Dear Parents & Caregivers

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children to Dubbo for the Small School’s Swimming Carnival and picking them up before 2:30pm.

The children appeared to have a great day with the K-2 children enjoying a wide variety of activities and the Year 3 – Year 6 participating in 100m, 50m, or 25m events.

There were soooo many ribbon winners and children who really extended themselves beyond their comfort zone. Not only that but their behaviour and sportsmanship were excellent.

Winner of the pointscore WONGARBON.

Regards

Peter George
Principal

A FOWL ILLNESS

Unfortunately chicken pox seems to have taken a hold in Wongarbon. Within the last week four children in Years 4/5/6 have shown symptoms of chicken pox. Lots of ‘spots’, which become itchy and ultimately blister. Please check for signs and get them promptly to the doctor for confirmation.

Please carefully read the attached Department of Education and Communities policy regarding chicken pox and school attendance.

This is likely to greatly affect our school because it creates a ‘roundabout’ situation where a soon as some children come back to school others are required to stay at home.

**SWIM SWIM AS FAST AS YOU CAN**

Amongst many, many ribbon winners at yesterday’s carnival we also had THREE CHAMPIONS.

SENIOR BOYS CHAMPION  
Mitchell Bebbington

11 YEARS BOY CHAMPION  
Sam Hicks

JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPION  
Banjo Tucker

Congratulations on these fine achievements and to all our students for living up to our school motto of ‘TRY ALWAYS’.

**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our School Council has again endorsed the Parent Contributions at $50 first child, $30 second Child and $20 third child. With the recent government money to parents in the Schoolkids Bonus Scheme it should be easy for all parents to pay. After all this government payment is designed to assist parents with their child’s schooling.

In order to help parents remember, the school will issue invoices for the amount due.

We have already invested approximately $6000 for student books, stationery and texts which is almost $100 per student to ensure a smooth and fully equipped classroom start to 2013.

**HOMEWORK CHAMPIONS**

Well done to all of our students who have started the years so conscientiously.

All teachers have been mightily impressed by almost 100% of homework completed and returned to school on Friday. SENSATIONAL!
A HUGE WELCOME
Recently we have had the pleasure of welcoming three new members to our student population. A big WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL welcome to EAMON, BRAIDAN and JOSHUA, Year 3, Year 2 and Kindergarten respectively. I am confident they will quickly adapt to our school values, find success in their learning and become valued students in the fabric of our school.

SPORTS DAY
Don’t forget that sports day is TUESDAY for the next two weeks.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
We are still seeking a parent or parents to help prepare afternoon snacks on Tuesday at approximately 2:45pm prior to the After School Activities. This entails cutting up some fruit and possibly preparing a basic savoury snack. A weekly budget of $25 is provide for each session.

ASSIGNMENT STARTERS FOR THE ARTS
Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

SPEECH PROBLEMS
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS - Term 1 Week 2

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Performance Awards
- Georgia Barsby, Josh Mohr, Harley Hudson
- Charlotte Jones, Eamon Macerlane, Elijah Radburn
- Ashton Howey

Book Award
- Makaylah Howey
- Harry Gresham
- Jayden Howey

Principal’s Award
- Caitlin Conte

HELPING YOUR KINDY KID SUCCEED AT SCHOOL
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

- When children start school they bring all the things they learnt at home with them.
- Keep up the things you did with your child before they started school, like bedtime reading.
- Talk to your child’s teacher if you have concerns about your child’s learning.
- Get your child to school on time; it helps avoid anxiety.
- Get involved in your school; it shows your children you value education.

Find out more:

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Contact Jo McPherson 6887 8207

ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MRS RICH’S CLASS YEAR 2/3.
Photographs of students may be published in the school newsletter and the local media. If you do not wish to have your child’s photo appear in these publications please notify the school.

PHOTO GALLERY – Small Schools Swimming Carnival

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