FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Warm Welcome Back – for the start of the year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. There are many things to look forward to this term including our school swimming carnival (next Friday) and completion of some new building work.

Staffing – As I announced at the end of last term, Ms Mills is now permanent at our school, Mrs Ross is returning one day per week and Mr Preston returns to our school after his training and development experience at Kandeer School. As Mrs Ross will be only returning one day a week, her Assistant Principal’s position will be shared by Ms Mills and Miss Lavis each two days per week.

Classes and teachers for 2012 – this must be arranged in accordance with the Department’s procedures and guidelines based around staffing entitlements, student enrolments and class sizes. As the Principal, I have to follow the rules in place when working out classes. Our student enrolment numbers for 2012 are due on Wednesday 15th February. The make-up of the classes could change, depending on final enrolments. We picked up nine new students today which was great news. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused, but it is out of my hands.

If at any time you wish to come in and see me and you would like me to explain how the system works, I am more than happy to discuss it with you. The classes at the moment are:

Kinder – Ms Mills
Year 1 – Miss Murphy
Year 2 – Mrs Landale
Year 3 – Mrs Preston
Year 4 – Mr Preston
Year 5 – Miss Lavis
Year 6 – Mrs Wedgwood

All the very best for 2012!!!

School Assembly – our first assembly for the year will be held this Friday, in the hall, starting at 11.00 a.m. It will be run by the Captain and Prefects. We do hope you are able to make it.

Class Meetings For Parents – this will take place similar to last year. Each class meeting will take place on a different day after school starting at 3.40 p.m. The meeting will give parents the opportunity to find out from their child’s teacher everything they need to know about what is happening in the classroom. The teacher will also discuss some things from a school perspective as well. Please make the effort to come along as it is in your child’s best interest. If you are unable to make it, and have questions or concerns, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Mon 6 Feb – Year 5 and 6 combined meeting (as they work as a stage)
• Mon 7 Feb – Year 4
• Wed 8 Feb – Year 1
• Wed 8th February – Year 2
• Thu 9th February – Year 3
• Mon 13th February – Kindergarten

New Home Reading Program – this will be started this week and next individually in each class. Every child will be given a home reading journal to record their reading in. Teachers will keep a record of your child’s reading ability and awards will be given every 25 nights. Our aim is to improve the reading ability of every child in our school and to do this we need your support at home. Each teacher will talk about this more during their class meeting. A big thank you to our School P&C for funding the home reading journals for every child in our school.

School Homework Policy – this was revised last year and will be distributed to every student through their individual teacher. Some teachers may even send it home this week with their child’s homework and home reading journal. Teachers will have copies at their class meeting and will talk about it more there. If you have any questions or concerns you can see your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

TERM DIARY – TERM 1

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New Covered Walkways – They were completed during the holidays and look fantastic. With it raining the first day back at school they were used immediately and were greatly appreciated by everyone – students, staff and visitors. Also completed during the break was the painting of all the railings outside both the Kindergarten to Year 2 rooms and the Years 3 to 4 rooms which look excellent. More work will be completed during term 1 which will further enhance the look of our school and benefit greatly the learning, safety and well-being of our students.

Positive Comments Encouraged – throughout the year, parents are continually making positive comments about the school, what happens, staff, different events like presentation night, the whole school performance etc, student behaviour and the how well the grounds look. I want to encourage more parents to make more positive comments about our great school and I want to put them in the newsletter each week so we can all share in the success. You can write them as a letter and drop them into the office for Tracey or myself or can email them straight to the school. Indicate clearly whether or not you want your name included and I will endeavour to include as many as I can each week in the newsletter.

My Door Is Always Open – for anyone to come and talk to me about any concerns or questions that you may have. Please bring an open mind, be willing to work with me and the school and be mindful of the fact that I don’t always set the rules (the NSW Department of Education does), but I do have to enforce them. I often find by sitting down and talking and listening together and by providing parents with knowledge and information about policies and rules and regulations, they gain a greater understanding of how things work and why and want to work with me and the school as a result. Don’t hesitate to come and see me.

A very warm Welcome to our New Families – Carla and Wes Black
Tanya and Jason Cheshire
Sharlene and James Cottrell
Elizabeth and Thomas De Steiger
Amy Greaves and Dylan Walters
Phoebe and Lawson Gulliver
Alison and John Hawkins
Tamarin and Troy Hughes
Kylie and Che Jepson
Sarah and Matthew King
Maricar and David Lieschke
Leonie and Andrew Mathie
Georgina Millard and Ira Southwell
Amelia and Samuel Pincott
Kristie and Adam Preston
Martha and Hugh Satchell
Leeah and Ewen Scholz
Brenda and Kevin Seymour
Tricia and Timothy Shea
Carly and Matthew Toll
Andrea and Christopher Wheeler
Julie and Timothy Wright

It’s wonderful to have so many new families starting school with us this week, and not just new Kindergarten families as well. We wish the parents and their children all the very best at Holbrook Public School.

Australia Day Awards – congratulations to Alyce Parker and Ali Bulle for their awards. Alyce was awarded Junior Sportsperson of the Year which was thoroughly deserved following the many wonderful achievements she has made, including the fact she represented the Riverina in four sports throughout 2011. Ali received a Junior Citizen of the Year Award which was thoroughly deserved as she did a huge amount of work at our school and was a wonderful leader. What an asset both of these students have been to our school and why so many parents comment and appreciate what they do.

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 out in the near future but if you wish to make payments earlier, these can be done at the office.

Term 1 Planner – this is attached to today’s newsletter. It has the dates of all the events that we know of so far, but remember this can change and things can be added. Please keep up to date with the Term Diary that appears in the newsletter each week.

Student Attendance – a reminder that every day absent must be explained with a suitable reason to justify it. Students who don’t bring back a note after being away, are given a reminder to please explain. If this reminder is not returned, the school must mark that day down as an “unexplained absence”. The school’s student attendance is checked regularly, mostly every four weeks, by the department’s Home School Liaison Officer. It is their job to make sure students are attending school on a regular basis and that if they are in fact absent, their absence is explained. If they find this to be unsuitable, they may need to take the necessary steps to rectify this situation, which may involve the prosecution of parents in a court of law. Please make the efforts to return notes. Copies of the absentee note are attached to this newsletter.

Term 1 Active After School – this term Mr Clifford will be running basketball. It will run on Monday’s starting week 4, Monday 20th February. The necessary forms are attached to today’s newsletter and will need to be returned to school as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out.

Jason Weaven
Principal
**Canteen Roster**

**Fri 3 February**  
Narelle Emerson and Sophie Hearn

**Mon 6 February**  
Trudy Jenkyn and Margot Pitzen

**Fri 10 February**  
Irene Lister and Jacqui Ross

**Permission Notes:**
Accompanying today’s newsletter are several permission notes printed on green paper which all need to be returned to the school office by Friday 3 February 2012.

**Community News**

**Term 1 2012: Wednesday After School Tennis Lessons**

**Where:** Holbrook Tennis Courts

**When:** 8 weeks – Wednesday 1st February to Wednesday 21st March 2012

**Lessons:** 1 hour lessons, 2 coaches each lesson

**Cost:** $15 per lesson ($120 for 8 weeks).  
Full payment due at first lesson

**What to bring:** Please bring hat, water bottle and piece of fruit

**Contact:** Any questions, please contact Sally Bulle at ardrossan@bigpond.com or 60369203

**Group 1: 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

Black Maddie  
Gulliver Digby  
Bulle Kate  
Gunn Archie  
Hearn milly  
Watson Chloe  
Black Hamilton  
Last Lily  
Southwell Oscar  
Wright Logan  
De Steiger Jack

**Group 2: 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.**

Bulle Becky  
Grunow Joseph  
Hearn Olivia  
Holmes Lachie  
Wearn Graser  
Bender Matt  
Bulle Lachie  
Coughlan Emma  
Joyce Lachlan  
Melbourne Mackenzie  
Watson Jack  
Grunow AQuinabelle  
Ross Angelina  
Southwell Harry

**Group 3: 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

Brennan Damon  
Hassall Lucy  
Todd Austin  
Brennan Takysa  
Coughlan Isabelle  
Grunow Kate  
Papworth Chris  
Parker Alyce  
Parker Emma  
Parker Laura  
Todd Jessica

**After School Study Club 2012**

Each Tuesday from 3.30-5.30pm.  
Committing 7th February

Holbrook Library Complex  
Afternoon tea provided  
Cost $2 per session

To assist and support students from primary and
A quiet and safe place to study away from home distractions
Access to modern technology and resources
Access to a professional tutor
Access to Library Resources

Please contact the Library Complex on 5036 3262 to register.

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The Riverina Institute, Business Faculty is offering the following courses by DISTANCE delivery in 2012 through its Leeton Campus.

- Certificate III in Business (17803)
- Certificate III in Business Administration (17807)
  
  Develop knowledge and skills to pursue employment and/or further training in a range of business areas. These courses cover skills using current business technology, writing and communication.

- Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) (17812)
  
  Develop knowledge and skills to be able to work as a legal receptionist or an administrator in a legal environment. It is also suitable if you who want to work in non-legal offices such as accounting firms and banks.

- Certificate III in School Support Services (18964)
  
  Develop knowledge and skills in a range of functions such as finance administration, disability support. It is not targeted at teacher aide occupations.

- Statement of Attainment in Processing and Maintaining Financial Records (17820) (MYOB)
  
  Develop skills and knowledge to enable you to process and maintain financial records in an office environment.

For further information please contact the Campus on: 02 6953 9600 or email ricourseinfoleeton@tafensw.edu.au. Enrolments will be open from 5 December 2011 and are available through www.tafensw.edu.au.
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**NOTE:** If you are unable to do your day, please arrange a swap with another person on the roster. In an emergency call Georgie Millard on 60362902 or 0409325955.
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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM - TERM 1 - 2012

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC) PROGRAM

Student’s Name: ______________________________

Date of Birth: _______________ School Year: _______________

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Parent/Guardian Full Name: ______________________________

Relationship to Child: ______________________________

Contact Information

☐ Home: ______________________________
☐ Work: ______________________________
☐ Mobile: ______________________________

Address: ______________________________

Post Code: ______________________________

I have read and understood the information regarding the Active After-school Communities Program for Term
and give my consent for the following:

1. My child, named above, to participate in the AASC program in Term ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. The provision of personal information to the ASC for the purposes of the
ASC administering, evaluating and reporting on the AASC program. ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. I, or my child named above, to take part in the AASC Research project the
conducted by ASC contracted researchers as required ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you need to be contacted via telephone, would you need assistance of an interpreter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what language are you comfortable communicating in? ______________________________

4. Images to be taken of my child for use in ASC publications, posters, events,
promotional broadcasts, reporting materials and websites in any form of media. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of parent/guardian: ______________________________ Date _______________
STUDENT HEALTH FORM
ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC) PROGRAM

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

This information, that is required for each student participating in the Active After-school Communities Program, will assist the school and supervising teachers in the preparation and planning of the program.

STUDENT DETAILS

Student’s name: _____________________________ Date of birth: _____________________________

Parent/guardian’s full name: _____________________________

Address: _____________________________ Postcode: _____________________________

Telephone no. – home: _____________________________
– work: _____________________________
– mobile: _____________________________

Name of family doctor: _____________________________ Telephone no.: _____________________________

Medical details
Is your child subject to seizures, fainting, epilepsy, diabetes or any other condition that may affect his or her safety during the excursion? Yes [ ] No [ ]
If “yes”, please give details:

Is your child allergic to:
Penicillin [ ] (Please give details)
Any other drug [ ]
Any food [ ]
Other [ ]

Date of last tetanus vaccination: _____________________________

Medication
Parents/guardians are requested to make arrangements with the teacher-in-charge for the safekeeping and handling of prescribed medications prior to the commencement of the program.

Is your child presently taking tablets and/or other forms of prescribed medication? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Does your child self-administer the medication? Yes [ ] No [ ]
If “yes”, state name of medication, dosage and frequency of use:

Does your child have a current Health Care Authorisation Plan at school? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Other information
Please provide any other information about your child which will enable the school coordinator for the AASC to provide better care for your child.
INFORMATION FORM FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC) PROGRAM

To be retained by parent

ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED:

Basketball

PROGRAM DATES AND TIMES:

Term: 1                      Days: 7
Start Date: Monday 20 February, 2012  End Date: Monday 2 April, 2012
Start Time: 3.20 p.m.        Finish Time: 4.30 p.m.

COST: Free

LOCATION: School Basketball area (Undercover COLA)

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS: You need to make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 4.30pm.

CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE PROGRAM: Provide contact for both during school time and after school if this person is different

SUPERVISION: Supervision will be provided by: Mr Clifford and a teacher.

DELIVERY OF ACTIVITIES: Activities will be delivered by:
All AASC deliverers are registered with the Australian Sports Commission.

AFTERNOON TEA: Afternoon tea will take place at 3.20pm. Fruit will be supplied. Students may wish to bring a drink and healthy foods only.

STAFF ACTION IN CASE OF ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS DURING THE PROGRAM: Procedures will be the same as during school hours. The teacher on duty will contact parents.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Contact the school.

SPECIAL CLOTHING OR OTHER ITEMS REQUIRED: Sports clothing, including footwear. Students may bring this to school and change after school finishes. All other equipment will be supplied.

RESEARCH: The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) will undertake an evaluation of the AASC program and will need to gather the views of those involved in the AASC program, including participating children and their parents/guardians. The ASC and its contracted researchers may contact you in the future to invite you to participate in a telephone interview, online survey or focus group. Involvement in the evaluation is voluntary, all responses will be kept confidential and any reporting will be generalised so that no one individual can be identified. Your child may also be invited to complete a short questionnaire while participating in the AASC program. Participants will be randomly selected for involvement within this evaluation. Further information is provided in the attached letter. Please indicate on the Parent Consent form whether or not you grant permission. The details you provide on this form will be passed on to the ASC and its contracted researchers for the above purposes.

PHOTOGRAPHS: The ASC wishes to record images of the AASC program, including images of children participating in activities. These images may be used in ASC publications, posters, events, promotional broadcasts, reporting materials and websites in any form of media. Please indicate on the parent consent form whether or not you grant permission for images to be taken of your child and used for the above purposes.
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