FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

**School Assembly** – congratulation to Miss Finlay and the Year 2 class for a great assembly. The next assembly will be held this Friday 18th March and will be run by the Year 5 class with Star of the Week presented to Year 3 and Year 6. We hope to see you there.

**Excursions** – all students in Year 3-6 received last week information about this year’s excursion. Parents need to indicate whether or not they would like their child to go and send that back to school so we can finalise bookings and costing. This year, with no Drought Funding available, the price will be higher than in previous years. That is why the information is going out very early in the year, so that parents are able to start saving towards the cost. We have set up a payment option for parents wanting to pay off their excursion on a regular basis. All payments need to be received by the end of term 3.

**Riverina Boys Cricket Trials** – congratulations to Harrison Weaven, who last Monday in Deniliquin was selected in the Riverina squad of 24 players. He will now attend training sessions over the winter before a final selection trial in October. Great effort!

**Riverina East AFL Trials** – will be held in Coolamon this Friday. All the best Charlie Walters, Johnny Ward, Damon Brennan, Harrison Weaven and Jordan McClutchie.

**State Knockout Boys Cricket Match** – this was held last Tuesday against Lavington in Albury. The boys did it tough against a very good team, and hence were defeated. The boys should be extremely proud of the way they played the game and represented our school. A big thank you to the many parents who provided transportation, helped with scoring and offered great support. It was really pleasing to see some students playing cricket and representing our school for the very first time. That's what it's all about!!

**Albury Girls Basketball Trials** – all the best to Alyce Parker who will be attending the trials in Albury today.

**Riverina Girls Cricket Trials** – all the best to Alyce Parker who will be attending the trials in Narrandera this Wednesday in a bid to make the Riverina team.

**School Council AGM** – will be held next Monday 21st March in the Library starting at 3.45pm.

**School Fees for 2011** - as decided by the School Council last year, the school fees for 2011 will be $30.00 per child (no family discounts will be available). Envelopes will be sent with this newsletter but if you wish to make payments earlier, these can be done at the office. We currently sit at 34% - early days but it would be great if we could raise this to 70%.

**Dr Michael Carr-Gregg (Child & Adolescent Psychologist) who spoke to all the Principals** – I referred to this in last week’s newsletter, about numerous topics including parents needing to take more responsibility for their child’s actions and the ever-increasing dangers of technology in the world we live in, particularly cyber bullying. The next two pages provide parents with valuable information, including websites and the dangers of facebook.

There are often a lot of myths about facebook, but it’s the facts that are quite scary. Like once you put something on facebook it is there forever. It can never be deleted. Pushing delete doesn’t remove it off facebook. The sites
are situated in the USA and AFP don't have any power over them. I have highlighted some parts in red – well worth a read as this is a very important and dangerous issue that all parents need to be vigilant on.

Mr Jason Weaven
Principal

- ACMA – [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/) The website, Cybersmart, provides activities, resources and practical advice to help young kids, kids, teens and parents safely enjoy the online world. This is an excellent site for parents, one that every parent should have a look at!

- [http://www.google.com.au/#hl=en&safe=active&bwl=123&biw=647&q=togetherville&aq=f&aql=g10&aqlf=1&oq=1&fp=50ba21d2af6da5bb](http://www.google.com.au/#hl=en&safe=active&bwl=123&biw=647&q=togetherville&aq=f&aql=g10&aqlf=1&oq=1&fp=50ba21d2af6da5bb) Togetherville, this is the google link to the site recommended by Michael for parents.

- [http://www.ncb.org.au/](http://www.ncb.org.au/) National Centre Against Bullying Website


Privacy fears for kids as youngsters share personal information online From: [Herald Sun May 21, 2010](http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/privacy-fears-for-kids-as-youngers-share-personal-information-online/story-e6fr7kkx-1225869358504)

NINETY per cent of grade 4 students have a Facebook profile, but have no idea about the impact of sharing personal information online.

"Were talking eight-year-olds with Facebook," said Centre for Strategic Education internet safety consultant Robyn Treyvaud.

"Younger kids believe privacy is about keeping stuff away from mum and dad, and they do that for a range of reasons. They don't understand privacy and they don't understand what they are sharing."

Ms Treyvaud, who is to address the Watch This Space: Children, young people and privacy conference in Melbourne, said less than 1 per cent of young internet users around the world were at risk of being groomed by paedophiles.

Rather, adolescents are much more likely to be bullied by their own peers.

The enormous popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook and MSN is also ensuring schoolyard bullying is being carried over into the online world.

"If kids are being bullied at school, then it's more likely to drift and they'll take the experience with them when they go online, so they don't get a break from it," Ms Treyvaud said. "It's relentless."

Parents and teachers needed to get much better at engaging with kids to understand the complexities of their online lives.

She said any attempts to help alleviate cyber bullying was doomed to fail, however, if adults dictated what adolescents should be doing, rather than making them part of the process.

"Kids love being treated not only as valued and equal partners but also as experts," she said. "Parents need to accept the fact that when it comes to technology use, children will be far more technology-savvy than they are. What they're not necessarily savvy about is navigating life."

Ms Treyvaud, who advises schools on cyber safety, said the impact of social networking could not be overestimated.

"Parents have to be vigilant about how their kids are feeling about their online experiences and need to ask the same type of questions that we ask them when they walk out the front door," she said.

"Where are you going? What are you doing when you get there and who are you going to be there with?"

- [Facebook Risks – Interview on 7.30 Reporter: [http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2010/s2905308.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2010/s2905308.htm)

From its inception in 2004, the social networking site Facebook has grown at such a rapid rate that it’s now used by over 400 million people worldwide. But the risks associated with sharing private information on such a public portal are starting to emerge.

Transcript

KERRY O’BRIEN, PRESENTER: Online social networking is the biggest social media revolution to have hit the Internet in the past five years.

In Australia, the social networking site Facebook is second only to Google as the most visited Internet site, with predictions it will soon overtake the search engine.

But the killing last week of Sydney teenager Nona Belomesoff after she allegedly befriended a man online.

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Nona Belomesoff went missing...

DR JULIAN DOOLEY, CHILD HEALTH, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY: You can find yourself in a tricky spot if you don't exercise due caution and really think carefully about what information is being shared and who it is being shared with.
HEMANSHU NIGAM, US ONLINE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP: Often people say technology is bad. What's actually going on is it's not the technology, it's how individuals use that technology.

REBECCA BAILLIE: The phenomenon of online social networking has revolutionised communication in the twenty-first century. And for members of the generation who've grown up in the digital age it's woven into nearly everything they do. Social networking sites like Facebook help users keep in contact, meet people, organise social events and share personal information and photographs.

SOPHIE: Sometimes people just do randomly accept people who they really don't know.

ALLASTAIR MACGIBBON, INTERNET SECURITY CONSULTANT: The Internet allows a scammer or a criminal to gain access to a whole range of people often outside their own jurisdiction. Sometimes very local victims. So the type of criminality you encounter online is frankly not dissimilar to offline criminality.

REBECCA BAILLIE: Alastair MacGibbon is a former Australian Federal Police officer and authority on high tech crime and Internet security. He warns users to be just as careful about who they meet and befriend online as they would elsewhere.

ALASTAIR MACGIBBON: Ultimately you are going to be the best judge of whether a person sends the hair on the back of your neck up. If they seem too good to be true they probably are. And we need to have that level of I guess common sense and street smarts about us.

HOLLY: Some of my friends like people I know on Facebook have upwards of 1000 friends I don't know about other people but there's no way I could know like, know and remember 1000 people. I mean, like there's only so many people you can kind of fit into your life.

ALASTAIR MACGIBBON: Social networking is a huge fact of life in Australia and obviously overseas. And the reality is that this is the way in which many people - particularly young people - are now meeting friends for the first time. And so it comes down to teaching the skills necessary to do that in a safer manner. I can't say a safe manner because I think that would be giving a false sense of security.

AFP OFFICER (at seminar for young people): Don't get caught up in the popularity contest of who can have the most friends on MySpace or Facebook...

REBECCA BAILLIE: Alastair MacGibbon says school campaigns like this one run by the Australian Federal Police are important to highlight the potential dangers.

HEMANSHU NIGAM: Would you post something in the physical world... Would you stand for example in front of your school and share something about yourself? Would you go to a street corner in a public setting and share something about yourself? If you're not willing to do that in those settings then more than likely you shouldn't be doing it in the online settings.

AF REBECCA BAILLIE: Hemanshu Nigam is the co-chair of president Barack Obama's online safety technology working group, which will report to the US Congress in two weeks. He's been dubbed "the marshal of MySpace" for his overhaul of security measures on that popular social networking site and says parents must take as big an interest in their children's online activities as they do in their other social interactions.

HEMANSHU NIGAM: We are capable of keeping ourselves safer, we just need to have more dialogue around this and every sector needs to be involved in that dialogue - not just the technology industry, not just parents, not just law enforcement but all of us working together.

REBECCA BAILLIE: Launched by Harvard University students in 2004, in just six years Facebook has exploded to become the biggest social networking site in the world. If Facebook was a country, it would be the third most populous nation on earth after China and India, with more than 400 million active users.

DR JULIAN DOOLEY, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY: It is probably bigger than we could even possibly understand.

(Addressing conference) This is probably some of the most concerning data from this report...

REBECCA BAILLIE: Julian Dooley from Edith Cowan University advises the Federal Government on cyber safety.

He says young Internet users are particularly vulnerable when they share personal information online.

DR JULIAN DOOLEY, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY: So the more information that you put out there the greater the potential is for people to find that information and possibly people that you don't want to.

SOPHIE: I do have my birthday on there, which is a bit of a scary thought, in reflection.

REBECCA BAILLIE: Facebook users and cyber safety experts alike argue Facebook's privacy settings make it difficult for users to secure their personal information.

A "Quit Facebook" campaign has sprung up putting pressure on Facebook to provide greater privacy protection.

HOLLY: It's actually quite hard to find on the profile. Like, you have to sort of go into like a different menu like off the home page and then like set... Like it isn't like sort of right there saying "privacy settings" like on the home page.

DR JULIAN DOOLEY, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY: Now if you don't change your default privacy settings your personal information is shared with your entire network and that will include people that you are not necessarily friends with.

REBECCA BAILLIE: There's been an outpouring of grief for Nona Belomesoff. A Facebook site dedicated to her memory has already more than twelve thousand supporters.

And Nona Belomesoff's death has made some young
people think twice about the type of information they share online.

KERRY O'BRIEN: Rebecca Baille with that report.

ENROLMENT PROCEDURES FOR YR 6 - 2011 INTO YR 7 - 2012
This information has been handed out to all Year 6 students and is due back to the school no later than Friday 18 March. It must be returned regardless of where you are sending your child to school, government or non-government.

HARMONY DAY ACTIVITIES
Next Monday, 21 March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day at school. The students are asked to wear orange, which is the colour for harmony, and bring a gold coin donation. We will also be making a Harmony Day village. Kate Wedgwood and Chrissy Lavis

SCHOOL CALENDAR - for students

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Election Day Cake Stall Saturday 26th March 2011.

As this is a fantastic fundraiser the P&C has decided to run another cake stall and would like the school community to donate cakes/slices/biscuits, fresh produce and preserves.

Non perishables can be left at the office however other items will be called for closer to the date.

In addition, if you are able to volunteer some time on Saturday the 26th March to help out on the cake stall or with the cooking of the bacon and egg rolls we would love to hear from you. The cake stall will operate from 8am to 12 midday so the more helpers the less time everyone has to give.

Please contact Teena Last on 60362970 or Tracy Swan on 60365292

GOLDEN TONGS – YEAR 4 HELPERS NEEDED........

On Friday the 8th April 2011 it will be Year 4 parents hosting the Easter School BBQ. At this stage we need some more helpers.

If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian of one of our Year 4 students and are available to assist with the BBQ on the above mentioned date please contact Tracy Swan on phone 60365292 or email thebushswans@hotmail.com or Anna Watson on 60367288

Thankyou
Tracy Swan - Coordinator

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Mother’s Day will be on Sunday the 8th May. The P&C will be running a raffle prior to this special day with some wonderful prizes to be won. Marg Killalea is organising a roster for people to sell raffle tickets either at Holbrook Stores or the Holbrook News agency. If you would like to assist or able to offer some of your time please contact Marg on 60360100 or email mkillalea@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

The more helpers we get the less time you have to give.
AWARDS

Mrs Ross
Eliza Capell – Creative art and craft work
Julia Mathie – Begin a kind friend to her peers

Miss Murphy
Jaide Hughes – For very neat and well presented bookwork
Seth Webb – For being a friendly and well mannered student

Miss Finlay
Kairos McClutchie – For always working hard in class and following instructions
Kasey Henry – For writing an excellent narrative this week

Mrs Preston
Daniel Hawkins – Great “underwater” art
Isobel Satchell – Sharing her extensive knowledge during class discussions
Chelsea Brennan – Enthusiastic reading during Accelerated Literacy

Mr Preston
Pippa Bowler – Working very well with Mrs Jones
Angelena Ross – For a great attitude towards her work

Miss Lavis
Ali Bulle – Diligence & dedication to all English tasks
Alyce Parker – Diligence & dedication to all English tasks

Mr Weaven
Matthew Bender – For being really helpful and kind to younger students at bowls
Jemma Lang – For always displaying a wonderful attitude towards school

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Ada Crain, Alyssa Flewin, Lewis Bowen-Crane, Hugh Anderson, Archie Gunn, Matt Bender, Faith Smith

STARS OF THE WEEK

Emma Lanz
Year 1

Community News

HOLBROOK NETBALL CLUB-Nettas & Fun Nettas
This year the netball club is hoping to split our Nettas Grade into two teams. Girls who are 8-10 would play in the Nettas team. Girls who are 11-12 would play in the Fun Net team. The girls would play a game in the Hume League each Saturday and train on Thursdays at the Sporting Complex (most likely training will be at 4.00pm).

Girls who are 5-7 will play in our “Fun Net” team & learn the skills of netball on Sunday mornings (when Auskick commences, running at the same time) with Kristie Preston as their coach.

Could all families who have children of this age and who would like to play netball this year (who have not yet registered) please contact Liz Keogh 0260364110 or Dom Heriot 0260362386. At this stage we do not have enough girls registered to fill the two teams, so please let us know as soon as possible if interested.

HOLBROOK AUSKICK
Auskick will commence on Sunday 17 April at 9.30am at Holbrook Sporting Complex for primary students aged 5-12 years. There will be no Auskick on Easter Weekend 24 April but will recommence on Sunday 1 May. For any further details contact Charlie Papworth on 60362867 or Bill Heriot on 60362386

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS
"Flyaway Gymnastics is holding a fun filled school holiday program this Easter holidays, for children aged 5-12 years.
Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th April
Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st April
11am - 1pm each day
$12 per session (discounts available for multiple bookings)
Bookings are essential. Please call 02 60411127 or 0432896649 to book a place!"

If you have any questions please call Georgina on 0432896649.
Year 2 students are enjoying their Celebrations unit in HSIE this term. They thoroughly enjoyed making up dance moves and bopping away to Kylie Minogue’s hit song, Celebration.
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