Welcome to the new school year. I am sure everyone is well and rested after a good break. I had a lovely time with my family at home and an interesting 10 days camping in the rain!

Here’s to a great beginning to the year and for the rest of 2015. We have started the school year with 23 students. We farewell the Norris family and wish them all the very best at their new school.

You will be happy to hear that Mrs Schell is teaching a Stage 3 class at Albury North Public School. She is enjoying her class and the learning curve she is on.

Mrs Christensen and I have also enjoyed the start of our year with the Yr. 1-6 class. We continue to be nutting out the small parts to our vision. If you have seen Ms Finster lately – you will see she is going well.

Mrs Wiltshire returns teaching art on Fridays. We are very lucky to have such a talented person in the local area available to share her skills with our students.

We welcome Ms Seymour as a regular casual Teacher’s Aide. She will be providing support in the classroom in the absence of Mrs Christensen or myself.

Calendar of Events

Week 3

Monday 9th February
Intensive swimming lessons

Tuesday 10th February
Intensive swimming lessons

Wednesday 11th February
Southern Riverina Cricket trials

Thursday 12th February
Ms Hamilton @ Albury Principals meeting with Mr Smith

Week 4

Tuesday 17th February
Walbundrie Small School Network Swimming Carnival @ Jindera pool 10:00am
GT Aquatics with Burrumbuttock PS

Week 5

Thursday 26th February
Ms Hamilton @ teaching Principal Reference group meeting in Sydney; Ms Brennan teaching with Mrs Christensen

Friday 27th February
Ms Hamilton @ teaching Principal Reference group meeting in Sydney; Ms Brennan teaching Yr. 1-6

What’s attached to this newsletter?
* Term calendar
Improving the positive awards system with How2Learn

How2Learn continues as a focus to develop 21 century Active Learners. It is a learning enhancing way of teaching that empowers students to be actively engaged and the drivers of their learning. Our positive award system is embedding, recognising and rewarding the skills of active learners.

Kitchen installation

Over the holiday break the kitchen project has been completed in the art room. It is a fantastic asset to the school and will be well utilised by student, parent and staff.

Syllabus implementation

The new English syllabus continues to be implemented this year across NSW and we are also implementing the new Maths syllabus.

Learning across the curriculum content, including the cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities, assists students to achieve the broad learning outcomes defined in the Board of Studies K–10 Curriculum Framework and Statement of Equity Principles, and in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (December 2008).

Cross-curriculum priorities enable students to develop understanding about and address the contemporary issues they face.

General capabilities encompass the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors to assist students to live and work successfully in the 21st century.

This term the students will be reading and writing information texts both digital and print incorporating learning around the cross curricular priority of Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia and The general capabilities Intercultural understanding, Information and communication technology capability, and Difference and diversity. Maths on the other hand has had little change to its content or concepts.

Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Walbundrie Network of Schools Swimming Carnival for students turning 8, are 8 or older and can swim 25m unassisted, is being held at the Jindera pool on Tuesday 17th February.

Those students unable to enjoy and benefit from the carnival experience will be spending the day with Burrumbuttock school and attending a swimming lesson at GT Aquatics. A note to these families will be sent out as soon as one is forwarded from Burrumbuttock P.S.

Our school will be organising and running the carnival again this year. If you can help out on the day please speak with Ms Hamilton or Miss Finster.

Lunch

There will be no BBQ this year. Please bring your own lunch or there are canteen facilities available at the pool.

Qualifying

First and second place (on time if more than one heat) will qualify for the Southern Riverina Carnival held at the Lavington pool on Friday 27th February.
Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have continued over the past week and a bit. Students have shown tremendous improvement and they should be proud of themselves. The weather has been great and next week looks like a good one for swimming!

Kids on Keyboard

During term 2 and 3, Brocklesby Public School is again offering the Kids On Keyboard program for our students to learn musical keyboard skills.

If you wish your child/ren to participate in Kids on keyboard please contact the school. Places are limited and we will be asking for a deposit of $60 to hold your place. Maximum places: 12

Cost of the program is $120 per term to be paid at the beginning of each term.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be starting Week 4. Home Learning is not compulsory.

It will be prepared and handed out to the students on Monday each fortnight. It is expected that it be completed to the best of their ability.

When the home learning pack is returned a new package will be available.

It will contain some maths, spelling and reading a log.

It is not intended to be;
- a stressful task
- place time pressures on your family
- difficult
- complete new learning

It is intended to be;
- Manageable
- Enjoyable
- Revision

Please contact Mrs Christensen or Ms Hamilton if you require any further information regarding home learning for your child.

School Stationary

Yrs 3-6 are asked to supply the following stationary for 2015.
- Led Pencil, Pens – (fine/medium in blue, red), 30cm ruler, rubber, coloured pencils/textas/crayons, and glue stick.

Yrs 3-6 students seem to use an outstanding amount of tissues. We are asking for each student to bring in a box or 2 of tissues per term.

All students are asked to supply earphones for personal use in the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance with this. If you have any difficulty supplying any of the items listed above please advise the school and we can assist.

P&C AGM & General Meeting

The P&C AGM followed by a general meeting, will held on Tuesday night 10th Feb.

All executive positions will be made vacant.

Please return nomination forms if you are interested in supporting the school and the P&C in an executive capacity.

Happy Birthday!

Laine