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**K/1 News**
Welcome back. I hope everyone is well rested after the holiday break and are ready for another action packed learning adventure.
On Tuesday we continued our ‘Step Up to Kinder’ Program involving our current Kinder students learning to be class leaders and in class buddies.

At our last ‘Step Up to Kinder’ we listened to a Kinder favourite ‘Mrs Wishy Washy’ and completed a jigsaw picture of Mrs Wishy Washy with assistance from our Year 5 Buddies.

Last Term as a final building experiment in Science K/1 students were set a challenge to build a free standing structure with dry spaghetti and marshmallows.

**Term Units:**
Science – Living Things – How does your Garden Grow?
Growing and Cataloging learning topics.
HSIE – Celebrations
We will of course also be continuing with Literacy and Mathematics and preparing for our School Concert.
Mrs Taylor, Class Teacher

**CHOOK CHAT**
Thank you to Rory and Wil and their families for caring for our chooks over the holidays. The chooks are happy and healthy.

**P & C News**
Next P & C meeting Wednesday at 2:15pm – 2:45pm in the Library – 28th October 2015.
Please note change of date. All welcome to attend.

**Year 5/6 News**
Welcome back. This week we are concentrating on learning our spelling and Take Home Reading. Year 5 have recommenced their Buddy roles in Step Up To Kinder and Year 6 start Linkages at Corowa High School on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Kissell, Class Teacher

**Countdown to our Major Excursion**
Years 5/6 to Borambola Sports and Recreation Camp, Wagga Wagga Three Days - 4th, 5th and 6th November 2015.

**Year 2/3/4 News**
Welcome to Term 4, another term of learning and discovery.
October is Stamp Collecting Month. We have invited a staff member from the Corowa Post Office to visit our class and are awaiting confirmation of the visit date. The Australia Post philatelic team has chosen ‘The Solar System’ as this year’s theme. Special Stamp Collecting Month stamp have been available since 22nd September. These stamps are illustrated with images of the planets in our solar system.
Year 4 students will be sharing their prior knowledge about the bodies of the Solar System as the class explores this fascinating topic over the next few weeks.

Homework for this week is a recount of the Spring holidays. A recount records events in the sequence in which they occurred. The author has often been personally involved in these events. Students may choose their own medium to present the recount. It may be written, digital, a series of graphics, photos or illustrations. Don’t forget to keep up the home reading. There are about 70 nights until the end of school year. I wonder how many of the class will record more than 200 home reading nights for the year?

Mrs McDonald, Class Teacher

**Reminder: Attendance**
Could you please ensure that all student absences from school are followed up with an explanation note or verbal explanation to the class teacher. This is in accordance with the NSW Department of Education’s Student Attendance Policy.

**Linkages Program:**
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SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with the basic skills in water safety and survival.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently using correct stroke technique unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. The Program focuses on weak swimmers as well as students with special needs such as students with disabilities.

As part of this scheme, students from Kinder to Year 6 are eligible to participate in our ten day program at Corowa Swimming Pool. The program will run from Monday 30th November until Friday 11th December 2015.

Transport will be provided to and from Corowa Swimming Pool by Canns Bus Lines.

We ask you to complete the following questionnaire so that we can ensure that we engage the appropriate number of qualified Auswim instructors to suit the needs of our students. Please return by Friday 9th October 2015.

Parents to pay pool entry:  Pool Members = Nil,  Non Members = $35.  (Pool Entry: $3.50 x 10 days)  (The total cost to parents is $35.00 for the 10 day program. If your child/ren holds a current membership to the Corowa Swimming Pool there will be no cost for your child). Please do not send money with this survey note.

Yours in Education

Karen Kissell – Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME SURVEY  (Return by Friday 9/10/15)

Child’s Name: __________________________

Special Needs of my child (e.g. medical, allergies, water safety devices, disabilities etc):

__________________________________________________________________________________________

My child has the following concerns involving water

__________________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________________

My child can confidently and competently swim, using correct stroke technique:

Please circle:  0-5 metres  5-10 metres  10-15 metres  20-25 metres

25-30 metres  30- 50 metres  50+ metres

Signed: _________________________________ Parent/Guardian  Date: ________________