Principal’s Message:
A formal welcome back to all our students and parents for 2016. We are looking forward to yet another busy and exciting year ahead. Our staff for this year are myself of course as Relieving Principal, we have Mrs Karen Bailey as our second teacher and Cathy Loadsman will be in the office from Monday through to Thursday, and Garry Huggins as our General Assistant who works on Thursday only. Should you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Cathy and we will be glad to help in any way we can.

District Swimming Carnival
This Friday Tasmyn and Sasha will be competing at the District Swimming Carnival at Portland Swimming Pool starting at 9.30am. Entry fee to the Swimming Pool will be required. If both or either of the girls qualifies at this Carnival, they will be heading to Dubbo on Friday 4th March to compete in the Western Region Swimming Carnival. We wish them both the very best of luck and look forward to hearing their results next week. Thank you to the parents for transporting the girls on the day.

Peter Harvey Retires
At the end of last year Peter Harvey retired from his position as Director Public Schools and we wish him a very happy retirement.

Ms Toni MacDonald has been appointed the new Director Public Schools Bathurst Network and Ms MacDonald will be visiting our beautiful School on Friday 19th February to familiarise herself with the staff and students. We wish Ms MacDonald the very best in her new position as Director and look forward to meeting her next week.

Enjoy the rest of your week,
Belinda Greer
Relieving Principal
**Special Canteen**
We thank Holly for being our first parent of the year to have cooked a delicious lunch on Monday 1st February. Our next special canteen will be on Monday 15th February and Jules will be spoiling the students with **LASAGNE and YUM YUM BALLS**. This year we have unfortunately had to raise the price of special canteen to $5.00. If your child wishes to order, kindly complete and return the attached money envelope for next Monday’s special canteen.

**RMS Road Works**
As you may be aware that the road works out the front of the school have commenced and are in full swing of making the entrance to the School a safer one for all the local community and visitors to the area. Due to the wet weather, the work has been delayed and we have no definite date when it will be finalised. The RMS appreciates everyone’s patience and will continue to keep any disruptions to a minimum.

**2016 P&C Committee**
Monday 4th February was this year’s first P&C Annual General Meeting where all positions on the committee became vacant and it is with great pleasure that we can announce that Verity Blofield was nominated and has accepted the position of President. We would like to thank Jules for her role as the 2015 President. Also nominated and accepted was Tracy Collins as Vice President, Holly Smillie as the Secretary and Jules Noble is this year’s Treasurer. We would like to thank all the outgoing Committee members and congratulate the incoming members and look forward to a great year of ideas and fundraising.

Minutes from that meeting are attached.

**Second Hand Clothing**
Over the past few years we have received an influx of second-hand uniforms and unfortunately do not have to space to keep it all. We have put aside, some items to keep as spares for unfortunate mishaps, but we are inviting parents to come and take anything that may be of use to them. The clothes will be set up in the Library from Wednesday afternoon through to Monday and anything that is left will be disposed of. If you are unable to make it in please contact the office if these is something you require. Please note that we have kept the fleece jumpers as spares but do have jumpers with the school emblem on the front.

**Term 1, Week 3 Awards**
**Principal’s Award**– Oliver Blofield for excellent effort in Creative Writing.
**Special Awards for Improvement in Handwriting:**
- Sasha
- Tasmyn
**Chinese New Year**

As part of the students’ studies of World Celebrations, we have been learning about the Chinese New Year. Today students cooked Chinese beef and broccoli and stir-fried noodles to have for their lunch. If throughout the year parents have skills in creating foods from other cultures and wishes to come in and cook with the students, please let the school know.

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