Dear Parents,

We have started this week with our annual visit from the Life Education Van and Healthy Harold. This is a very valuable service which is strongly aligned to our Personal Development and Health Syllabus K-6. I thank you for your support for this very valuable and unique program.

I thank the team at DN Aquatics for a superb swimming program over the past two weeks. All of our students have demonstrated personal growth in their confidence, skills and endurance in swimming. It has been a privilege to observe the growth and change in our students whilst they have been learning this very important life skill.

Congratulations to the Year Five students who presented their Captain Speeches to the school assembly last Friday morning. All students clearly presented valid reasons why they should be elected as 2015 School Captain. All of the student body will have an opportunity to Vote for Captains on Wednesday morning in the Library. The successful candidates will be announced next Monday at our Presentation Night.

Finally, I invite all students, parents, family and friends to join us in our celebration of learning at the 2014 Corowa South Presentation Evening at Corowa High at 6:30pm on Monday, 15th December.

Karen Kissell - Principal

Reading Awards have been presented to:

- 125 Nights: Jack Johnson
- 175 Nights: Tamzin Forge
- 200 Nights: Nate Batten

Invitation to our parents, helpers and supporters.

Join us on Friday 12th December for all or part of the day........

1. Assembly at 10.30am - Last K-6 assembly for 2014.
2. Volunteer helpers morning tea at 11.00-11.30am
3. Kids Talent Quest at 11.30am
4. Sausage sizzle at 1.00pm.
5. Santa visit at 3.00pm

Reminder Presentation night – Monday 15th December, starting at 6:30pm
Students to wear school uniform to Presentation Night. – Mufti on Monday to school.

No library borrowing – library stocktake in progress

Christmas Carols in Bangerang Park, Friday 19th Dec

Chook Chat

During the holidays Mr Batten will take the chooks back to his house for their summer vacation. We hope they return to school in 2015, refreshed and ready to lay lots of eggs.

We have a steady supply of eggs, the chooks are currently laying 1 – 4 eggs a day.

K/1 will be looking after chooks on Thursday 11th – while 5/6 on excursion.

Written by Rory Batten and Wil Julian
K/1 News
As part of our topic “Paddock to Plate” the class has been conducting an experiment on what wheat needs to grow. Grains of wheat were put on cotton wool in egg cartons and then kept in different conditions. Over four weeks the students made observations and proposed hypotheses about the outcomes. Here are some of the observations made at the conclusion of the experiment.

1. **Sunlight, no water.**
   “Nothing happened. It did not smell” Bree Harvie.
   “It didn’t grow because it had no water” Amelia Harris.
2. **Water, no sunlight.**
   “Some roots went to the top, some went to the bottom” Mikayla Butler.
   “The roots went crazy” Nate Batten.
   “The roots are on the top near the wheat. The shoots are pale green.” Paisley Shaw.
3. **Water and sunlight.**
   “The wheat is green and has grown very, very well.” Aria Glare.
   “The shoots have been growing straight” Mackenzie Bunt.
   “The roots have gone down.” Tamzin Forge

Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher.

To our wonderful **classroom and school helpers**. Without your support, we would not be able to offer the variety of programs to the students.

Father Christmas will write to you!
A box is located in the office foyer for students to return their letter to Santa by 15\textsuperscript{th} December. Be sure to include your name, age and address in the letter.

Life Education Van
I learnt about healthy foods. My favourite part was the disco. Shaylyn Kilsby
I learnt about eating well and playing safely. I got to be a super hero. Nicholas Butler.

5/6 Class News
Our class has almost finished their Christmas stories. We plan on presenting and reading them to Class K /1 at the end of the week.
Year Six is organising a special act for the Talent Quest with K /1. Homework this week is Spelling, Take Home Reading, creating or drawing Ned Kelly’s armour and recording the price of gold over 10 days for a maths activity at the end of Week 10.
Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher.

Year 1/2 News
It’s the beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the 1/2 classroom, with many decorations being created. Jodi and Jack have been busily creating a window display on the topic “Under the Sea”.

We have written reflections about our year of learning in 1/2. “I really enjoyed doing craft because it’s fun. I found public speaking difficult because you have to look at people and some people are a bit nervous”. Logan Forge
“I really enjoyed craft, maths, reading, learning hard words, names and interesting things. I really struggled with maths and reading hard words. My greatest achievement was learning how to use the jump strategy to solve subtraction problems. My learning goal for 2015 is improving in Maths and working out hard words”. Marlee Julian

Please feel free to visit our classroom to view our craft work and displays.
Mrs Taylor and Class 1/2.

P & C sausage sizzle - Special Sausage Sizzle this Friday organized by P&C –with Dave Harris - chef

Sausage in bread with sauce $ 1.50each    Zooper doopers 50c each
Please send your orders to school by Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} – 9am so that sufficient sausages can be ordered! Please pay on Friday.

FAMILY NAME: __________________________ Number of sausages required __________________