Welcome back everyone after what I hope was a relaxing and refreshing break, although somewhat cold to end it all. The children are all very excited to get back with their friends and to settle in for a new term of interesting tasks and challenges. It is hard to believe we've completed one full semester already. Semester two is already starting to fill up with lots of interesting and exciting activities and events.

As we return to school we have a few changes to share with you, some you are already aware of. Andrew Hooper has unfortunately met with an accident in the last week of the holidays and will at this point in time be away for at least 8 weeks. He is being well looked after in Orange and will return to Grenfell very soon. As a result, I will be relieving Principal until his point of return to work. 5/6J will welcome Mr Martens back in Week 2.

As you know Ms McIntyre has taken extended leave, with Mrs Johnson now looking after 1/2M. Mr Kilby will relieve as Assistant Principal this term for Stage 1. Ms Francesca Nolan joins us to take 3/4J for the remainder of the year. Mr Cartwright will relieve as Assistant Principal for Stages 2 & 3 until Mr Hooper’s return. Mrs Dinham will join us, taking over from Mrs Radnedge who welcomed young ‘Harry Thomas’ over the holidays. Mum and Harry are doing very well - Mrs R is a little tired! Mrs Bowerman will also help out this term as a Teacher’s Aide.

As we return with the cold weather in full swing, please endeavour to label all extra items of clothing such as jackets, scarves and beanies. Don’t forget we have uniform items for sale here at school as well as at Louisa’s Locker.

State Cross Country
Good luck to Will Johnson who heads out this week to compete at the State Cross Country Carnival. Hopefully Will got a chance to train over the holidays and he will surely be acclimatised to any weather that Sydney decides to put on this Friday. Good luck Will.

Athletics Carnival
At this point our carnival is set down for next Monday, 20th July. If the weather shows minimal signs of improvement, Mr Kilby and Mrs Forde will make a decision as soon as they can if we need an alternate date. Don’t forget if you can assist us with any jobs for the day please contact us here at school. Students who turn 8 years or older this year will need to meet at the Henry Lawson High School by 9.10am. Students who regularly travel to school by bus can get off the bus at the High School. Infants students who are under 8 years of age will travel to the High School at 12 o’clock by bus. All students will be dismissed from the High School.

P & C Meeting
There is a meeting tonight, Tuesday 14th July, at 7:30pm in the staffroom. A canteen meeting will take place at 7:00pm beforehand. It would be great to see you there if you can make it.

Education Week
Week 3 this term is Education Week. On Friday 31st July we would love to invite you all to our Book Fair during recess time and after that why not stroll on up to the hall for a Special Assembly. We will have a few items for you to enjoy as well as some special awards to present. Following this, we will run our annual Tabloid activities where our Stage 3 students organise and run some fun activities for us all to enjoy.
Transition to Year 7
Year 6 will attend the High School each Wednesday afternoon this term for ‘Science’. This program has been going for a number of years and is a very valued part of the transition program. The children will catch a bus to the High School at 1:30pm each Wednesday and will then be dismissed from the High School each week. Students need to be aware of this change and make the necessary arrangements for this to take place. One of our teachers will walk with the students to the High School to then place them in the care of Mrs Gorman and Mr Harris. Further activities will be arranged for Term 4 that will include full days.

Kindy 2016- Transition
It’s that time of year again where we begin the process to welcome our next year’s Kindergarten children to school. The first step will be an information evening to be held at the Preschool on Wednesday 5th August. Mr Kilby is busily preparing a fantastic presentation that showcases all of the wonderful programs our school has to offer. The following Wednesday morning at 9:30am we welcome parents of the new Kindergarten children to school for a more detailed information session. This session will include a discussion of our transition program in Term 4, a tour of the school, further details on routines that we follow and a great chance for new parents to ask any questions they may have in regards to their child starting school. Please come along or let others know if they have a child ready to start school in 2016.

FREE DENTAL SCREENING
Just a reminder that the Cowra Dental Clinic will start their free dental checks at our school tomorrow, Wednesday 15th, & Thursday 16th July. Only those children who have returned a consent form will be checked. Consent forms were sent home last term with each student.

School Uniform
We have a large range of clothing available for purchase from the front office. Prices are as follows:
- Navy Zip jackets ~ $25.00
- Parkas ~ $35.00
- Track Pants ~ $25.00
- Pale Blue Jumpers (up to Size 10) ~ $32.00
- Pale Blue Jumpers (over size 10) ~ $34.00
- Gloves ~ $4.00
- Beanies ~ $6.00

P & C NEWS...

P & C Meeting Reminder
Tonight, Tuesday 14th July
7:30pm School Staffroom
Canteen Meeting 7:00pm
Please join us!
STUDENT BANKING

Don’t forget **Tuesday** is School Banking day.

School Banking have a new competition running this term with some great prizes to be won. All you need to do to enter is to make at least 3 deposits this term and you will be automatically in the draw for a chance to win one of the prizes. (See details here)

The ongoing competition to win a family trip to Disneyland is also still running. To enter this one you need to have made 25 or more deposits for the year. A number of our students have nearly reached this mark already.

The Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and the Cosmic Light Beam Torch are now available as Reward items as well as all items listed on the note that Mrs Eppelstun will send you when you are eligible to claim a reward item.

Reward items and certificates are handed out at each Whole School Assembly - if your child is away they will be handed out at the following Whole school Assembly. If your child would like their reward item before this they can come to the office and collect it.

Keep up the great work and don’t forget to send in your deposit each week!
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