SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The annual Young Small School Swimming Carnival for ALL students will be held next week on Wednesday 13th February. A permission note and list of events your child/ren are entered in is attached to today’s newsletter. A reminder that if you wish to order sausage sandwiches for the day the order forms MUST be in tomorrow! (Friday)

PERMISSION NOTES FOR START OF YEAR
A reminder that start of the year notes are due in at the end of next week. Thank you so much to the parents who have already completed these and handed them in.

BEST START
The annual Kindergarten Best Start Testing will take place at Wombat PS tomorrow (Friday). Miss Read will work one on one with each kindergarten student to track where they are up to. Notes regarding this were sent home yesterday (Wednesday) to kindergarten parents.

KITCHEN GARDEN
Thank you to all the wonderful parents who indicated their support of the Kitchen Garden Program by either volunteering time to help in the Kitchen or Garden. Thank you also to the parents who indicated they were not available on a Thursday but were willing to do jobs outside this time to assist. Working together as a school community ensures this program is successful for the children. Lessons will begin on Thursday next week (14th Feb). This will be a whole school lunch. A reminder the cost of this lunch is $4 for your first child, $3 for your second and $2 for subsequent children.

PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE
I will be attending the annual Riverina Principal’s Conference in Albury from the afternoon of Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st Feb inclusive. Classes will continue as normal this week.

BANKING
A reminder that school banking beins on TUESDAY 26th February. Please ensure you have signed your child/ren up for this wonderful savings account. Thank you to Vanessa who is running this program for the children.

ASSEMBLY
Our first assembly for 2013 will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 27th February.

SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT
Support and enrichment classes will begin next week. Parents of children involved should have received a letter yesterday (Wednesday) regarding this. Please see the school if you have any questions.

MUSIC
Mr Corkery has begun teaching the infants and primary specialist marimba ensembles. We have entered these two ensembles into the upcoming Cowra Eisteddfod. They will be performing at this Eisteddfod in Term 2 on Wednesday 22nd May.
From the principal cont...

**HOTDOGS**
The Wombat Progress Association has an excess of hotdogs from the Australia Day celebration. They will be selling these as lunches for the children for the next 2 TUESDAYS (12th and 19th Feb). Attached to today’s newsletter is an order form. Please have all orders in by MONDAY with respective payments attached. Thank you

From the office.........

**BOOKCLUB**
The first Bookclub for 2013 is due back at the school with the money no later than Tuesday 19th February. Thank you

From the P&C...........

Welcome back everyone to a new school year, and especially to all new students and families.

The Wombat PS P&C would like to encourage all families to become involved in the P&C this year. The P&C is a voluntary group of **parents and citizens** who meet regularly as a forum for parents and citizens to raise issues with the school and to organize events to raise money to support all WPS students. Meetings are held regularly every month, with the AGM being held in March. All suggestions, comments or criticisms are welcome, come along and have your say! It’s your P&C!

To be a member of the P&C a small affiliation fee is asked for of $2 per family (this is an insurance requirement!).
I have put together a survey (attached) so families can indicate suitable times they may be able to attend meetings, so please fill it out to allow us to try to set meetings at the most suitable time for the majority.

**P&C Office** will be open for “business” every Monday morning from 8.45 to 9.30am for parents to purchase & try on uniforms, pay fees etc or just come and have a chat and offer support or ideas.

*Shelley McRae (President)*