Welcome to the new school year!

It is fantastic to see the children back at school safe and sound after their long Christmas holiday.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students—Gemma, Kirsty, Jamie, Kelvin and Tyler. We also say a big welcome to Lauchlan and Daniel.

Please take time to read the newsletter each week, as it will keep you up to date with what is happening regarding activities in and out of school. Every effort is made to attach permission notes to the newsletter so they aren’t lost.

The new school year is a good time to remind everyone of school times and routines.

- The school is not officially open until 8.10 am when the bus arrives. Children cannot be dropped off unless prior arrangements have been made.
- School begins at 8.50 am each day with fruit (supplied by the school) and ends at 3 pm.
- ALL absences must be explained by a written note—blank forms are available from the office.
- All children not travelling on the bus should be picked up promptly at 3 pm unless prior arrangements have been made.
- Children who normally travel on the bus will be put on the bus each day, unless the school is advised by the parent/carer of a change of routine.

Important Parent Meeting

Come along and discover what is happening at school this year and how you can support and encourage your child!

Monday 11th February at 3.10 pm
It is VITAL that a representative from each family attend!

The school vegetable garden has been a very busy place over the holidays, producing a bumper crop of tomatoes, onions, capsicums, cucumbers, spinach and beetroot.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival -Tuesday 12th February

The swimming carnival will be held at the Mudgee pool on Tuesday 12th February. Children will need to be there at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start.

Non-swimmers are not required to attend the carnival. Each child’s teacher will speak to parents individually in regard to whether their child is eligible to swim.

The bus will not be operating on the day, so parents are required to transport their own children or make alternative arrangements. Please contact the school if you have no other way of getting your children to the carnival.

In case of inclement weather an announcement will be made on 2MG and 2CR as early as possible—hopefully before 7.30 am.

Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles Sports for Schools

We have just received some lovely new sandpit toys, sporting equipment and craft supplies which the children have already begun to put to good use.

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by collecting vouchers and stickers during the promotion.
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The program for Pre-schoolers begins on Wednesday 13th February

The Transition Skills Program for children aged from three years will commence at the school on Wednesday 13th February.

The session takes place from 11.30 am until 3.00 pm on Wednesday (12.15 until 3pm on Galloping Gumnut days) during school terms and is conducted under the supervision of Mrs Unicomb and Mrs Hannah Colley.

The program aims to familiarise children with the school surroundings, make friends and provide activities including story time, painting, cooking imaginative play, dressing up, toys, games and singing.

Children will need to bring their lunch, a drink bottle with water and a hat. A change of clothes would be handy.

We ask that children are toilet trained.

If you would like more information, or to secure a place for your child in this year's program, please contact the school on 6373 8524.

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Our very busy P & C meet once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. They would love to see some new faces to help with their fund-raising activities, which support all children at our school.

**Galloping Gumnuts and Playgroup**

The ladies from the Galloping Gumnuts Mobile Playgroup will be again be visiting the school this year, bringing their wonderful range of toys and activities every second Wednesday commencing on 6th February.

Playgroup will continue to run EVERY Wednesday.

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The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.