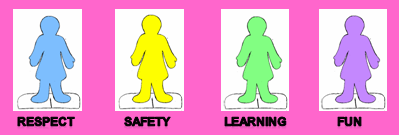
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**Term 4**

**Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday**

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| Week 5  31st Oct – 4th Nov | **Assembly** |  |  | **Tennis** |  |
| Week 6  7th – 11th Nov |  | **P&C Meeting 7pm** |  | **Tennis** | **Remembrance Day** |

**Principal’s Message**

I would like to remind parents that normal classes will start at 11:00am tomorrow, following a stop work meeting. Minimal supervision will be provided from 9:00am.

Last Friday we were very pleased to host the band from Beecroft Public School for a performance as part of their three day tour of our local area. As the band is larger than our school population, this was quite an experience. The Beecroft students provided a morning of very high quality music and enjoyed morning tea in the playground with Gunning students. I received several comments from Beecroft teachers and parents about the excellent behaviour and courtesy of our children. They also expressed their amazement at the range of fresh, healthy food our students had for lunch, with Gunning students eating sandwiches, rolls and fruit rather than pre-packaged foods.

Yesterday afternoon, along with nine other local principals, I was fortunate enough to attend a meeting with the NSW Minister for Education, Hon. Mr Adrian Piccoli. Mr Piccoli was very interested in listening to our comments on the way many aspects of the DEC is operating and our suggestions for possible improvements and refinements.

On a less positive note, I am becoming concerned at the number of ipods and mobile phones being brought to school at the moment. Electronic equipment such as this is generally not needed at school and is better left at home. Where there is an occasional need for a phone, or an ipod is used on long bus trips, it should be kept in the student’s bag or left in the school office for the day.

Next Friday 11th November is Remembrance Day. We will be having a very short ceremony at 10:45am.

Janet O’Dea

**Local schools, local decisions**

You have until Friday 18 November to contribute to the online forum of the NSW government’s ‘local schools local decisions’ planning process.

The NSW Government wants to hear from people about giving schools greater control over decision-making in order to improve teaching and learning, and achieve the best outcomes for students.

Everyone with an interest in public education is invited to contribute ideas on five areas of reform:

* making decisions
* managing resources
* staff in our schools
* working locally
* reducing red tape.

To have your say go to the online forum at: <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/localschools>

**World Diabetes Day**

November 14 is World Diabetes Day.

The day aims to raise awareness of the disease and ways to prevent lifestyle-induced (Type 2) diabetes, which is increasing in our society. Adopting a healthy diet, high in protein and low in sugar and simple carbohydrates, and incorporating regular exercise, is a good start.

For more information on preventing and living with diabetes, including help in different languages, go to the Australian Diabetes Council website: [www.diabetesnsw.com.au/](http://www.diabetesnsw.com.au/)

**CROOKWELL SWIMMING CLUB**

**First Meet for 2011**

 The Crookwell Swimming Club will hold its first meet for the season on **Friday 11 November** beginning at 5pm. New and prospective members most welcome to come along and find out what Swimming Club is all about. Remember to register and pay online at [www.nswswimming.com.au](https://webmail.det.nsw.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=5b4dc8703c3542e5bd530452dce4f3cb&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nswswimming.com.au%2f).  Swimmers are $65.00 and non-swimmers are $15.00. If you have any queries you can contact Lisa Opie on [lopie2@bigpond.com](https://webmail.det.nsw.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=5b4dc8703c3542e5bd530452dce4f3cb&URL=mailto%3alopie2%40bigpond.com) or Steph Croker 0248433141.

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| **TERM 4** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| Week 4  31st Oct – 4th Nov | **Assembly** |  |  | **Tennis** |  |
| Week 5  7th – 11th Nov |  |  |  | **Tennis** | **Remembrance Day** |
| Week 6  14th – 18th Nov | **Assembly** |  |  | **Tennis**  **Kindy Start 9:20 am – 12:15pm** |  |
| Week 7  21st – 25th Nov |  |  |  | **Tennis**  **Kindy Start 9:20 am – 12:15pm** |  |
| Week 8  28th Nov – 2nd Dec | **Assembly**  **BER Opening** | Swimming School |  | **Tennis** |  |
| Week 9  5th – 9th Dec | Swimming School |  |  | **Tennis** |  |
| Week 10  12th – 16th Dec | **Presentation Night**  **6:30pm** |  | **K-3 Movie Day** | **Tennis** | **Last Day For Students**  **MERRY XMAS** |
| Week 11  19th – 20th Dec | **Staff Development Day** | **Staff Development Day** |  | | |