It is wonderful to see all of our students back at school and ready to embrace a very busy Term 4. It is so important for every student to be at school on time every day and I encourage you to read the attendance information that accompanies this newsletter. We have also included a handy chart for you to keep at home to help make decisions about whether or not your child is too sick to come to school.

Rider Reviver will be on Thursday, 14 October we will be holding a BBQ and cake stall to raise money for the Year 6 farewell outside the school for motorbike riders on their way to Phillip Island this week. If you would like to donate any eggs or a cake, slice or treat for the stall this would be most appreciated.

We are looking forward to introducing iPads to support the learning of children across the school. Over the next few weeks children will begin to use this engaging technology in the classroom and we can’t wait to see the results! Stay tuned for more info!

Leah Martin

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**KINDERGARTEN 2016 TRANSITION**

Monday, 19 October from 2-3.15pm
Creative Play

Monday, 26 October from 2-3.15pm
Tabloids Year 5

Monday, 2 November from 10.30am-12.15pm
In class activities, lunch 11.30am, play on fort

*Parents are not required at these sessions*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**‘SPRING FAIR’**

28 NOVEMBER

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**BANDANNA DAY**

Bandannas are on sale starting this Friday 9/10, before school & at lunch at the table near the flags. Bandannas are $4 each.

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**Homework Challenge**

Scenic Tours
You have some overseas visitors coming to stay with you. Select 5 places for them to visit and not to visit. Complete homework challenge handout.

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**HONOUR CARDS**

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**Thank to the Forbes family’s kind donation of a Care Flight Bear. This term we are acknowledging students who are caring and considerate.**

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**Our first recipient is Tyge Matters from Year 4/5. Tyge consistently demonstrates a caring and thoughtful attitude to his classmates and in the playground. Tyge and his friend Lachlan visited Miss Martin for a healthy morning tea and spoke about how they both love all kinds of sport and displaying their moves on the dance floor. Tyge loves spelling and especially enjoys mastering a challenging word. Miss Martin was interested to hear that Tyge would like to be an architect who designs awesome houses when he is older (and a footy player of course)! Congratulations Tyge and your proud family.**
P&C NEWS
SPRING FAIR
The P&C are starting to organise the Spring Fair which will be held on Saturday, 28 November. This is a great family day with fun rides, stalls to explore and lovely food. If you have any books you would like to donate to the P&C Book Stall, please drop them into the office or canteen. If you would like to have your own stall, or know someone who has market goods to sell and might like a stall, there is a stall holder form available at the office. Stalls cost $25 per site. We will be asking for help with cake donations and volunteers to help out on the day as we get closer to the day, we greatly appreciate any support you can offer to make this the fun event it is. Keep your eye on the Breeze for more info.

UNIFORM ORDER
The next uniform order will go in on Friday 30 October so have your order forms into the office by the end of school on that day.

REUSABLE LUNCH ORDER WALLETS
The date to return your order form has been extended to this Friday, 16 October.

CANTEEN
Please be advised that LOL drinks are NO longer available. The supplier has discontinued them.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wed 14.10 Lucy Merlino
Fri 16.10 Rebecca Norman

SCHOOL TIMES
9.15am School starts
11.30am-12.15pm Lunch
1.45-2.15pm Recess
3.15pm School finishes
Morning assemblies Mondays & Fridays @ 9.15am, Thursdays after Scripture @ 9.45am
It is important students arrive at school on time so disruption is limited.

RIDER REVIVER STALL
On Thursday, 14 October our Year 6 students will be holding a BBQ and cake stall outside our school to raise money for their end of year farewell. We are hoping to provide refreshments to motorbike riders who pass by on their way to Phillip Island. We will be selling bacon & egg rolls and sausage sandwiches as well as drinks and cakes. We would love it if anyone is able to donate a cake, slice, biscuits or other treats to sell on the day. We would also love donations of eggs if you have any to spare. If you are able to help, please bring all donations to the office on Wednesday or Thursday. If you happen to be driving past the School on Thursday, please stop for a delicious treat too!

Community Announcements
The Crossing Landcare Adventures 6-8/11 for Year 6 & 7 students mountain bike from Bermagui to The Crossing and canoe back. Two night stay with daytime activities including landcare & exploring a hidden bush valley. For bookings http://thecrossing.thebegavalley.org.au/the-crossing-education/
Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club 2015/2016 Registration Day. 18/10 from 10am-12 pm at Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club Clubhouse. Seniors/Cadets/Nippers/Rowers/Associate members all encouraged to register. For more info www.bermaguisls.org.au email bermisurfclub@gmail.com or call Rachel on 0416203972
Free Legal Advice Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre, for women in southern NSW. Solicitor available in Bega 15/10 from 9am-2pm at Women’s Resource Centre, 14 Peden Street, Bega. Appointments are necessary. Freecall 1800 229 529

FISH BITES DAY
Monday, 19 October

$5.00

5 pieces Fish Bites
1 Tartare Sauce
1 Popper Juice
1 Chocolate Cup Cake (Homemade)
1 Apple

*Extra Tartare sauce is available at 30 cents each

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CANTEEN WILL ALSO RUN AS NORMAL
PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM TO THE CANTEEN BY FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER.
THANK YOU
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principal may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principal may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principal may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory schooling age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team
T 131 536

Learning and Engagement
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Too sick for school?

Generally if your child feels unwell, keep them home from school and consult your doctor. This chart and the information it contains is not intended to take the place of a consultation with your doctor.

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<td>Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.</td>
<td>🗓️ until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.</td>
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<td>Chickenpox (Varicella)</td>
<td>Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.</td>
<td>🗓️ for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis</td>
<td>The eye feels ‘scratchy’, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.</td>
<td>🗓️... while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.</td>
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<td>Diarrhoea (no organism identified)</td>
<td>Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.</td>
<td>🗓️... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.</td>
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<td>Fever</td>
<td>A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.</td>
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<td>Gastroenteritis</td>
<td>A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.</td>
<td>🗓️... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.</td>
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<td>German measles (Rubella)</td>
<td>Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.</td>
<td>🗓️... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.</td>
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<td>Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)</td>
<td>Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.</td>
<td>🗓️... unless they’re feeling unwell.</td>
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<td>Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)</td>
<td>Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.</td>
<td>🗓️... until all blisters have dried.</td>
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<td>Hayfever</td>
<td>[Allergic rhinitis] caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees), dust mites, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke</td>
<td>🗓️... unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy.</td>
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<td>Head lice or nits* (Pediculosis)</td>
<td>Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.</td>
<td>🗓️... while continuing to treat head lice each night. Tell the school.</td>
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<td><strong>Hepatitis A</strong></td>
<td>Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.</td>
<td>... for 2 weeks after first symptoms or 1 week after onset of jaundice. Contact your doctor before returning to school.</td>
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<td><strong>Hepatitis B</strong></td>
<td>Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.</td>
<td>... if they have symptoms. Contact your doctor before returning to school. ... if they have a chronic infection (not the first outbreak) and no symptoms.</td>
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<td><strong>Impetigo (School sores)</strong></td>
<td>Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.</td>
<td>... until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.</td>
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<td><strong>Influenza</strong></td>
<td>Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.</td>
<td>... until well.</td>
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<td><strong>Measles</strong></td>
<td>Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.</td>
<td>... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.</td>
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<td><strong>Meningococcal Disease</strong></td>
<td>Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.</td>
<td>Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.</td>
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<td><strong>Molluscum Contagiosum</strong></td>
<td>Multiple small lumps (2-5mm) on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.</td>
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<td><strong>Mumps</strong></td>
<td>Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.</td>
<td>... for 9 days after onset of swelling.</td>
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<td><em><em>Ringworm</em> (tinea corporis)</em>*</td>
<td>Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.</td>
<td>... for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.</td>
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<td><strong>Runny nose or common cold</strong></td>
<td>Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.</td>
<td>... unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.</td>
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<td><strong>Scabies</strong>*</td>
<td>Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.</td>
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<td><strong>Shigella</strong></td>
<td>Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.</td>
<td>... until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.</td>
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<td><strong>Slapped Cheek Syndrome</strong></td>
<td>Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy face-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.</td>
<td>... as it is most infectious before the rash appears.</td>
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<td><strong>Whooping Cough (Pertussis)</strong></td>
<td>Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.</td>
<td>... until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.</td>
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<td><strong>Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)</strong></td>
<td>The main sign of threadworms or pinworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.</td>
<td>... and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.</td>
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*It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm.*