FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to 2016! I hope that all the students and families have had an enjoyable and restful summer vacation. This year our school will have three classes:

- Kindergarten /Year 1 – Mrs Kate Taylor
- Years 2/3/4 – Mrs Lee McDonald
- Years 5/6 – Mr Thomas McIntyre

I will undertake the responsibilities and teaching of Library, student learning support, Science and Technology across the school.

I extend a special welcome Mr McIntyre who joins our teaching team. He is an excellent asset to our school. Mr McIntyre was a casual teacher at our school at the end of last year and has taught casually at many small and large schools across the Riverina.

I thank Mrs Regan, Ms Filliponi and Mrs Francis on their valuable support and contributions to our school during 2015. The students, staff and parents appreciated their efforts.

Mrs Regan will continue to teach casually at our school but on a less regular basis during 2016. Ms Filliponi is working in Victoria. Mrs Francis is at Brocklesby PS.

Karen Kissell, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

**Please add to the Term Calendar**

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<td>9.20am Meet and Greet, Morning Tea in the Library – Kindergarten parents and all parents K – 6 invited. Healthy Lunch Box tips.</td>
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<td>Fri 5th Feb</td>
<td>Gala Swimming morning Year 2 – Year 6</td>
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<td>2.30pm Assembly K – 6: First for 2016</td>
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<td>Friday 12th Feb</td>
<td>9.15am Bookclub Issue 1 due</td>
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**Congratulations to our elected leaders 2016:**

- **Captain:** Nadia Raschke
- **Vice Captain:** Sophie Jones
- **Prefects:** Courtney O’Brien, Oskar Wemyss, Stephanie Dunscombe-Lofthouse
- **Sports Leaders:** Chelsea Hay, Bryce Moffitt
- **Library Monitors:** Callum Dunscombe-Lofthouse, Daniel Moffitt

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**Kindergarten 2016**

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students for 2016. Your buddies, teachers and friends have been looking forward to your arrival!
**Year 2/3/4 News**
New capet greeted us all as we returned refreshed from holidays, ready for another year of learning together. In English the students engaging in learning activities based on the classic novel “Pippi Longstocking” by Astrid Lindgren. The students are consolidating their knowledge of whole number place value and 2-D space in Maths this week. The term’s topic is “The Past in the Present”. Homework will usually be set each week. The activities will compliment class learning. The homework will be sent home on either Monday or Tuesday, to be returned Friday the same week. This week homework will include Maths revision, discovery of what concrete materials to help with Maths was used by parents/grandparents, and home reading. Please keep a record of books your child reads which can be transferred to the home reading record books when they arrive.

**K/1 News**
A big welcome to 2016 Kindergarten students and their families and a welcome back to Year 1 students and families. We’ve had a wonderful start to 2016. All Kindergarten students have completed their Best Start Assessments and we’re excited to commence our first full day of ‘big’ school today.

Meanwhile, Year 1 students have been doing some exciting and fun learning activities with Mrs Kissell. We are eagerly seeking Classroom Helpers to assist with our valued learning programs. If you think you would enjoy supporting our learning team in the K/1 class, please contact the school office to notify of your availability. We look forward to seeing you in the audience this Friday at our first Assembly for 2016.
Library News
Library borrowing will commence this week. Please bring a library bag clearly labelled with your name to school. Library days:
Monday - Kindergarten/Year 1
Tuesday – Class 2/3/4
Thursday - Class 5/6

Sport
Swimming Gala day for Years 2-6 this Friday morning, 5th February at the Corowa Pool. Activities will start at 9.45am. A separate note has been distributed. Please contact the school if you have any questions. Parents are welcome and invited to attend. Regular sports day will be Friday mornings. Reminder of sun safe policy - wear a hat outside.

Staff Professional Learning Day
Last Wednesday all teaching, administration and grounds staff from our school, Lowesdale, Savernake and Mulwala attended professional learning at Mulwala PS. This was a Small Schools Network initiative to ensure all staff participated in quality professional learning to maintain currency and excellence for our school communities. The professional learning addressed Code of Conduct 2016, Child Protection updates and Work, Health and Safety procedures and guidelines. In the afternoon we investigated and the use of Google Docs as classroom and administrative tools. The day was an excellent opportunity to learn, share and develop our professional standards and expertise.

Thank you
Special thanks to the parents and school community for taking care of our school over the summer vacation. Your prompt action ensured that appropriate action was taken for any minor incidents. Thank you to the Batten and Julian family for their care and entertainment of our chooks.

Corowa Community Carols
Thank you to Mrs McDonald and Mrs Taylor for accompanying our students. Thank you to the students and their families who were able to attend this evening on Friday 18th December 2015 and represent our school.

P&C Meeting
Join us at the Corowa South P&C meeting on Wednesday 10th February in the Library at 5:30pm. All welcome to attend. Like us on facebook and keep up to date with the latest news.