FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School Assembly – Well done to our school leaders, for running a great assembly last week. Congratulations to Kinder, who did an excellent job sitting quietly and patiently throughout the entire assembly – very impressive! Congratulations also to all of our award recipients. There will be no assembly this Friday as it is our school swimming carnival.

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 3.45 pm sharp.
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 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 9 February Year 2 (in classroom)
- Wed 11 February Year 4/5 (in classroom)
- Thu 12 February Kindergarten (in classroom)

Southern Riverina Cricket Trials – All the best to Ewan Mackinlay, Jack de Steiger, Henry Gulliver, Hamish Watson, Braydon Eddy and Rohan Jepson who will be representing our school at these trials.

P&C Meeting – The first meeting will be this Wednesday night at 7.30 pm.

School Swimming Carnival – will take place this Friday at the Lavington Pool. I wish the students all the best.

School Cricket Team Excursion – Next Monday, 16 February, the school cricket team will be going on an excursion to Wagga to watch and take part in the 2nd day of the Sheffield Shield first class cricket match between NSW and Victoria. It should be a great experience for the team as they will get to meet the players, many of whom have played for Australia in the past.

Improvements around the school – continue to occur. Last week, painting was finished and the grounds were given a big tidy up. More work is scheduled over the next few weeks, and while there is a little disruption, the end result for our school will be huge and very much enjoyed by everyone.

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 work things and why, and want to work with myself and the school as a result. Don’t hesitate to come and see me.

School Fees for 2015 – As decided by the School Council last year, the school fees for 2015 will be $30.00 per child (no family discounts will be available). Envelopes will be sent out in the near future however, if you wish to make payments earlier, these can be done at the office. A big thank you to a large number of parents who have already paid – fantastic!
Anti-Bullying Program – Every week I want to try and put information in the newsletter to give parents more support to help work with their children about bullying.

Strategies to Deal with Bullies – Victims should:
1. Stay calm
2. Stand strong
3. Respond confidently
4. Walk away
5. Report to someone you trust

Jason Weaven
Principal

Have you contributed to your child’s education yet?

School Council have decided to keep the school contribution fees for 2015 to a low $30 per child.

That’s just 15¢ per child, per school day!

These fees allow the school to purchase teaching resources as well as writing books, stationery, art supplies and library books.

Remember, every dollar counts!

Congratulations to those 15 families who have already contributed to their child’s education!

There is still time for our remaining families to contribute before the end of Term 1.

Canteen Roster

Friday 13 Feb: Kirsty Tepper
Monday 16 Feb: Candy Bartels-Waller
Friday 20 Feb: Tamarin Hughes

From the Uniform Shop

Pre-Loved Uniforms in stock now!

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AWARDS

Miss Mills
Mahleigha Jolly – For great work during maths activities
Ryder McKillop – For being a great listener
Year 6 – For being fantastic buddies. Well done!

Miss Luff
Georgie Cardile – For being a great class helper
Reuben Wilton – For effort in reading

Miss Murphy
Hayley Vankerkoele – For trying her best during all activities
Ben Williams – For being kind, friendly and helpful

Mrs Preston
Year 2 – For a great start to the new year

Mr Preston
Kruiz Bickley – For settling in well to Holbrook Public School
Amelia Pincott – For a mature approach to all her school work

Miss Lavis
Hamilton Black – Making an enthusiastic start to the year
Jaide Hughes – Working well in maths

Mrs Wedgwood
Seth Watego-Maclachlan – A positive start to Year 6
Year 6 – Being excellent, thoughtful and caring buddies

Miss Peterson
Braydon Eddy – Being interdependent in numeracy
Rohan Jepson – Using his reasoning skills in literacy

Principal’s Awards
Sophie Ellison – For great results in her spelling test
Kasey Henry – For patience and perseverance
Julia Mathie – For great organisational and listening skills in English

VALUES AWARDS - RESPONSIBILITY
Junior: Annabel Pincott
Senior: Claire Cottrell

STAR CARD WINNERS
Yellow Playground Star Cards
Tara Jepson and Ben Williams

Blue Classroom Star Cards
Braydon Eddy and Rohan Jepson

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Tia Charles, Wil Jenkyn, Audrey Lieschke, Jack Pitzen, Eli Toll, Seth Webb

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Aqua Fitness Classes are on!**
Classes are 45 minutes duration
$12 + admission or season ticket

**Tuesday:**
- 6.00 am Aqua
- 9.00 am Aqua (child minding available $2.50 per child, bookings essential)

**Wednesday:**
- 6.00 pm Aqua

**Saturday:**
- 8.00 am Aqua

Enquiries: Margot Pitzen 0407 658 401

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- Senior race (9:30 am start): 15 km bike, 200 m swim and 4.2 km run.
- Fun Run (9:35 am start): 8 km.

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**Mini Tri 8 Year and under (10:35 am start): 2 km bike, 33 m swim and 700 m run**

Competitors will be able to pre-enter on line or on the day (if entering on the day you will need to be there one hour before the event and pay a late fee). For registration forms and information visit [www.holbrook.nsw.au](http://www.holbrook.nsw.au)