WELCOME BACK!
Welcome back to Wombat Public School and welcome to our kindergarten student, James King and his parents, Christopher and Emma. We trust you will all enjoy your years at Wombat PS and that James will make life long friends at our beautiful school. I am extremely happy to be back and excited to be teaching the primary students again this year. I look forward to working closely with you all to ensure your child/ren’s success academically, socially and emotionally throughout the year. Should you ever have any concerns or questions please come and see me or call me as soon as possible. I will endeavour to discuss these with you on the spot though at times there may be reason to make a mutually suitable time to sit and talk over questions.

STAFFING 2014
At present our numbers sit at 18 students. This is under the magic 26 which gives us P5 status and 2 full time teachers funded by the department.

The repercussions of this are that Miss Read will now become a forced transfer out of our school. As she does not choose to leave our wonderful school she has decided to take leave from her transfer and we, as a school, are able to employ her on a temporary contract through school allocations the same as Mrs Stanley was employed last year. Mrs Stanley will be employed with us until census date (12th February). After this time she will be employed on a casual basis whenever we require her.

Mrs Armstrong will remain in the office each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with Wednesdays added on odd weeks. This will remain in place until Term 2 when she will loose her 3 1/2days a week status and be reduced to 2 1/2days a week.

Mr Ken Dewar has taken leave from his General Assistants job until August 18th. This job will also decrease in hours due to student numbers dropping. At this stage I am unsure of the hours this job will attract after Term 1. An advertisement for this position is attached to today’s newsletter and will be displayed at the Wombat Hotel and at school for anyone wishing to apply.

Classroom organisation for 2014 will be as follows:

We are fortunate to be able to employ the following people for specialised programs throughout the week: Mr Colin Maher (Tennis), Mrs Barbara Granger (Indonesian primary and infants) and Mr Mark Corkery (School of Music).

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ATTACHMENTS
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- Swimming Carnival Permission
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The annual Young Small Schools' Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 18th February at the Young Pool (backup date: 21st Feb). Every student is involved in this carnival and we would love to see all parents who are able to attend come along and enjoy the day. Attached to today’s newsletter is a permission note regarding this carnival. Please sign this and return to the school by FRIDAY 7th February.

TENNIS
Tennis has been provided by Mr Colin Maher for students at Wombat PS for the past 35 years. This is an amazing feat and I know, as a past student of this program, that the skills taught are life long lessons. This year we hope to continue his teaching and therefore ask parents to indicate their willingness to have their children attend the lessons here at school (using the new tennis nets and equipment acquired last year). The cost of lessons will depend upon the number of students wishing to participate and will be payable at the beginning of each term. Should there not be sufficient numbers to make this viable we will put tennis into recess for the first half of this year and reevaluate our decision in the warmer months at the end of the year. Please fill out the survey attached to today’s newsletter and return to school by MONDAY.

NEWSLETTER
We provide newsletters to parents, community members and groups to ensure that everyone is up to date and in touch with what is happening in our wonderful school. We will be placing these newsletters on the school internet site (www.wombat-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) again this year. We will also be adding a new section for permission notes. This will assist anyone who misplaces their notes. Please indicate on the attached survey if you would still like receiving the paper copy of the newsletter or you will read it from the internet site. Please return the survey by MONDAY.

KITCHEN GARDEN
Our Kitchen Garden Program will continue in 2014. Lessons with run on FRIDAYS from 11am until 1pm. With our diminished numbers there will only be one group (18 students) who will rotate each week from Garden to Kitchen. During the Kitchen lessons one week will be whole school lunch while the other week will be fundraising items. A timetable is attached to today’s newsletter for your information as well as call for volunteers. This program not only teaches your child/ren the skills of cooking and gardening but also: social interactions, working as a team, listening, comprehension, reading, problem solving, mathematical skills, organisational skills, planning skills and a grounding in good nutrition and self sufficiency. We would dearly love any donations of excess produce, cooking ingredients (sugar, salt, butter etc) to ensure the cost of this program does not continue to eat into our school funds. The charged cost of running this program ($4 per child each whole school lunch) covers the purchase of seedlings and cooking supplies that are not able to be provided by our garden or donations.

### Whats happening in Term 1?

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FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to the new school year.

START OF YEAR NOTES
Accompanying this newsletter are the annual start of year notes that need to be completed every year. EACH student will need to have a note completed for: Student Computer Use - Code of Conduct, Child Protection Program, Media Permission, Wombat Community, Facebook and Asthma Record. It is important that we get annual permission for the above or your child/ren will not be able to participate in these activities. The bright green student update form is also to be completed but one can be used per family. Please fill out and return these forms ASAP so that our records can be updated.

NEWSLETTER FOLDERS
Last year we introduced clear plastic folders for children to take notes and newsletters home in. These folders proved to be a valuable addition as they protected items from accidental spills and crumpling. We are using these folders again this year but I ask that ALL FOLDERS be returned the FOLLOWING DAY so that they can be reused as needed.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club is being sent home with this newsletter. Please return all orders to school by Thursday 20th February.

STUDENT BANKING
Will commence next Tuesday 4th February. Please ensure that the deposit sheets in your child's/ren's bank books are filled out by yourself or teach your child/ren to do so (this is a great skill for children to have).

ABSENCES
I have included a 'Notification of Student Absence' booklet with this newsletter for you to use when your child/ren are absent. Please be mindful that it is mandatory that all absences from school be explained.

RECIPE BOOKS
These books can still be ordered through the school office. The book will be updated at the end of this year with any new recipes that the children cook this year.

Thank you
Jane Armstrong
School Administrative Manager

FROM THE P&C

The P&C are in desperate need of your support. Without the P&C parents would be asked to cover full costs for the excursions (primary parents saved $200 per child on last year’s excursion) and pay for the bus travel to and from swimming lessons at the end of the year. They would also be asked to contribute money towards our library and supporting students who are selected in Regional or State Teams. Our next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 11th February beginning at 2:15pm in the school library. This meeting will determine our continuation, and if viable, we will elect a new president.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Noah Hambrook
for an excellent beginning in primary

James King
for a great start to Kindergarten
COMMUNITY NEWS

DANCE LESSONS
Christine Wishart’s Dance Studio will be holding registration days on Thursday 30th January from 3:00 to 6:00pm and Saturday 1st February from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Southern Cross Cinemas. Ballet, Contemporary, Tap and Hip/Hop Jazz classes will be held in Young commencing Monday 3rd February. We also offer Tap exams, Eisteddfod work, local performances and end of year concerts. For enrolments and enquiries please phone Christine Wishart on 6942 6201 or 0427 782 954.

TAFE RIVERINA INSTITUTE
Interested in gaining a qualification via Distance delivery? TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Department of Business offers a number of courses via Distance delivery. For a complete list, please check the website: http://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/online/
Phone 6953 9644 to discuss enrolling into one of the following Distance Courses:
- Certificate III in Business (or Administration) Course No 11734
- Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) Course No 11738
- Statement of Attainment in processing & Maintaining Financial Records (MYOB) Course No 17820

VOLUNTEER AWARD—NEW YOUTH CATEGORY
NSW Government Sport and Recreation are again holding the Central West Summer Sporting Spirit Volunteer Award to recognise the effort of volunteers in the sporting community. This round, a youth category (25 years and under), is being introduced to recognise the efforts of young people’s contribution to sport. In 100 words or less tell us how your volunteer is a stand-out. Examples might be the extensive time they dedicate to the club, the positive attitude they bring to the sporting arena, being a positive role model etc.
Nominations close Friday 11th April 2014.

DANCE SCHOOL
Karen Leez School of Dance are currently taking enrolments for 2014.
Where: Young North Public School Hall
When: Thursday 30th January from 4:00 to 6:00pm
Saturday 1st February from 10:00am to 1:00pm
For more information please phone Karen Mills on 0413 071 753 or visit our website at: www.karenleezschooldan.wix.com/klsod

NRG FITNESS CENTRE
We are excited to be introducing a new program for children - BORN TO MOVE™
BORN TO MOVE™ is a series of programs designed specifically for young people from toddler age through to teens, fostering and cementing positive physical habits so they’re hardwired for a lifetime.
BORN TO MOVE™ classes build foundation fitness skills and confidence through using simple moves, roleplaying, stories, games, team building, performance, problem solving and the magic of music movement, set to motivating music. Backed by extensive research and a world class teacher training system, the programs are designed to meet the unique developmental needs of young people using music and moves kids love, to encourage a sense of achievement, whatever the child’s stage or ability.
From next Monday we are running free trial classes for ages 6-7 years and 8-12 years. These classes will then become a permanent part of our timetable with other age groups to be added later in the year.
Trial Class timetable:
Monday 3rd and 10th February 4:30pm 8-12 years
Tuesday 4th & 11th February 3:45pm 6-7 years
Wednesday 5th & 12th February 3:45pm 8-12 years
Thursday 6th & 13th February 3:45pm 6-7 years
More information can be found on the Les Mills website - www.lesmills.com.au or phone NRG fitness Centre on 6382 6552.