We will be swimming next week from Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February. We will be leaving school each day at 11.20 am following morning tea and returning in time for the afternoon bus run. We will be travelling by Mudgee Public School bus which will be driven by Terry.

Children will need to bring their swimmers, towel and sun shirt each day in their swimming bag and morning tea and lunch. Children are grouped according to their swimming ability. Children do not need any money.

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 and our new families to our school. We hope you will enjoy your time at Hargraves school and become involved with the many activities that take place.

The newsletter is sent home each Friday with the eldest child in the family. 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. The newsletter is also posted on our website and on our Facebook page. If you would like your newsletter emailed, please see Nerida who will happily add you to the list. Every effort is made to attach permission notes to the newsletter so they aren’t lost.

We look forward to a dynamic and exciting 2016 school year, with a whole school excursion to Canberra in September.

If you have any concerns, do not be afraid to speak to a staff member—we are here to help your child have the best learning opportunities and experiences possible.

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 before 8.10 am unless prior arrangements have been made
- School begins at 8.50am each day with fitness and fruit (supplied by the school) and ends at 3 pm
- Morning tea is from 11.00 am to 11.20 am
- Lunch is from 1.00 pm to 1.50 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.

Waste Free Wednesday and Nude Food Friday

This year we will continue to encourage families to support our Waste Free Wednesdays where children’s lunch boxes are waste free. Lots of you did a marvellous job last year and we encourage you to continue this.

We will also be continuing “Nude Food Friday.”

Nude food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food so that it is healthy and nutritious plus environmentally friendly. Examples include sandwiches, wraps, fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers.

2016 Staffing

Miss Miles will teach Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Mrs George will teach Years 3 and 4, while Mrs Rae will teach Years 5 and 6.

Mrs Unicomb is returning for two days per week until 19th February when she will take Maternity Leave to await the imminent arrival of her baby. Mr Greg Bray will again be joining us to teach computers across the school and art to the primary students.

Miss Payden Lawson will be supervising the Transition Skills class.

Mrs Sally Woods will be conducting the QuickSmart Maths program and assisting Miss Miles as School Learning Support Officer. Mrs Karin Meszaros will work between Miss Wakely’s and Mrs Rae’s classes as School Learning Support Officer.

Mrs Nerida Rodrom will again be in the office.

Angus Rae will continue as the General Assistant and Mrs Sue Vella will continue to clean up after everyone.

Religious Education Lessons

This year Mrs MacNaughtan will again be coming to school each Monday for Scripture lessons.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate please let your child’s teacher know.
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Some forward dates for your diary:
- NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 children—10th to 12th May
- Gulgong Eisteddfod—24th May TBC—all children will attend
- Opera House concert—25th August—for the primary recorder players
- Canberra Excursion—13th to 16th September for the whole school
- School Photos—19th October

### A welcome back to school barbecue
will be held on Friday 19th February
More details to come
Please keep the date free!!

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Mudgee pool on Tuesday 9th February.
Following the conclusion of swimming lessons your child’s teacher will speak to parents regarding whether your child will be attending.

### Transitions Skills Program with Payden

The Transition to School program with Payden Lawson will begin on Wednesday 10th February. It will run each Wednesday in the “Church” during school terms, starting after Playgroup and finishing at 3.00 pm. Children must be three years of age or older to be eligible to attend. Please see Mrs Rae for more details.

### Playgroup

Playgroup will begin on Wednesday 10th February, with a visit from the Galloping Gumnut Mobile Children’s Service. The Galloping Gumnut service will visit Playgroup every fortnight bringing toys, games and equipment. Playgroup caters for children from birth to five years of age and their parent or carer. New faces are always welcome. Playgroup runs from 9.00 am to 11.00 am each Wednesday during school terms. On the fortnight Galloping Gum Nuts visit it finishes at 12.15.

### 2016 DRU Yoga Classes

The classes are suitable for all levels of health and fitness.
You will gain strength and flexibility and enjoy a renewed sense of positivity and wellbeing.
The first class will commence on Wednesday 3rd February from 6.30 pm to 8 pm and will be held at the school
Bookings are essential—cost is $117 for 9 sessions
For more information call Josie Pattison
02 6373 3484
Email: josiepattison5@gmail.com

### Congratulations!!

On New Year’s Eve our Miss Wakely became Mrs George when she married Brendan George in a lovely ceremony in Mudgee.
We wish them both every happiness for the future.