

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have had another quiet week this week at school, and most of our academic programs are now up and running with only a few minor issues. The weather has been very strange indeed, with high humidity making us feel much hotter than we should. As I write this it is raining outside and I hope that we will be able to continue with our welcome BBQ tonight.

Many of you will have seen already, but I don't think that I have taken the opportunity yet to mention the new steps up into the classroom which were installed over the holidays. You may have been aware that the old timber steps were all rotten through and guite dangerous. We discussed this at school council and Jon Rowsell, one of our councillors, offered to have the company he works for make up some new steps in steel. Jon brought the new steps to the school himself in the holidays and installed them and they are a huge improvement on the old steps. We are very grateful indeed to Jon and his family for the time and effort that was needed to create and install the new steps!

This afternoon's Futsal clinic had to be postponed due to the presenter not being available, but will be re-scheduled for later in the term.

Next week we have school council on Monday night, and the excursion to Lake Dewar on Friday. Please make sure that children have a towel and a change of clothes on Friday – last year many of them got quite wet!

This week I am sending home the forms for school photos. Photos will be taken on Thursday 27 February but Kym and Lindsay from My School Photos. Parents with more than one child at school will get more than one form, and a family form too. Please consider supporting the school photographs this year. The photographers have been very good to us over the last few years and they really do take much better pictures than any other school photographer that I have ever come across. Please don't return forms to school, you need to go to the photographer's

website and register – then they will email you when it's time to look at the pictures.

Starting next Friday we will be hosting another education support student this year. Jade is a year 11 student at Phoenix College and will be at Warrenheip each Friday to help us out with the children and to continue her own studies. Please say hi to her if you see her and make her feel welcome.

This newsletter will likely not be posted on Facebook since we have had a failure in our internet system and there has been no internet all day. I'm told that Telstra have to come and sort it out for us so who knows when it will get fixed. In the meantime we can be thankful that we are not a school that relies heavily on technology in the classroom, so we are only slightly inconvenienced by the outage.

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane