Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all parents for their understanding regarding the postponement of the swimming carnival. Information follows about the times for this event. These events work smoothly when we have sufficient parent volunteers to timekeep. If you are able to assist, please contact the school with your availability.

**Wednesday**
11th February 2015
K-12 Twilight Swimming Carnival

Starting 1.30pm    Finishing 8.30pm
Students will walk to the pool at 1.00pm except Kinder and Infant non-swimmers who will walk to the pool with their teacher at 3.00pm.

Please ensure your child has sunscreen, towel, bucket hat, sunglasses, rashie, a warm jumper, change of clothes, plenty of drinking water, food and money ($2.50 pool entry fee if you don't have a season ticket). The SRC will run a BBQ and the kiosk will be open.

**No student is allowed to leave the pool area unless the parent has advised the child's class teacher or Mrs Hambly (Deputy Principal) for secondary students.**

**If students do not attend school or the carnival then they must attend school on the Thursday or be marked absent for those days.**

**Parents help in any area on the night would be most welcome.**

Swimming Carnival K-6
Next Wednesday 11th February is our school twilight swimming carnival.
All students will have received their permission notes.

These need to be filled in and returned.
Please consider the swimming events being entered carefully as there will be **NO LATE ENTRIES** at the carnival. The carnival replaces a normal school day and it is expected that all students will attend and participate.

Infants students who can confidently swim 12 metres or more will walk to the pool with the primary/secondary students at 1pm. Infant non swimmers will walk to the pool at 3pm with their teacher. Please direct any enquiries to Mrs Angela Gay.

**Study Skills week**
Secondary students this week have worked on topics including time management, note taking, stress management and study tips. Teachers report students worked well in sessions. Next Wednesday secondary students will develop team building skills.

**Lunch Time**
Students who would like to go home for lunch are reminded that they need to bring a signed note from home. Approval will be given to students who have consistently followed the school Code of Behaviour and are not considered to be at risk. Lunch passes do not allow for students to purchase their lunch from any business or to walk to a friends house for lunch, but allow for them to walk to and from home in the most direct route possible. Students who break this condition will have their pass removed for the remainder of the year.

**Bus lines**
Secondary students who travel on buses will be aware that they are now required to line up and wait until the teacher on duty instructs them to walk to their bus in an orderly manner. We are working with the safety of our young children as paramount importance and insist that these rules be followed by all.

Parents who are picking up children who normally travel on the school bus are requested to be standing in person at the bus gate to escort their children across the street after all buses have left the area. We will not be permitting students to cross at the bus area during the bus times.

If you have arranged to pick up your child ahead of the afternoon, please collect them at the front of the school.

**Shoes**
We have a number of students who are not wearing black shoes with a leather upper as per Department of Education and Communities requirements. Students will be marked out of uniform for this and prevented from participating in practical activities including cooking, woodwork and science practicals. We have a number of good quality second hand shoes in the clothing pool. Please feel free to check if these would be of use to your child.

**Holidays**
Parents are reminded that if you are planning on taking your children on a holiday during school term, you need to apply for an exemption or the time will be recorded as unjustified leave. For students in Infants and senior years of schooling, it is preferable not to plan for this as interruptions in attendance have a significant impact on academic performance. Please note that unless exceptional circumstances exist, only one period of approved exemption will be permitted in any 12 month period.

**Temporary Change to Primary Sport**
Unfortunately the school could not book the pool for the desired time on Friday for swimming for sport due to other bookings. Students in infants and primary will have their sport day on Wednesday not Friday for the period of swimming. This means students do not wear sports uniform on Friday; they will need to wear sport uniform on Wednesday and bring their swimming attire until swimming ceases in March. Sport will then go back to normal Fridays.

**Change of date for Kindergarten, Year 7 and new families BBQ.** Because of the Twilight swimming carnival now being held on 11th February this BBQ will now be held on Tuesday 17th February at 6pm. Further information to follow.
Nut Aware
The school would like to remind students and parents that our school is a nut aware school. Please be mindful of foods that contain and may contain nuts and refrain from packing them for recess and lunch. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

REMINDER TO PARENTS
MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ADDRESS CHANGES FOR SCHOOL RECORDS

It is imperative that our school records on a child’s medical condition and address changes be kept up to date. If your child has been diagnosed with a severe medical condition that could impact on their wellbeing whilst at school then please inform the school admin office immediately so a suitable response plan can be initiated. If your family address has changed since 2014 the office needs this information A.S.A.P.

Boorowa Annual Show
6th & 7th March 2015

The art section at the Boorowa show has a wonderful reputation with lots of interest shown by all who visit the pavilion. More and more paintings are being sold every year.

Boorowa Remembers Art Competition will be held on the Anzac Day weekend in April. All paintings and drawings for the Boorowa Remembers Competition need to follow the theme “Lest We Forget”

Any enquiries regarding entry please contact Therese Crowe on 042 885 1234

Gratitude
“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, and confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates vision for tomorrow” Melody Beattie

Look for gr8ful moments each week.

Upcoming dates
Pupil Free Day - 6th February
K-12 swimming carnival - 11th February
Student/teacher day off in lieu - 12th February
New families BBQ - 17th February
School photos - 24th February

Important Information for the Community
If you are concerned for a child’s well being you may ring the Department of Community Services on 132 111 or the Police on 131 444. Both phone numbers operate 24 hours a day.

Newsletter via Email
If you would like to receive your newsletter via email please provide your email address to the school so you can be added to the list. The advantages are you always receive it (it doesn’t happen to get lost) and you are helping our environment by minimising paper resources.
St John Tennis club

If you think you could ace it, play fair in love, be in it for fun
The Boorowa Tennis Club will be holding a meeting on Monday 9th February at 6pm at the tennis courts followed by social tennis. Anyone interested in social tennis or a competition please come along. For further information please ring Anne Johnson on 0427659444.

SCHOOL CLOTHING POOL DONATIONS NEEDED

Our school clothing pool is in need of replenishment particularly sizes 6 to 10. If you have any of these sizes no longer of any use to your child and are in reasonably good condition please consider our school clothing pool as an alternate solution.

Boorowa Ex-Services Club
DISCO
12 Years & under
Friday 6th February 2015
Between
6.00pm—9.00pm
$5.00 entry
Includes 1 drink & 1 packet chips
Parents Note: for your entertainment
The Club has a members cash draw
Raffles between 7.30pm and 8.30pm
Dining Room open.

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Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been given out today to all Primary and Infants classes. There are some wonderful books in the catalogues and at great prices.

If you would like to order books as a gift for a child please attach a note to your order and you will be contacted when the books arrive.

Issue 1 book club orders are due back at school by Friday, 19 February. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Cusack.

Garden Shed for sale.
Garden shed for tender, purchase and removal. Place tender in envelope and address to Boorowa Central School c/- Mr John Duncan, Head Teacher, Maths/Science by Tuesday 10th February.
The Department of Education and Communities' policy is that valuables of any kind are brought to school at the owner's own risk.

KINDERGARTEN 2015
The Kindergarten's have settled in well and working hard on their classroom activities.