

Dear Parents and Community,

Week 3 already! This week we will have the **Rivers Swimming Carnival**, where those students who would like to be considered to swim at a district level have an opportunity to enter events. Arrival time at the pool is 9:30 for an approx 10am start. On the 16th February

The P and C are providing food and drinks, however due to commitments there are only some parents that can help out. **If you can help** on the day, **please contact the school** on 6454 2265 to let us know. We currently have 2 people helping.

**Our Covered Outdoor Learning area** (COLA) is nearly finished and has been utilised daily by the students. It is a fantastic asset to the school, as will be the additions to our multi purpose room (the old library) Work is due to start in this room mid February. Local businesses used for the project include Fairidge Pty Ltd (Managing Contractor), Cooma Steel (supply and installation of COLA), Cooma Landscape Supplies (Supply of Concrete), Mitre 10 Jindabyne (Supply of reinforcing steel and general construction materials), Broe Electrical Jindabyne (supply and installation of electrical work), Adaminaby Bakery (Supply of smoko and lunch for the tradies) and Snowgoose Hotel (Supply of a refreshment after work)

**Playgroup** is due to start on Wednesday 10th February. All parents and children are welcome to attend. Mr Bernadette Wyatt has a wonderful program organised for the term, which includes outside play, literacy and numeracy activities and rotation activities. Please come along.

Our **music program** has started with a bang. Positive comments have been made about the program from a variety of community members. Judith Marriot is very talented at what she does and the children warmed to her very quickly. Welcome to the school Judith.

Our **chickens** have had a wonderful holiday and are now on a rigorous fitness program (as the children love to ‘follow’ them). All roosters have been re homed and are enjoying having their own flock of hens.

**Last week** I attended a meeting at Batemans Bay where we were informed of the new National Curriculum which will be implemented in the near future, we discussed the National Partnerships (including the Low SES Partnership), school development days, promoting leadership within staff, proactive leadership, Personal learning Plans for Aboriginal Students and the new mandatory reporting on student welfare ‘Keep them Safe’. A very informative meeting giving principals and teachers an idea of what will be involved in the year ahead.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or queries. We are all more than happy to discuss these in a mutually suitable time. Please phone the school on **6454 2265** or email me at **mark.wyatt@det.nsw.edu.au**

Regards

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