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| **16.11.10 Term 4 No 35** |

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Work has started at last on converting the old library into the new administration block. Please remind your children to be careful as they come into the school grounds as there will be workmen and vehicles using the front double gates from time to time.

As part of the annual school reporting process, I need to report on an aspect of the current management processes. Being so new to the school and still learning what these processes are, this is a very difficult thing to do. Attached to this Grapevine is a Response Form on which I would appreciate your opinions on current issues. Your input will help guide not only the Annual School Report, but planning for the future.

Selective high school entry applications for 2012 are available. As these are due quite soon, if any parent of a child currently in Year 5 is interested in their child attending a selective high school, please see me and I will explain the process, which is now online. The only selective places which may possibly be suitable for children in this area are at Karabar High in Queanbeyan or at an agricultural high school with boarding facilities, such as Yanco, Farrar or Hurlstone.

There are some library books still outstanding. Even though the school library is not currently operating, we would still like any books to be returned to class teachers please.

Janet O’Dea

**SCHOOL HATS**

A new supply of school hats has arrived. They are available for $7 from the school office. Hats are needed for all outdoor activities at school, including play in the sun.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

All library books are due back this week. Borrowing is closed for the year.

**FRIDAY SWIMMING**

Each Friday until 10th December, 2/3 and 4/5/6 will go swimming for sport. They will need $1.00 for pool entry unless they have a family season pass. Hat, swimmers, towel, sunscreen and water bottle are needed. Please send back the permission note before Friday 19th November. NO NOTE NO GO! Anyone not going swimming on Friday afternoons will be supervised at school, with appropriate work provided.

**TEXTBOOKS**

All grades use textbooks of some kind to help cut copying costs and save energy. The textbook fee this year is $30 per child. If you have not already done so, please complete the slip at the end of this Grapevine. It would be good to have this finalised before we start asking for contributions next year.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME**

Weeks 8 and 9 (29th Nov - 10th Dec) are set aside for Swim Scheme for K/1 and Year 2 and up needing swimming practice. The School Swimming Scheme is an elementary learn to swim program that develops water confidence and basic skills in water safety and survival. All K/1 go to these lessons. Participants will leave at 12:45pm each day and return at 2:05pm. Anyone who can assist with walking the children to and from the pool, please complete the slip at the end of this Grapevine.

**LOST**

Chloe Lawton from K/1 has lost her hat with 2 learning badges on it. She has also lost her polar fleece jumper. Both items have her name on them.

**P&C update**

A very warm welcome to our new principal Janet. The P&C encourages everyone to give Janet their feedback on what you think is working at our school and perhaps not working as well as it could. At Tuesday’s meeting Janet told us some great ideas she already has in the pipeline for this term and Term 1 next year.

Unfortunately P&C plans for new playground equipment are temporarily on hold, but we’ll be picking this up again with gusto in the new year.

Last week was our last P&C meeting for the year so we don’t meet again until February but if any parents have any issues they wish to discuss or you want us to raise on your behalf at the next meeting, please call any of us.

Keep an eye out for some Xmas fairy lights we’ll be stringing up at the front of the school in December.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Just a reminder that canteen is now open on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS only.

**“Reduced to Clear”**

Strawberry & chocolate Moo’s normally $1.30 now 50c

Calipo’s normally 80c now 50c

**“Now Available”**

Raspberry focus water $1.20

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| **TERM 4** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| Week 58th – 12th Nov | **Canteen (Kylie/Belinda)** |  |  | **Tennis** | **Canteen (Lil)** |
| Week 615th – 19th Nov | **Assembly****Canteen (Beth/Gai)** |  |  | **Tennis** | **Canteen (Sarah)****KINDY START****Swimming** |
| Week 722nd – 26th Nov | **Canteen (Kylie/Belinda)** |  |  | **Tennis** | **Canteen (Cindy/Tracey)****KINDY START****Swimming** |
| Week 829th Nov – 3rd Dec | **Assembly****Canteen (Beth/Gai)**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME |  |  | **Tennis** | **Canteen (Kylie/Belinda)****KINDY START****Swimming** |
| Week 96th – 10th Dec | **Canteen (Kylie/Belinda)**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME | **Presentation Night** |  | **Tennis****Yass HS Presentation** | **Canteen (Sarah)****KINDY START****Swimming** |
| Week 1013th – 17th Dec | **Canteen (Beth/Gai)** |  | **Last Day for Students** | **Staff Development Day** | **Staff Development Day** |

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME**

If you can help School Staff walk to and from the pool with the students on any of the Swimming School days, please fill in the return slip below. Participants will leave at 12:45pm each day and return at 2:05pm.

Notes must be returned by 22nd November.

WALKING WITH K/1 TO SWIMMING LESSONS (29/11/10 to 10/12/10)

I can assist School Staff with K/1 when they are walking to/from the pool.

I can assist on the following day / days (please circle):

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHILD’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_

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**TEXT BOOKS**

Please find enclosed………… ($30 per child) which will be the cost of my child/children’s work books. This cost is subsidised by the school.

Child/Children’s names ………………………………………………………………............……….

Signed …………………………………………………… Date: …………………………………….

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**SWIMMING FOR SPORT**

**YEARS 2 – 6**

I give my permission for my child/children ………………………………………………………..

to walk to the Gunning Pool on Friday 19/11, 26/11, 3/12 & 10/12/10 for sport.

My child has a season pass Yes/No

My child is a non-swimmer Yes/No

My child has the following condition, or any information of which teachers should be aware:

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Signed……………………………………………............ Date…………………………………….