Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What an interesting week we started with last week in regard to the weather. I think we had a bit of everything including the wind. The children and staff handled this very well and have adjusted back into school life.

ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL
Can I remind parents that school commences at 9am and that children should be at school prior to this time to be ready to start on time and to hear our morning messages. There are many students who are arriving late and this disrupts the teacher’s first lessons for the morning. In addition the late arrivals are missing valuable school time. Can parents make this a priority for the remainder of the term.

STAGE 3 EXCURSION
Excited Stage 3 students left Broken Hill on Sunday night bound for Lake Keepit. I had reports that they arrived safe and sound on Monday morning ready to hit the activities that were planned for them. I’m sure they slept well last night. They will arrive back at school around 6pm on Friday. I will put a note on the gate at 3pm on Friday to give you a more accurate time of arrival. Please check there for the time.

CHICKEN POX
We have had some cases of chicken pox in our K-2 classes. Can you keep an eye on your children for any signs of this. Hopefully it is just random cases.

PLAYGROUP
Our playgroup starts on Tuesday 22nd October. Just turn up to G Block between 9am and 10.45am. The dates for the remainder of the year are: Tuesday 5th and 19th November, and Tuesday 3rd and 17th December.

Thanking You
Sharon DeGoumois
(Relieving Principal)
OCTOBER
Monday 7th
◆ Public Holiday Labour Day
Tuesday 8th
◆ Term 4 Commences
Sunday 13th
◆ Stage 3 excursion departs 9.00pm
Friday 18th
◆ Stage 3 excursion returns (aprox 6.00pm)
Tuesday 22nd
◆ P&C Meeting
Wednesday 23rd
◆ Pet Education - Infants
Thursday 31st
◆ Kindergarten Orientation/Transition 9.15am -11.00am
◆ Halloween Disco

NOVEMBER
Friday 1st
◆ Crazy Hair Day
Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th
◆ Book Fair
Wednesday 6th
◆ Stage 2 Excursion departs
Tuesday 19th
◆ P&C Meeting
Friday 8th
◆ Stage 2 Excursion returns
Monday 25th - Friday 29th
◆ Swim School

DECEMBER
Thursday 5th
◆ Carols by Candlelight
Monday 9th
◆ Presentation Day Rehearsal
Tuesday 10th
◆ Presentation Day 10.00am
◆ Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 18th
◆ Term 4 Concludes 3pm

Please make sure your child knows road safety when going to and from school. This includes walking, riding a push bike or scooter and even travelling by bus.

What’s on this term!

Vegetable plants are for sale on Wednesday and Thursdays. Please see Mr Hopcraft in the garden area.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION PAYMENTS
Please finalise all payments urgently

Halloween Disco
Thursday 31st October
K-2 5pm to 6pm
Year 3-6 6.30pm to 8pm
Snacks, Drinks, Hotdogs, Mini Pies, Chicken Chippies, Glow Products

FOR SALE!
Vegetable Plants

Vegetable plants are for sale on Wednesday and Thursdays. Please see Mr Hopcraft in the garden area.

Spooky... Scary...
Please contact the school if your child is going to be away. A medical certificate is required for absences of 3 days or more.

If your child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education!

Why is arriving at school on time important?

It ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert...

It helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine..

It gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore...

...reduced the opportunity for classroom disruption!

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence!

Missing school leaves gaps in your child’s education!
What do Parents Think?
Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40 $100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes Or for more information please contact

CARERS WEEK
Carers Week 2013 provides an opportunity for all Australians to become Care Aware and to recognise and celebrate the dedicated people throughout Australia who provide unpaid support to a loved one.

Carers are husbands, wives, partners, children, friends, grandparents, employers, employees and citizens. When a person becomes a carer for a family member or friend, their lives and relationships can change dramatically. It is likely that at some stage we may all face the decision to become a carer for a family member or friend, or may even require care ourselves.

Watch these truly inspiring videos of carers in our community and the wonderful work they do: carers share their stories

Carers Week 2013 is from 13 to 19 October, and over 400 events have been sponsored throughout NSW to celebrate Carers.

To learn about Carers Week activities throughout NSW including Carers Day Out in Sydney (Tuesday 15 October) go to: www.carersnsw.org.au/carersweek2013

Have a great Carers Week 2013!

“2013 HEARTKIDS RUGBY CUP & CLINIC”
The calibre of player that will be here at the clinic will be out standing with most players holding either NSW or AUST Honours. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young players to be exposed to the skills that they will bring and teach our country players.

After the clinic there will be an exhibition match between the Deadwood Team and an “Invitational Central West Team”. The Central west team will be selected from clubs around the Central West with a mix of experience and youth and can have this rare opportunity to play a team with so much experience.

The best part about the Heartkids Rugby Cup is that we are raising money for a fantastic cause in Heartkids and all money raised will stay in the central west for family out here suffering from Childhood Heart Disease. My son was born with Heart Disease and has had over 7 Heart Operations and is only 7yrs old. There are many families within the Rugby community that have been touched with Heart Disease out there so I hope we can all get behind this Exhibition match and come and support this event.

HEARTKIDS RUGBY CUP AND CLINIC
Clinic
Saturday 2nd November 2013.
Where: Emus Rugby Oval
Time: 1.30-4.30pm
Cost: $35.00 including clinic and entry into Exhibition match.

Pre Match Entertainment and Kids match
5.00-5.30pm
BBQ and more available.

Exhibition Match
Deadwood V’s Invitational Central West Team
Emus Oval
6pm followed by presentation and night - $5 Entry