**Principal’s Report:**

**Meet the Teacher:**
It was fantastic to see such a large number of students and their families at school yesterday afternoon. Most of our ‘new families’ and many of our existing families took the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher. The sausage sizzle was very popular with staff, students and visitors.

**Insurance:**
(i) Parents are reminded the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment and ambulance travel for injured students.

(ii) Parents, staff and students are reminded the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for any personal property—phones, toys, sporting equipment or cars etc.—brought to school. We suggest valuables are not brought to school.

**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund:**
Parents/carers who are holders of Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Cards may now apply to receive the $125 CSEF which is paid directly to the school. This is an annual payment to be used towards camps, sports and excursions. Application forms are available from the office. I encourage all eligible parents to apply.

**Student Leaders:**
Parents and students are advised Mr. Peter Crisp, M.L.A. for Mildura, will present the 2017 School and House Captains and Junior School Council members with their badges at assembly on Monday 27th February. Parents, grand-parents and community members are warmly invited to attend.

**Homework Club:**
Mrs Craig and her assistants are again running a “Homework Club” this year. Breakfast and fruit will be provided for all who attend.

**Book Club:**
Book Club catalogues will be sent home twice per term. Your child will receive the first catalogue next Monday. Orders are due back at school on Friday 17th February. All orders and payments need to be placed in an envelope or zip-lock plastic bag with the child’s name and grade clearly marked. If you wish to make a purchase online via LOOP, please see instructions on the back page of the catalogue. Miss Knyvett is the Book Club Co-ordinator this year.

**School Council:**
The first School Council meeting for 2017 will be held tonight, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Members unable to attend are asked to contact me before 5.30pm.

**Have a great week!**

Rod Beer
Principal

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**
**Wednesday 15th March—Pupil Free—Maths PD—OOSH will be open**
Uniform Shop:
The uniform shop will open every Wednesday from 8.30am to 9am.

Library:
A big thank you to the Parent’s Club for donating our trendy new bean bags for the library. The children are very impressed. Mrs McCarthy.

Maths Quiz:
Mrs Craig will be providing a challenging, fun maths quiz for different grade levels each week. This week’s quiz is for grade 3/4 students.

Great Behaviour in the Yard:
Congratulations to Katelyn Milne (gr.5), Hudson Townsend (gr.3) and Annika Crothers (gr.6) for their Great Behaviour in the Yard this week. Enjoy those free Great Australian Ice Creams kids.

Stars of the Week:

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This Week’s Birthdays……

Ajah Lanigan 11 Wednesday 8th February
Nadia Cohrs 8 Thursday 9th February
Sam Staley 7 Tuesday 14th February
Emrich Tree 10 Tuesday 14th February
Vada Tree 10 Tuesday 14th February
Xander Morrison 11 Tuesday 14th February
3/4A’s First Week Back at School

AFTER 6 WEEKS OFF TO RECHARGE AND RELAX WE JUMPED STRAIGHT INTO THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR WITH A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES.

Mr Laird, Mrs Doering and Miss Davis gathered all of the grade 3/4’s in the shared area to hand out some special surprises. We all got a gift bag to welcome us back to school!

We spent some time making name tags to use when we display our work.

With the other grade 3/4 classes we learnt about the Chinese New Year. Then we took the dragon around the school to scare away all of the bad luck that could be hiding!
Music Tuition 2017

Our music program with Joel will begin next Thursday 16th February. Joel offers lessons in guitar, percussion and singing. Each class consists of two children and runs for 30 minutes during class time once a week. Cost is $15 per lesson and instrument hire is also available. Forms to enrol your child are at the front office.