WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 1 2015

FEBRUARY
16th — Sub District Small Schools Swimming Carnival at the Oasis
23rd — PSSA Swimming Carnival at the Oasis
26th — Mobile Library
28th — Bunnings BBQ — P & C running

MARCH
9th — Riverina Primary Swimming Carnival at Albury
10th — P & C Meeting — 6.30pm
12th — Mobile Library
18th — Author Day at Kapooka Public School — all students attending
26th — Mobile Library

APRIL
2nd — Easter Activities & parents day at Humula Public School
3rd — Good Friday

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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DRINK BOTTLES/FRUIT BOXES
Due to an ant problem at school, could parents send drink bottles containing water only — no cordial or fruit boxes.

LEFT OVERS DAY — students may bring cooked left overs, that may require heating, on Mondays. This does not include items such as pies, noodles in a cup. The food items must be home made.

P & C AGM & MEETING — From last weeks P & C AGM & Meeting the following people were elected to the executive committee:
President — Jess Nugent, Vice President — Nicole Hann, Secretary — Jenny Wolter, Treasurer — Fiona Wolfgarten

BUNNINGS BBQ — Saturday 28th February 2015 · This is the MAJOR P & C fundraiser for the year and all families are require to help out on the day.
Ice — could families start freezing 4 litre ice cream containers with water. This is needed to keep drinks cold on the day.
For more information or you can help out on the day please contact Jess Nugent on 0410184200 or Jenny Wolter on 0406806043.

EASTER RAFFLE — It was decided at last weeks meeting that the P & C would organised an Easter Raffle. The P & C would like each child to donate either one of the following: Easter Egg/Rabbit, small bag of eggs, large egg. Items will need to be at school by Friday 27th March.
Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and will need to be returned to school by Monday 30th March. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 30th March at 11am.

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Today we have three students, Matthew, Colby and Ella, competing at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best.

SCHOOL JACKET — The photo above shows Colby wearing the school jacket. This is an optional extra for winter. Jackets can be purchased from Creative Embroidery, Wagga. Jumpers are to be Navy, polar fleece, with 1/2 zip or full zip. “No Hoods”. Trousers are to be Navy Parachute track trousers or navy slacks/trousers.
School Shirts are available from the school for $24 each. We encourage all parents to purchase at least one of these shirts for their child. Sizes 6 & 8 are on order.

FAREWELL — Last week we said farewell to Beau. Beau and his dad have moved to Wingello.
**ABSENTEES**

If your child is away from school for any reason, we require a note explaining their absence. This is a requirement from the Department of Education and Communities. Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend whenever instruction is provided. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly.

In 2008 the Department of Education and Training introduced new measures to monitor the attendance of students. This was due to the changes in law that occurred at the beginning of 2008 following media focus on a series of horrific cases of child neglect.

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children within seven school days. These explanations can be:

- **Verbal** - including a phone call or a conversation in person with the parent. A record of the conversation must be made by school personnel and kept with other absence explanations.
- **Written** - a letter from the parent or a doctor’s certificate explaining the absence.
- **Electronic** - an email or text message explaining an absence. A record must be made by school personnel and kept with other absence explanations. Text messages must be sent to principal’s phone.
- **Principals may request a doctors certificate**

**PARENT/FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATES**

Thank you to those families who have returned their Parent/Family Information updates.

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**Greetings from Blueearth**

Your child/children may have mentioned Blueearth or you may have seen the Blueearth Coach out in the playground over the past few weeks and wondered what it was all about.

Blueearth is a movement and activity based program that uses the joy of movement to help children better understand themselves, peers, teachers and the important relationships that exist between them. In an inclusive and fun environment students experience a range of individual, partner and group activities to improve posture, function, self awareness and mindfulness. This helps build lifelong habits in physical activity and movement that is so important for children’s development, health and wellbeing. With skilful guidance and reflection, amazing results have been achieved.

Blueearth provides on the job training for teachers so that the program can be sustained long term within the school. The Blueearth Coach will be working with teachers and their classes on a regular basis – please feel free to speak with them if you would like to know more about the program – or join in.

You might also like to visit the Blueearth website [www.blueearth.org](http://www.blueearth.org) and look at our parents section for more information and activities for the whole family. We also encourage you to read some latest research in how mindfulness improved children’s learning: [http://time.com/3682311/mindfulness-math/](http://time.com/3682311/mindfulness-math/)