Dear Parents/Caregivers

It was pleasing to see a large number of families making the effort to attend the Class Information Sessions last Tuesday evening. The evening had a great feel to it, with parents attentively listening to their child’s teacher outline class expectations and programs for 2016.

A positive working relationship between teachers, parents and students is crucial for maximum student achievement to occur.

School Fees

At our recent P & C Meeting, school fees for 2016 were set. The new fees are:

1 child - $75
2 children - $125
3 or more children - $170

A discount is on offer if fees are paid before 1st April. ($70 - 1, $120 - 2, $165 - 3+)

These funds allow the school to purchase extra resources and equipment for the classrooms to enhance your child’s learning.

Please contact the front office if you wish to pay your school fees by instalments.

School Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in ensuring our School Swimming Carnival ran smoothly last Friday. It was pleasing to see many parents and grandparents in attendance supporting the children in their events.

Special mention to the mums and dads who assisted with timekeeping or working as part of the canteen catering committee. This support plus the enthusiastic manner in which students embraced the various events, made for a great atmosphere on the day.

A big thank you to Miss Purtill and my staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the day was a resounding success.

Congratulations South, a terrific team effort.

School Chaplaincy

A familiar face has returned to the South School staff. Mr Hodgkinson has come out of retirement to take up the position of Deniliquin South School chaplain. This part time position is funded through the National School Chaplaincy Programme.

Mr Hodgkinson’s role is to assist and encourage the emotional well being of students by providing pastoral care and strategies which will support their personal needs. He will work closely with the school welfare team and staff to plan and deliver student resilience and well being services to either individual students or groups of students.

Welcome back Mr H

2016 P & C Executive

Wow, what a great roll up we had at our first P & C Meeting for 2016 last Tuesday evening.

Congratulations to the new executive:

President: Lisa Muirhead
Vice Presidents: George Selleck and Trudy McElroy
Secretary: Aileen Hayes
Treasurer: Seema Shah

Huge thanks to retiring President Mrs Jo Dunn for her outstanding efforts over the last 12 months leading our P & C organisation in providing valuable support to our school.

Sporting Representation

Term 1 is notoriously a busy period for representation in sport and already we have numerous students selected in teams to represent the school and/or the district. We wish them well knowing they will embrace their opportunities and represent our school displaying our school values of fair play and respect.

Enjoy your week.
Greg Danckert
Principal
**Swimming Carnival Results**

**Champion House**  Warbreccan

**Jnr Boy Champion**  Tyson Willis

**11yr Boy Champion**  Charlie Hillier

**Snr Boy Champion**  James Thomson

**Jnr Girl Champion**  Olivia McCallum

**11yr Girl Champion**  Ellie Caruso

**Snr Girl Champion**  Ellie Parks

**Jnr Boy Championship Race**  Tyson Willis

**Jnr Girl Championship Race**  Georgia Danckert

**Snr Boy Championship Race**  James Thomson

**Snr Girl Championship Race**  Sophie Hills

**Individual Championship Points:**

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Thank you to the following people for helping out on the day; Natalie Connolly, Christine Donald, Ellie Danckert, Andy Malin, Audrey McCallum, Jane & Hamish Thomson, Nerisa Wills, Simon & Alana Tilders, George Selleck, Marie Wall, Janette and Aileen, Deniliquin Swim Centre, Deniliquin Swimming Club, John Flisher and staff of DSPS.

**District Swimming Carnival**

Best of luck to the 45 students who have qualified for the District Swimming Carnival in Hay this Thursday. Travel safely and swim fast!

**N.B** Qualified swimmers are reminded to return their permission note to the front office ASAP so that transport arrangements can be confirmed.

**Lost Property**

We had numerous items left at the swimming carnival last Friday. If you are missing something please call into the front office to collect.

**Billy Cart Muster is back!**

Wonderful news is that our famous Billy Cart Muster evening is back. The date set for the fun-packed evening is Friday 18th March. More details from our P & C committee in the coming weeks.

**Cricket Selection**

Congratulations to Charlie Hillier and Raymond Murphy who have been selected to represent Deni & District PSSA at the Riverina Cricket trials to be held next Monday 29th February. Well done boys!

**Basketball Trials**

This week Mrs Champness will be running trials to select our school basketball teams (boys & girls) in readiness for the Deniliquin & District PSSA basketball trials to be held in Echuca on Friday 4th March.

Best of luck to all the players who are trying out.

**Cricket News**

Best of luck to our school cricket team who will play Edward P.S in Round 1 of the NSW PSSA cricket knockout competition on Friday. The game will be played at Edward P.S commencing at 9.30am. Parents, grandparents and family members are encouraged to come along to the big match and cheer the boys into action.

**Squad**

Charlie Hillier, Raymond Murphy, Tom Blake, Jett Liu, Brody Flight, Bailey Caruso, Miller Fitzpatrick, Lachlan Holloway, Ryan Rotherham, Haydn Mowat, Liam East, Logan Leiper and James Thomson.

**Reserves**

Eddie Dudley, Cooper King, Zander Le Roux, Bryce Lea, Joshua Mills

**Stars of the Future**

Bobby Hall, Will Croker, Will Ferguson, Cameron Wills, Hayden Doncon, Brodie Park.

**Wanted - Book Coverers**

If you have some spare time and would like to cover some books, please call into the front office to collect the books and contact. It would be greatly appreciated.

**Dates for your Diary - Term 1**

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Janette’s Canteen News

AMENDMENT TO NEW MENU
Pizzas should be $2.50
Mini Sausage Rolls $1.50 each
Party Pies $1.50 each
Garlic Bread 60c
Small Garlic Bread 40c

NO MILKSHAKES Friday

Swimming Carnival
The BBQ and snow cones were a huge hit at the swimming carnival last Friday. Big thank you to Sherryn Hill, Marie Wall and Cathy Strong for all your help.
The teachers and volunteers were well fed with scrumptious sandwiches and fruit platters enjoyed during the day.

Canteen Roster

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P&C Happenings

Welcome back everyone for another exciting school year for 2016. A special warm welcome to our new Kindies and their families too.

We have an exciting Term 1 with the Swimming Carnival held last week, upcoming Fete later in the term and the long awaited Billy Cart Muster to be held on Friday the 18th March. That’s right! It’s BACK! The new stream line event is in the planning process, so, dust off those Billy Carts and get ready for a wonderful night for all our South School families. I would like to extend a special invitation to the new Kindies and their families to come along and enjoy an evening of family fun. It’s a wonderful way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Look for more details in the newsletter in the upcoming weeks!

You will have all received the new and improved Canteen Menu recently. The Canteen Committee have been working hard to offer healthy options for students and to also make it as affordable as possible to encourage good eating choices. Once again, we would love more volunteers to help Janette in the Canteen. It’s great fun and your special little person loves nothing more than seeing you through the window offering them their lunch. If you can spare any time at all, even if it’s as little as 1 hour a month, we desperately need you to help keep those rumbly tummies full.

We have an exciting new initiative this term as well. We are holding a stall at the Deniliquin Show on Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th of March and are offering Balloons, Henna tattoos and Show Bags for sale. (I have my eye on a certain Bertie Beetle one). If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help on the stall, please contact the front office by Tuesday the 1st of March and they will take your details. But the best thing of all is a FREE WEEKEND PASS for each person helping on the stall over the show weekend. You read it right. FREE WEEKEND PASS. We really do need your help. It is only a couple of hours out of your day to help raise much needed funds for the school. If you can’t help on the stall, make sure you swing by and say hello! Oh, have I mentioned a FREE WEEKEND PASS???

Thank you for taking the time to read about some of what the P&C have happening at the moment. It’s a jam packed term 1 and I look forward to meeting many of you through the year.


Easter Raffle
It’s almost that time of year again!
Please support the canteen by contributing prizes for our Easter raffle. Raffle Prizes - Numerous egg hampers
Tickets $1.00 each
A raffle book will go home with each family to sell. All tickets (sold or unsold) due back 22nd March.

Raffle drawn at Mini Fete 24th March, 2016

Karate Competition
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Starting School: The first few weeks

As your child settles in to school:

- they may be tired at the end of the day. Don't plan too many after-school activities; make sure they have time to rest and for free play.
- they may be 'starving' after school. Take a healthy snack when you pick them up. Try giving them an early dinner as they may be too tired to eat later.
- they may want to tell you all about their day as soon as they see you. Be available to listen. Some children may want to relax first.
- encourage them to talk about good things that happen at school.
- make reading with them part of your daily routine. Bedtime stories are a great way to end the day.
- Some children may wet their pants at school, which can embarrass them. Reassure them that it often happens and is nothing to worry about. Encourage them to tell the teacher. Pack spare clothing in the bottom of their bag.
- Ensure they go to bed at an appropriate time; try to stick to a bed time routine. This will make mornings easier if they are getting adequate sleep.

All adults are invited to the 2016 Murray to Moyne Film Night Fundraiser.

Date: Friday March, 4th 2016
Time: Gates open at 7.00pm (film starts when dark)
Place: Brian & Julie Crockart's River end of Harfleur Street 597 Harfleur St
Cost: $20 per person (includes finger food & mystery film proceeds to Hospital)
BYO: Chair & Drinks
ALL WELCOME !!!