Today we are sending home your child’s report and portfolio. It is being sent home with a seal on the top of it as it is in a display folder. The children have been told that it is up to parents to open it. Inside there is a feedback sheet for you to let us know what you think about this new reporting process. The portfolio is to be returned to the school in the first week of next term so we can update it in the second semester. We would also appreciate the feedback sheet returned at the same time.

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 22nd July and the envelopes have been sent home today. Please return these as soon as possible so that we can be organised. On the day, students need to be correctly dressed in their school uniform and girls should have their hair tied up if they normally do so. Envelopes for family photos can be collected from the office.

Please remember that school finishes at 2.30pm tomorrow, please ensure that you are here to collect your children on time.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Absence or is it attendance?!!
We have had an appalling attendance rate at school this week, with a total of 54 absences. This is the equivalent of two thirds of our school being away for a day! We are concerned and aware that many of these are not related to illness.

Consequently this has been a very difficult learning week with so many children absent. Because the reports are written, it does not mean that the learning programs are concluded for the term. Teachers are continuing to teach new work for all children and as a consequence of high levels of absence there will now be children with gaps in their learning program.

High levels of absence creates serious issues both academically and socially as children are unable to maintain continuity with their learning and friendships. Children who miss 10 or more days per year, will have missed the equivalent of a whole year’s schooling by the time they reach year 12.

While we are conscious that some children have been quite ill and have needed to be at home, there are many children who were at home or away and needed to be at school!!
**Students Of The Week:**
* Grade Prep/1: **Luey**: for his consistent, careful maths work.
* Grade 1/2: **Rachael**: for working hard on her skipping.
* Grade 3/4: **Jed**: for his constantly positive attitude towards his school work.
* Grade 5/6: **Janelle**: for a fantastic effort all semester.

**Every day counts – school attendance**
Number of days that students have been away this week:

- **Grade P/1**: 12.5 days
- **Grade 1/2**: 24 days
- **Grade 3/4**: 11.5 days
- **Grade 5/6**: 4.5 days

Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 5/6**
Early Bird winner is **Grade 3/4**

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**FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS**
Each week bring in lunch orders with correct money on either Mondays, Tuesdays or by 9am Wednesday mornings.

**Menu**

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**Term 3 Lunches**
Mains $3 each
Dessert $1 each

**Duty Roster**

- **18th July**: Spag Bolognaise, Jelly Slice  
  - Annie & Lynda W
- **25th**: Chilli Con Carne, Carrot Cake  
  - Donna S & Kerry
- **1st August**: 2 X 3 inch Sushi, Chocolate Cake  
  - Andrea & Jacq
  
  *(Please indicate on your form whether you would like egg or veg sushi)*

- **8th**: Pastie, Meringue  
  - Lynda Q & Kendall
- **15th**: Chicken Noodle Soup & Bread, Choc chip biscuit  
  - Jason & Danielli
- **22nd**: Ham, Cheese, & Pineapple Pizza, Apple Cake  
  - Jacq & Di
- **29th**: Baked Potatoes, Muesli Slice  
  - Naomi & Jodi
- **5th Sep**: 2 X 3 inch Sushi Rolls, Cake Pops  
  - Gen & Lorella
- **12th**: Nachos, Jelly Cup  
  - Jacq & Amy
- **19th**: Hamburgers, Honey Joys  
  - Jacq and Rob C

**Additional Information**
- All meal sizes are suited to the individual child. Preps have a smaller serving than a grade 6. I try to ensure there is plenty for 2nds and for those who haven’t ordered to come and ‘have a try’.
- Please contact me if there are foods on this menu that are not suitable for your child so we may work out an alternative.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - SECOND SEMESTER**
Second semester of Education Maintenance Allowance will commence on the 14th July 2014.
If you are eligible from this date you will be able to apply for EMA for the second half of the year.
If you applied at the beginning of the year and your status has not changed there is no need to do anything.
If you are no longer eligible please let the office know.
If your child/ren enrolled at the school between March and July and you are eligible, please call in at the school office to fill in an EMA form **by Friday 25th July**.
We will need to photocopy your health care or pension concession card.
No late applications will be accepted.
Grade 1/2
enjoying their camp in and around Bendigo.
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milpirri
winds of change
sneak preview

Sunday 29th June, 2pm at the Theatre Royal
The film (54 mins) will be followed by a rare opportunity to meet and discuss the film with Warlipiri filmmaker Wanta Jampijinpa, and locals Stewart Carter and Cath South.

milpirri is about waking up life.
It is about bringing difference together.
milpirri is not about changing one another, but adjusting to one another.
milpirri is the Warlipiri word for the enormous clouds that gather on the northern edge of the Tanami Desert at the end of the dry season. They are a place where the hot air rising from the land collides with the cold air falling from the atmosphere. These are the clouds that bring rain and new life to the desert.

It is a metaphor for reconciliation.

Old and young.
Bliss and woe.
Traditional and modern.

Your gold coin donation will support the Meeting Place
A local First Nations youth project.