. If you haven’t previously volunteered but would like to this year, please contact the office for information on volunteering.

**Twilight Swimming Carnival**
Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 18th February. This year we are holding a **Twilight Carnival**. All students, K – 6, will participate in the carnival. It will start at 2:30pm. Students turning 8 years or older are eligible to compete in races. Students under 8 years will participate in water novelty events. As all students and staff will be involved in the Twilight Carnival, there will be no formal classes on Friday 19th February. More information about the carnival will come home soon.

**Newsletter Distribution**
Where possible, we aim to be paperless. In light of this, if you have provided us with your Email address then we will email the newsletter to you each week. Of course we can happily send home a hardcopy if you prefer. If this is the case can you please let the girls in the office know.

**Are your contact details up to date?**
If your address or phone number has changed during the holidays, or there are any changes to emergency contact details for your child, can you please notify the girls in the office of these changes.

**Thankyous**
Thank you to Greg and the Wattle Paint Centre in Wodonga for the generous discount on the exterior paint that we used to paint the picnic tables, and to Brad Carlon for his efforts in sourcing these paints for us.

Also a big thank you to Jessima Munro, Graeme and Kim Shumack, Ron Beattie, Wendy Coates and Sophie O’D for their help in watering the MKG garden during the holidays.

A huge thank you also to Deb Shumack, Sasha Wood & Reece S. who not only helped with watering the garden but also with completing the picnic table painting project.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Amanda Lyons (R. Principal)
Canteen News
Our Canteen operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm.

Notes are being sent home for parents or carers who are interested in volunteering as a helper in the canteen. Please complete these forms and return to the office if you are interested. Thank you.

Meal Deal 3rd Feb
6 Nuggets
Fruit Juice
Jelly Cup
$5.50

Happy Birthday

Kade B 28th Jan
Payge S 29th Jan
Dakota P 29th Jan
Katie J 31st Jan
Levi W 31st Jan
Santos Q 2nd Feb
Hugh B 3rd Feb
Kya D 4th Feb
Paige G 4th Feb
Riley W 5th Feb
Tarra S 6th Feb
Jacob O 7th Feb
**School Banking**
Welcome back students!! I hope you all enjoyed the Summer holidays.

School banking will commence this Wednesday the 3rd February.

School Banking is taking you on an outback savings adventure!!
This terms rewards include a Flying Snake Tail and a Wildlife Writer set.
Make 10 School Banking deposits to receive an awesome outback reward.

New packs will be issued with this weeks banking.

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**Community Announcements**

Finley Netball Club
Attention All Netballers
With the first game of the 2016 Season fast approaching, it is time to start pre-season training!
When: Tuesday 9th February 2016
Where: Finley Apex Sport and Community Centre
Netball Courts
Time: Juniors at 5pm
Seniors at 6pm

For all enquiries please contact Sasha on 0427 391 824

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**MKG News**
To all parents, grandparents, or carers, My Kitchen Garden are looking for volunteers.
If you are interested could you please leave your details with the School office staff.
Thankyou. Miss Hughes.

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**Thankyou**
A big thankyou to the Balden family for the donation of boxes of pastel crayons for the school. They will come in very handy at art time in the classroom. Thankyou.