Dear All,

May I extend a very big welcome back to everyone for the start of the new school year. The holidays slipped by quickly, however it is nice to be back with the students and staff all enthusiastic to launch into a new year of teaching and learning.

Our grounds are looking wonderful despite some extremely hot days during the break. Mr Butcher has installed a number of watering systems which enable us to keep up the water to the garden beds that he has established. We returned with spuds in the vegie garden along with quite a few prospective tomatoes. Mrs Adamson and the K/1/2’s have put the small potatoes to good use turning them into little potato people. The potatoes will be disrobed when they have finished being characters and will be replanted.

All our students have settled in well, especially our three new kindies, who are very excited about their new learning environment! Welcome to all the new families, we hope that you enjoy your time here at Mayrung School and we look forward to our first gathering for the year, the Parent Information evening on February 28th.

Thank you to the parents and students, (present and past) that assisted with catering at the Willis’s clearing sale last month. A positive amount was raised for the P&C, due to the time and effort of our school volunteers. Hopefully this year we will see a larger group of parent helpers at our variety of fundraising activities.

Have a great week!

Julie Eason
Principal

You have three names in life, the one you inherit, the one you are given and the one you make for yourself!

**Swimming Trials for Stage 2 & 3:**

Stage 2 & 3 students will take part in this extra swimming trial before the Small Schools Swimming Carnival next Tuesday, 19th February. Out of town students will board the High School bus in the morning and depart the bus at St. Michael’s school, where Mrs Eason will meet them. Mrs Eason will then walk with them to the Rocket Park and allow them to play till the pool opens at 10 am. Town students are to be dropped off at the pool at 10 am or at the Rocket Park. Purtills bus will pick the students up from the Pool and will drive them out to Mayrung. Students will then attend the afternoon at school before boarding the bus for the normal afternoon run.

**Important Dates**

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Swimming Trials Day for Stage 1:
Mrs Adamson will pick the Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2; Kinder have the day off) students up at the town library at 8.30 am. Please fill in the attached permission note.

Our new adorable Kinder Students:

![Grace](image1)
![Micah](image2)
![Chelsea](image3)

**Small Schools Swimming Carnival:**
Swimming Carnival will be held in Deniliquin at the town pool in Poictiers Street on Tuesday 19th February starting at 10 am. This is a whole school activity and it is parents' responsibility to take their students to the pool and pick them up again. If you have any problems in regards of this please ring the school. Thank you.

**P&C Fundraising:**
A big thank you to a couple of families who were actively involved in the catering for the clearing sale. It was a huge success and the P&C account looks around $1000 healthier. It was great to see some ex Mayrung students giving a hand with cooking and serving.

**Bulldogs Fun Day:**
Footy fun day at Rams Oval on 18th Feb; more information and permission note will be sent home when available.

**Parents Information Night and Welcome BBQ:**
Please mark Thursday 28th Feb in your calendar. The welcome BBQ will be starting at 6 pm and we are looking forward seeing everyone there.
Health, Fitness and Sports News:
Welcome to the 2013 school year. It looks to be another fun filled year of sports, health and fitness activities. This year I will be filling this space with more exciting news and photos of our sports events, health development and fitness adventures.

First sporting event of the year is the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19th Feb. With such wonderful weather this summer we hope it continues through to the main event and looks to be a fun day for all. Please find the permission note attached.

This year Mayrung will also be participating in an active after school community schools program. This will be every Wednesday afternoon. The active schools program is a government initiative that aims to engage all children in sport and other structured physical activities through positive and fun experiences which we hope will develop a love of sport that will inspire students to join a local sporting club. Due to our geographical setting we will do the program between 2 and 3 pm on a Wednesday afternoon. This will allow every student to take part in this exciting program. The sixty minutes of school time allocated for this program will be split up over the week and taken off their recess and lunch, so that the students are not missing out on their required curriculum time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school and we will discuss it with you. This term Mayrung will be doing Gymnastics which I anticipate to be an exciting and fun experience for all.

Next I would like to congratulate those parents and students who have been packing their fruit and a bottle of water for crunch @ sip. As we did last year, Mayrung P.S will continue to have this in our daily routine giving students a chance to refuel during the morning enabling them to refocus and perform better during class activities. In conjunction with crunch @ sip Mayrung staff are also endeavouring to incorporate a naked lunch day in which to compliment the promotion of healthy eating and living. We hope to implement this within the next few weeks with more information coming in a note home soon.

Again, it’s going to be a busy year so remember active kids are healthy kids.

Stacey O’Meara

News from K-2 Classroom:
Welcome back,

I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing break. I have heard all of the stories about the holidays it sounds like you all had a good time.

I am never ready to come back after the Christmas break until that first day when I hear the footsteps coming up the ramp and see all of the students smiling faces come in the door. Then I am happy to be here.

A very big welcome to our three new kindies! Chelsea Flannigan, Grace Ball and Micah Jansen. They have settled into school and our class routines very well and are very lucky to have such wonderful Year 1 and 2 classmates to help and guide them with their classroom behaviour and activities.

The students have all began taking their homework home. The kinders have their sight words and their home readers. (some have already gone up a level in their sight words. Wow!) The Year 1/2’s should practise their spelling words, read and do their sight words every night. It is very important that you establish a routine with your child of doing their homework and reading every night. Make sure that they put their home reader straight back into their bags so that they can be brought into class the next day.

I am looking forward to having a chat with you all on Parent Information Night. Feel free to call me or pop in and visit at any time.

Thanks

Jenny Adamson
Family Record Update:
Could you please fill in the family record update and send it back to school. Thank you.

Canteen:
Canteen will start next week on Friday with Robin Laverty and Nicole Jansen rostered on. Could you please fill in the attached form re canteen roster availability?

Book Club:
We are sending book club pamphlets home today. Could we please have any orders back by Wednesday 20th Feb. Please remember that we do not accept cash, payments have to be made via creditcard or via cheque. Thank you.

Community Notice

Deni Hoops starts Monday 11th February 2013, for Kinder to Yr 2 boys and girls.

3.45pm – 4.45pm at the Deniliquin Sports Stadium. $5 per week per child.

Each week there are skills and games stations run by the Deniliquin Giants and supported by the Deniliquin Junior Giants.

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