DIARY DATES

Primary League Tag/League Gala Day
Friday 20th March

P & C Working Bee
Sunday 22nd March commencing 8.00am

Primary Cross Country
Friday, 27th March

SCHOOL FEES
All Elective fees must be paid by the end of Week 8. If Elective fees are not paid students will be removed from the class.

EASTER HAT PARADE
PRINCIPAL’S SEVEN CRICKET MATCH
31st MARCH

Fun at the FETE
The school Fete will be held on Saturday 28th March - State Election Day. There will be a selection of stalls for your enjoyment. Private stall holders are encouraged to attend at a $10.00 site fee.

How can you help? A donation of:

- homemade cakes would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to list your ingredients to comply with government regulations.
- home made jams and pickles
- Canned and packaged items for a chocolate wheel—chocolate, pasta, vouchers or cash in an envelope
- plants for our plant stall are again most welcome.

If you have any good ideas for a stall PLEASE feel free to share them with us. We are always open to new ways to increase the profit of our school fete. Let’s not forget the children so we will need some great ideas for rides, games or stalls for them.

Parent Forum—Supporting our young people
This afternoon (Thursday) in the Library at 5.30 pm

Headspace will join forces with health providers from Young to present a forum for parents wanting advice and assurance about how best to support children and young people with anxiety, depression and general wellbeing. This meeting does not have a cap on numbers.

Parents unable to attend the general forum this afternoon may book in for a smaller group meeting tomorrow morning at 9 am and 11.40 am. The morning sessions are capped at 6 participants and a RSVP is necessary. Please ring the school office to indicate your attendance.
Input for the School Strategic Plan

Last week a yellow form was distributed to all families providing an opportunity for written input into the next three years of our schools management plan. Three strategic directions were presented with space for comment and suggestions. A session was held yesterday afternoon for parents wishing to participate in face to face forums for input.

Students have an opportunity for responding with input in a survey emailed to all children from year 4 to 12. A team of 4 students from the SRC will be working through the plan providing feedback to the SRC and staff.

Police Forum

Mrs Paula Hambly and myself met with Local Area Command Police yesterday in Young to be briefed on crime statistics for the LAC and within schools. These meetings occur twice a year and are a great opportunity to discuss shared concerns with young people. The focus of this meeting was the increase of ICE or Methamphetamines in rural areas. ICE is of particular concern as it only takes one or two tries to become addicted.

We encourage parents to search for an online episode of Four Corners titled “The ICE Age”, and one on issues in Rural Australia called “The Breaking Bad Meth Epidemic Crippling Rural Australia”. These shows outline the implications for people who try the drug and the cost to families and communities.

While we have not heard of Ice within our school community as yet, we are aware of an increase in talk about “Pingers”. These are ecstasy tablets that are used predominantly at music festivals and parties. Talk does not necessarily mean that our young people are using these drugs, but talking about drugs as a joke or to sound tough increases the risk of use as the topic becomes normalised.

We encourage parents to be aware of where their children are at all times and to have open and frank discussions with children about drugs. This is one area we do not always get a second chance.

Young Community Health have a new Drug and Alcohol counsellor who is said to have a great rapport with children and young people.

The group is working on a special presentation for students in year 9 at Young in August. We are also sourcing a guest speaker for a parent forum.

Primary News

Easter Bonnet/Easter Basket Parade and Assembly

Students in Years K-2 are invited to make an Easter bonnet for the Easter bonnet parade on Tuesday 31st March. Students in Years 3-6 are invited to make an Easter basket for the parade. This parade will be part of the Primary Assembly, which will be held in the school hall commencing at 2.15pm. Items will be presented by K-3 classes. This assembly also coincides with the ‘Principal’s Seven’ Cricket match that will be played earlier in the day. All parent and community members are invited to attend.

Australian Rostrum Public Speaking

Details for Rostrum Public Speaking have been received. This entails a 3 minute speech on a topic from a given selection. There is a school final and the quarter, semi and finals are all held in Canberra in the evening. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to Canberra. All competitors will receive a certificate at the School Final, Quarter Final, Semi –Final and Grand Final. Registrations must be entered by Monday 30th March 2015. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Harpley.

Primary League tag/league GALA Day

Selective students in Years 3-6 will travel to Harden this Friday 20th March to participate in this League/League tag Gala day. Students are required to attend school for roll call and will then depart the school shortly after 9am. Please refer to your permission slip for further details. The first game commences at 10.20am and the final game is 12.25pm. If you require information please contact the organising teacher, Miss Downey. Please be reminded that students are required to wear their full sports uniform for the day. Jumpers will be provided to the league teams at Harden.

Primary Cross Country

The date for this school carnival is 27th March with the District Cross Country date yet to be announced. Mrs Harpley is coordinating our school carnival. Notes have been distributed requesting parent assistance from 11.30 - 3.00pm. Students will eat lunch and walk to the Recreation Oval. They will be required to bring a packed recess for this day. Students will walk the course before running it and the course only incorporates the Recreation Oval. Students are required to wear school sports uniform, sunscreen, bring a hat and plenty of water. Children turning 8 years – 13 years will be involved in the carnival. Students should not be concerned if they cannot run the course. Participation and walking is also a key component to our school carnival.

Upcoming dates

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JACKEROO RANCH
“HORSE RIDING “
AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS

1st Week Saturday 4th April-Saturday 11th April
2nd Week Saturday 11th April-Sunday 19th April

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.
For children 6 to 16 years, five to six hours per day devoted to horse activities.
Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting.

All enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson Phone 63 377 173 (nights best)

Boorowa United Soccer Club

Boorowa Soccer Club is open for new and returning players for the 2015 season. The club will be holding registration days at the Soccer Fields on:

Thursday
19th March from 4-6pm

Tuesday
24th March from 4-6pm

Registrations are open for children turning 6 to 17.

Baby sitter wanted.

Babysitter wanted for 2 afternoons a week for 2 children aged 6 and 2. Please call 0429853059.

CHRIS TURNER MEMORIAL

There will be a memorial football game for Chris Turner on the 28th March at the showground kicking off at 5pm. Donations to Beyond Blue will also be taken. All welcome to attend.

Principal’s ‘7’ Cricket Match Raffle

Drawn Tues 31st March
$1.00 a ticket sold at school office
All proceeds to the Jane McGrath Foundation and Headspace
WOMEN’S HEALTH

For your free appointment and health check with Cathy Kerr please call 63828781 Cathy is at the Boorowa Community Health Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week to provide a number of health checks for women.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING CHILDREN IN NSW.....Where do you get help?
For information contact your local

Medicare office 132011
Centrelink 1800 245 965
Anglicare— 13 26 22
Salvation army— 1300 36 36 22
St Vincent de Paul 02 9568 0262
Mission Australia— 02 9641 5000

The Smith family has a learning for Life Program incorporating financial and mentoring support—02 9085 7222

For details of your nearest support group call COTA NSW information service 02 9286 3860 or 1800 449 102

Want to keep costs down whilst saving the environment?

Every week the school produces a newsletter to keep our parents informed with what has occurred throughout the week, the upcoming events and to celebrate our students achievements. The cost in producing this newsletter is escalating, particularly with the cost of photocopy paper and toner needed in it’s production.

To help minimise our costs we hope that you will choose to have your newsletter emailed instead of being sent home in paper copy form. Please fill in the attached request form with your name and email address if you are happy to receive your newsletter in this format.

**PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER REQUEST FORM**

Name: Class

Email Address:

Signature: Date:

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STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

NAME: Fergus Smith
AGE: 5
CLASS: Kinder
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Play at the playground
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Because I have been trying my hardest.
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? A farmer like my Dad.

NAME: Mylee Taylor
AGE: 6
CLASS: Year 1/2
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Art and craft on Fridays.
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Because I have been nice.
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Be a designer

NAME: Kai Blom
AGE: 7
CLASS: Year 2/3
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Playing on the computers
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: I’ve been good.
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Teacher