Dear Parents and Carers,

The students were most excited this morning to give our new grassed area a good work out! Only one section of the grass remains out of bounds until it is firmly established. The students reported that the grass was ‘lovely and soft and made the soccer game faster!’

Thank you again to the Community Council for all their hard work in ensuring the improvements to our playground. Everyone is gearing up for the 2017 Swimming Carnival tomorrow. The weather forecast is for a lovely sunny day 26C. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us for the day or call over for a short while and help cheer the swimmers on. We look forward to a wonderful day.

All parents and carers are invited to our Parent Information Evening to be held next Wednesday 15th February. We encourage as many families to come along as possible to have an opportunity to listen to their child’s class teacher outline class and work expectations. Please see inside the newsletter for times. Babysitting available!

You will notice the SMILES forms accompanying the newsletter. Please consider using this very worthwhile dentist service that will be held on school site.

Looking forward to the carnival tomorrow.

Mrs Christine Baron
Principal
**HANDY PERSON**
We are in need of a handy person to put up some items around the school, wheels on the new table tennis tables and complete sand pit. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
MONDAY is our school banking day.

**CAKE RAFFLE**
Collins Family
This Friday 10th February.
Tickets 20c each.

**HOME COOKING**
This Friday 10th February
PEARCE & BOOBY families are rostered on to cook.

All items sold for 50c.
Thank you to all the extra families offering to assist on the roster we are very grateful.

Money raised from the Cake Raffle and Home Cooking go towards our end of year ‘fun’ day.

**RADIO PRESENTERS**
Gracie, Hannah & Sebastian B will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of the Mountains’ FM 96.3 at 2.15pm next Tuesday 14th February. Please tune in to hear our exciting school news.

**SPORTS UNIFORM**
to be worn each Monday and Friday by ALL students K-6, please.
All sport shoes must be firmly fitted around the ankles - skate/converse shoes are not permitted for sporting or school activities.

**Awards**

**Week 2**
**Year K/1:** Maverick for being a kind and caring class mate.
**Rebecca** for working independently in Maths.
**Year 2/3:** Nadamary for great start to the term.
**Ryley** for being a wonderful class member.
**Year 4/5/6:** Hazel for great artwork of her holiday.
**Dylan** for great artwork of his holiday.

**SCHOOL GATE**
Could all students please not sit or swing on the school gate.

**UNIFORM**
Parents are reminded that **money or a receipt number** for paying on line needs to be sent in with uniform orders before items can be sent home. This policy came in last year due to accounts not being paid once goods were received.
Thank you for your support with this. Tracee can help with uniforms Thursday or Friday mornings.

**LIBRARY CLASSES**
Year K/1 - Thursdays
Year 2/3 - Tuesdays
Year 4/5/6 - Tuesdays
All students require a library bag to enable them to borrow books from the library.
Please ensure the CEO Student Acceptable Use of Agreement Form (mentioned above) has been returned by each child to enable them to use the computers in library as well as class time. Thank you.
ASTHMA, ALLERGIC REACTION AND ANAPHYLAXIS ACTION PLANS

Sheets were sent home yesterday with students that we are aware of who have some or all of the above conditions. Could these action plans please be returned to school ASAP. If your child has Asthma or one of the other conditions please see the office for your ACTION PLAN sheet so we can update our record.

HOME COOKING

10th February - Pearce & Booby
17th February - Peel & Hockey
24th February - Leary & Brown
3rd March - Rowland-Naylor & Irwin
10th March - Jackson & Korn
17th March - Sullivan, Jones & Wilkinson
24th March - Collins & Willems
31st March - Dunlop & Salmon
7th April - Shore, Bartlett & Cooper-Wilson

CAKE RAFFLE

10th February - Collins
17th February - Cooper-Wilson
24th February - Dunlop
3rd March - Garner
10th March - Giblin-Crain
17th March - Hockey
24th March - Holland
31st March - Irwin
7th April - Jackson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday wishes to THOMAS K who turns 7 & NACE who turns 5 tomorrow
8th February,

Ryley and Zayn who both turn 8 on 11th February.

We hope you ALL have a fabulous day.

TEXT MESSAGES

PLEASE do not text staff over school matters.

Staff are not permitted to answer calls during class time.

Important messages may go unseen or unnoticed.

Email or phoning the school is the preferred option.

All urgent messages need to be made by phoning the school on 69491270 to ensure it is received.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

COMPUTER/INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS:

The Student Acceptable Use of Agreement Form (mandated by the CEO) that needs to be signed for students to use the computers/internet were sent home yesterday. Could these forms please be returned ASAP.

CONSENT TO PUBLISH WORK OR IMAGES

Please complete the consent to publish your child's work or image.

There are three sections to the consent form which ask for permission to publish work/images on the Internet (please note this includes our school newsletter which is placed on our school website) and also print media including the newsletter, local newspaper, brochures etc. Please return the form ASAP.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION NIGHT

15th FEBRUARY

One Parent/carer is asked to attend from each family please.

6.00pm - Babysitting
6.00pm - K/1
6.15pm Principal general parent talk
6.30pm - 2/3
6.45pm - 4/5/6

A Quick Bite ...

Do you have the nick of the kick?

Kicking a ball is trickier than you think! Look out for these steps in your child’s kick...

1. Position ball on ground, take a few steps back from the ball.
2. Move towards the ball taking a long step or small leap before ball contact.
3. Place the non-kicking foot even with and to the side of the ball.
4. Kick the ball with the shoelace area of the foot rather than toe area.

A fun game to put this into could be a game of soccer skittles. Use skittles or milk cartons and kick the ball to try to knock them over.

Another fun game to try inside is balloon kick. Children use a balloon and only their feet to keep the balloon in the air.

For more information visit

Live Life Well
@ School
St Mary’s Primary School Batlow is collaborating with Smiles Onsite to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school! This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), and comes along with the chance to grab some amazing prizes.

All students will be given a consent form to take home so that they can participate, and also so that they can go in the draw to win prizes!!

How does it work?
The Child Dental Benefit Schedule grants all eligible parents with $700 Medicare benefit which can be used towards dental expenses per child, over a two year period. Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

Can I make use of this service if I’m not eligible?
Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board their unique mobile Clinics. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable.

This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

You can fill out the dental consent form for your son or daughter by selecting this link - https://form.jotform.co/70237584149865

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on 1800 276 453.

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2017 CONSENT TO PUBLISH FORM

CHILD’S NAME: ___________________________________

☐ I give permission for my child’s image to be published on the Internet and on the School Facebook page.

OR

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child’s image to be published on the Internet on the School Facebook Page

☐ I give permission for my child’s work to be published on the Internet.

OR

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child’s work to be published on the Internet.

☐ I give permission for my child’s image or work to be published in the print media eg Newsletter, Newspaper, Brochures etc

OR

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child’s image or work to be published in the print media eg Newsletter, Newspaper, Brochures etc

SIGNED: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________