It is amazing how fast my time away has flown. I would like to thank Mr Russell and the rest of the school staff for their fabulous efforts in keeping our school moving forward in such a positive manner. It is reassuring to know that our school was in capable hands.

As we hurtle towards the end of the term there is so much going on. It is vitally important that all parents and carers keep up to date with the special events and activities either through the newsletter or school app.

During this period of time, I will be working closely with the school community to develop and publish our school plan. The Department of Education has implemented a new planning process and a large component relies upon the feedback and input of students and families. Thank you to everyone that responded to the surveys previously distributed this term.

Our enrolment numbers for 2015 look very positive with a large number of Kindergarten children commencing at our school. If you are relocating during the holidays please take the time to contact the school so that accurate numbers can be considered in our planning.

A very warm welcome to three new students; welcome to Jake (1G), Madylan (6M) and Georgia (3/4S). You have joined our school at a very busy and exciting time.

David Crowe
Principal

**Calendar of Events**

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There is no assembly this week due to the Mosaic being set up in the hall.

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**New Jerseys!**

The school has received three new sets of jerseys for the Rugby Union, Rugby League and Soccer teams! They look wonderful and we can’t wait to see the children wearing them as they represent our school in each sport. A huge thank you to our sponsors Liddell Glencore and to Singleton Junior Rugby Union who donated money towards the purchase of the jerseys.
Garden Club
Due to there being no assembly this week, Garden Club will sell their produce on the verandah at the parsonage on Friday at 8.40 am.

School Magazine
The School Magazine has been produced each year for the last few years. It will be created again this year by Mr Syed Alam. If you do not wish your child/children to appear in the magazine, please complete the return slip on Page 5 of this newsletter and return it to the school office by the end of this week, Friday, 21 November.

Mosaic
Students throughout the school have been enjoying helping put the different mosaics together in the school hall as pictured below.

Backyard League
K-2 is participating in a backyard league story based program. There are three half-hour sessions each Tuesday starting from yesterday, 18 November for classes as per the timetable below. This is a free, non-contact program where the students will learn basic ball and other league skills such as play the ball, score a try, etc which is specially designed for Kindergarten to Year 2.

Library News
Borrowing in the school library ceased last week and all books must be returned to the Library by Wednesday, 19 November due to the upcoming stocktake of books.

Administration - End of Financial Year
The school's end of financial year is on Friday, 28 November and is quickly approaching. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or P&C levies for 2014 that they are paid before this date.

The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Friday, 28 November or on Monday, 1 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

Once complete, the school intends to have all 2015 invoices for school contribution and the P&C levies ready for payment by mid-December for those families who like to pay in December and in readiness for Term 1, 2015.

International Children’s Games - Year 6
On Monday, 8 December, Tess in 6M will be participating in the International Children's Games. She will be running in the 100m event and also participating in the long jump event. We are extremely proud of Tess and would like to support her by taking 38 Year 6 children to the Games to cheer her on.

The cost is $12, this excursion will be on a "first come, first served “ basis as the seats on the coach are limited - please note that the seats will be only offered to Year 6.

The bus will depart 8.00 am and will arrive home at approximately 3.30 pm.

Travel will be by bus. Students need to wear full school uniform including a hat.

Please bring recess, lunch and plenty of water in a small backpack or school bag. Children need to bring sunscreen. There may be a canteen available and so the children can bring up to $10 with them if they wish to do so.

Please return the note and money to your child’s teacher by 1st December - notes were sent home to Year 6 students.

2015 Year 6 Canberra Excursion
A reminder that expression of interest notes for the 2015 Year 6 Canberra excursion will be sent home in Week 9 of this term. Permission notes and a $50 deposit will be due in Friday, 12 December.

Drumming Showcase
The drumming students from 3P,3H, 3/4S & 4A will be putting on a showcase on Wednesday 3rd December starting at 2pm. Parents welcome.
Information from the DEC

Planning for the future
Throughout your child's school life you'll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here's a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.

Maths at home
Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Credit Card Payment Slip
The school can accept credit card payments (Visa and Mastercard only) over the phone or by mail. Please note, this is not an EFTPOS facility. EFTPOS (Savings or Cheque a/c) can only be paid over the counter.
This facility can be used to pay school contributions, excursions, uniforms or P&C levy etc. The minimum payment is $20.00. Building Fund and Library Fund cannot be paid by credit card.

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Day for Tess

On Friday all the students came dressed in their favourite sports uniform and raised a great $405 for Tess. Well Done SPS!!

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Active After School Sports

Next Thursday, 28 November will be the last day for Active After School Sports for 2014.

A reminder that children that attend need to bring and wear their hat.

Presentation Day

The school’s annual Presentation Day will be on Tuesday, 9 November at 12.00 pm. Several groups will be performing on the day including the School Band, Song Room “True Colour” performers, K-2 students performing “Louise” and Senior Girls Singing Group. All parents and carers are welcome to come along.

Aussie Bush

Year 5 have arrived safely at Aussie Bush and are already enjoying themselves!

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Student Health – Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease and Chicken Pox

There has been reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackievirus) within the school community. Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. Good hygiene helps prevent infection. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease may have no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, sides of the tongue as well as on the hands and feet. Blisters usually last for seven to 10 days. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two. Very rarely, the coxsackie viruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heard, brain, lungs or eyes. How is it spread? Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact ie, contaminated hands, secretions from the mouth or respiratory system and director contact with the fluid from blisters. It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before the blisters appear. How long do children need to be excluded from school? Please exclude children from school until all of the blisters have dried.

There has also been a reported case of Chicken Pox (Varicella) within the school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?

Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and skin rash. The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus. How is it spread? Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing. Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters. How long do children need to be excluded from school? Please exclude for at least 5 days after the first spots appear and all of the blisters have dried.
PHOTOGRAPHS IN SCHOOL MAGAZINE

My child/ren listed below ARE NOT to have their name or photograph published in the 2015 school magazine:

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Signed: ....................................................... Parent/Guardian          Dated:  ……………………
Class work by 5RV

By Tereapii

By Jayden

By Willem

By Jack

By Wairua

By Jasmine

By Olivia