From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you had a great start to the term. Yesterday’s swimming carnival was a huge success. All participants tried their best and students and parents enjoyed the relaxed feel of the day. Congratulations to all of the students for their successes. A special part of the school routine is the fortnightly assembly in which parents and relatives are invited to attend. This is held in the hall at 2.30pm with merit awards being presented and each class performing a class item throughout the year. Our first assembly will be held Thursday, 12th February where Class Councillors and House Captains will be presented with their badges.

Parents are invited to attend our parent information sessions which will be held in the evening of Tuesday, 10th and Thursday, 12th February. You will receive further information from your child’s class teacher about which evening and the time that is applicable to your child’s class information session. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher for an appointment at another time.

I am very pleased to announce that the current vacant position of Assistant Principal has been filled through merit selection by Mrs Trudy Standley who will take up the position at the beginning of Week 5. Trudy comes to us from Turvey Park Public School with a wealth of experience and knowledge. We welcome her to our school and I am sure she will enjoy leading and working with the students, staff and school community.

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education? Regular attendance at school makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships. I have attached a flyer to the newsletter which outlines the importance of regular school attendance. Please contact the school if you have any questions relating to this.

Finally, student safety in the mornings and around home time is paramount, therefore there are a couple of important points to note: While there is limited parking at the front of the school, please do not park in the bus zones or no parking areas. Also, children who walk along William Street and need to cross the road should use the school crossing. Hopefully we will see flashing lights being installed there at some stage throughout the year.

Have a great week and I look forward to catching up with some of you throughout the week.

Brad Griffith
Principal

Introducing our school leaders for 2015!

Congratulations to Brett Field and Alannah Brett who are our School Captains and Freddie Fewson and Darcy Jolliffe who are our Vice Captains. We are sure they will proudly represent the school and enjoy their new roles.
PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parents are invited to attend our parent information sessions which will be held on Tuesday, 10th February and Thursday, 12th February from 6.30pm onwards. The times for each class are as follows:-

**Tuesday, 10th February**
- 6.30-7.00pm: 1/2V, 1/2S, KW, KQ
- 7.00-7.30pm: 3/4D, 1/2M

**Thursday, 12th February**
- 6.30-7.00pm: 3L, 4/5P, 5/6M
- 7.00-7.30pm: 5/6W

ASSEMBLY

The first assembly for the year will be held on Thursday, 12th February at 2.30pm in the school hall. Newly elected Sporting House Captains, Term 1 Class Councillors and Student Representative Councillors will be presented with their badges at this assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations to all of the students listed below for being elected to their new roles. Receiving badges will be:

**Sporting House Captains**
- **Farrer**
  - Boy Captain – Anthony Field
  - Girl Captain – Jade Beresford
  - Boy Vice Captain – Zak Hopkins
  - Girl Vice Captain – Annalise Jolliffe
- **Sturt**
  - Boy Captain – Joshua Steele
  - Girl Captain – Pearl Maurer
  - Boy Vice Captain – Thomas Miegel
  - Girl Vice Captain – Ciara Wilson

**Term 1 Class Councillors**
- KW Harris Eyles, Sunnie Reynolds
- 1/2M Keira Wortz, Nathanial Lowing
- 1/2V Poppy King-Starr, Reese Plum
- 3/4D Lucinda Kemp, Crawford Wadley
- 5/6M Harold Strachan, Melinda-Jo Ryan
- KQ Myer Mescia, Harrison Fisher
- 1/2S Baylee Edwards, Ainsley Green
- 3L Emmy McMahon, Carter Chobdzynski
- 4/5P Eleanor Austin, Kyle Doneley
- 5/6W Conrad Eyles, Molly Hartley

**Student Representative Council**
- 1/2M Claire Feary, Mason Mescia
- 1/2V Melanie Philpott, Grady Barber
- 3/4D Ella Blay, Lachlan Moore
- 5/6M Joe Seddon, Ashleigh O’Reilly
- 1/2S Roslyn Hanlon, Harry Austin
- 3L Millie Chisholm, Samuel Reid
- 4/5P Ben Collins, Emily Ayton
- 5/6W Zac Steele, Molly Hartley

NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

As we have several students who have been diagnosed with an allergy to nuts, we are asking parents not to send any food products containing nuts to school (this includes peanut butter sandwiches). It is important to understand that even trace amounts of food can cause a severe reaction so we are asking everyone to just be aware of how serious this allergy can be.

HUME SCHOOL BANKING

School banking with the Hume Bank will recommence for the year this week. Banking day is Thursday and a representative from Hume collects the wallets and returns them to the school ready for the following week. If you would like your child to become a Clancy Koala Junior Saver, simply collect an enrolment form from the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help in the canteen this term. Unfortunately we have a few days where extra help is needed so if you are able to assist on the following days please phone Jane Chobdzynski on 0409 926 836.

**Wednesday, 18th February**
- Sandi Elliott, Bec Hopkins, Kelley Nielsen

**Monday, 23rd February**
- Emma Lowing, Norma McFarland

**Friday, 13th March**
- Zac Steele, Molly Hartley

**Monday, 30th March**
- Zac Steele, Molly Hartley

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Thank you to all the students, teachers, parents and carers for making yesterday’s swimming carnival such a huge success. A big thank you especially, to everyone who offered to help throughout the day with timekeeping etc. This assistance is always very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the age champions for 2015:

- **Junior Boy:** Wil Tester
- **Junior Girl:** Hayley Beresford
- **11 Year Boy:** Darcy Jolliffe
- **11 Year Girl:** Jade Beresford
- **Senior Boy:** Harold Strachan
- **Senior Girl:** Pearl Maurer

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**NORTH WAGGA RESIDENTS MEETING**
The first residents meeting for 2015 will be held tonight, Wednesday, 4th February at 6.00pm in the North Wagga Hall. We would love to see some new faces so bring along your ideas to share. All welcome, including children.

**WAGGA WAGGA JUNIOR HOCKEY**

**2015 Come and Try Days** - Registration for Under 9’s up to Under 16’s for new and current players
**Dates:** Tuesday 10th February, Wednesday 11th February, Thursday 12th February (Week 3 of Term 1, 2015) from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at Jubilee Park
Please bring along shin pads, stick, mouth guard and water bottle. Equipment will be made available for new players to use on the day. Contact Kate Wickson on 0427000339 or at coolberry@bigpond.com for further details and to register your interest in attending.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES**
First Holy Communion classes for Catholic children Year 3 and upwards, will begin at 8.45am on Sunday, 8th February at St Michael’s Parish Centre, Johnston Street – opposite the Cathedral.
Confirmation classes for Catholic children in Year 6 will begin 8.45am on Sunday, 8th February also at St Michael’s Parish Centre. For enquiries contact Rev R Micallef on 6921 2164 or Sr Hannahri on 69310014.

**CHAMPION HOUSE**

**FARRER**

**SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to the following House Captains who had their first official duties at yesterday’s swimming carnival:

- Pearl Maurer, Joshua Steele, Thomas Meigel, Ciara Wilson, Jade Beresford, Anthony Field, Zak Hopkins and Annalise Jolliffe