From the Principal.....

TEACHER ABSENCES
From time to time teachers are away due to either Staff Development or Departmental Approved Leave. In these cases, Wombat Public School teachers are required to leave their term program for the casual teacher to continue to work through. We always aim to have teachers on the class that know the students and their abilities. While this is not always possible, we still insist on the casual continuing the work set by the teacher at the beginning of the term. If you have any concerns regarding casuals please see the school as soon as possible.

PRIMARY EXCURSION
On Tuesday a note went home to all Primary children to gauge interest in this year’s Primary Excursion to Sydney. This is a 5 day excursion with a lot of events planned for the children. Miss Read will be again taking the Primary children on this great excursion. As mentioned on the note, we will be starting a payment plan up shortly for those wishing to send their child/ren.

KITCHEN GARDEN
We are seeking one more volunteer to help in the kitchen once a fortnight during Term 2. If you are able to help out please see Mrs Stanley as soon as possible so that the roster can be set. A big thank you to our current helpers, you are doing a magnificent job!

Please don’t forget that our first stall will be held tomorrow (Friday) on the small verandah. The children have been very busy cooking some lovely biscuits for you to purchase and enjoy.

LAMBING FLAT FESTIVAL
Our whole school has been invited to present an item at this years Young Lambing Flat Festival. Please see attached expression of interest note and return to school.

BANKING
A reminder that school banking beings on TUESDAY 26th February. Please ensure you have signed your child/ren up for this wonderful savings account.

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

**ICAS COMPETITIONS**
Attached to this newsletter is a note for entry into the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Please fill out and return to school with payment if you wish to enter your child/ren in these competitions.

**PARENT COURSE**
Please find attached a course, “Engaging Adolescents” for parents of Year 6 children.

**HEAD LICE**
Attached to the newsletter is a brochure on head lice. Please remember to check your child/ren’s hair regularly and treat if necessary.

**INVOICES**
Invoices for Term 1 will hopefully be sent home within the next two weeks. Thank you to those families that have paid on a week-to-week basis so far.

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

**MEETING** :-  Set for **MONDAY  Feb 25th  9am Library**--- the majority of returned surveys indicated a change to this day and time.

*Agenda* items:- AGM Date & Time (has to be set for March), first fundraising org, fundraising timetable, green caps, toasted sandwich menu, lambing flat festival?

**P&C Office** :- will be open for “business” every Monday morning from **8.45 to 9.15am** for parents to purchase & try on uniforms, pay fees etc or just come and have a chat and offer support or ideas.

First Fundraisers – **Market stall** at Uniting Church Markets March 9 – **Easter Raffle** (begin at market stall)

Shelley McRae
President.

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**PRIMARY STAR OF THE WEEK**
Ebony Buttigieg
for her increased confidence in the classroom

**INFANTS STAR OF THE WEEK**
Indiana Hambrook
for making fantastic fish with folded fan fins