CALENDAR
TERM 1 {January 28 ~ March 24}

February
Mon 8th - Swimming
Tues 9th - Swimming
Wed 10th - No Preps
Thur 11th - Swimming
- Family BBQ
Fri 12th - Swimming
Mon 15th - Swimming
- Y&D Swimming Sports

Notes sent home this week:
Swimming (x2) Due Fri 5th Feb
Munchies helper Due Fri 5th Feb
Book club Due Fri 5th Feb
Munchies Due Wed 10th Feb
Y&D Swimming Due Fri 12th Feb
Banking information

Munchies:
We are still needing more parents to help with our Munchies roster. It’s not a lot of work and it’s a fantastic way to assist your child’s school fundraising. Please see Grant or Angie if you are able to assist.

PRINCIPAL’S PRATTLE
The first week has just flown by. The classrooms are very settled and our kids have settled in brilliantly to our school routines. The new 8:45am bell is working well, but it has wreaked havoc with our normal 2 minute of music prior to going back into the classrooms. Hopefully, I will have figured out how to fix this in the very near future. On that note I would like to let our new families know that we would like our students to arrive around 8:45 in the morning. This allows the kids to put their bags away, have a little play or chat with their friends before starting their mornings work. If for any reason you need to drop your child off early, please let Mr. Nic know in the office so that the staff are aware of your child being at school prior to the 8:45 bell.

Swimming: Our swimming will be starting on Monday and hopefully, weather permitting, will then be on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays for the next few weeks. We aim to have ten sessions which will include our swimming carnival. Could parents please ensure that your child/ren bring their swimming gear along on these days. It is best if your child has a bag specifically for their swimming gear. This should include their towel and bathers. You could also include thongs or sandals etc., rashie vests and goggles. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist us with getting the junior grade organised and walking to and from the pool. Your assistance is very much appreciated. On days that look a bit cool or downright horrible for outdoor swimming, a decision will be made by morning recess to either confirm that swimming lessons will be going ahead or that they are cancelled for the day.

Communication: During the week I have had the opportunity to have a couple of informal talks with some of our parents and it has reminded me to ask you, our parents, to make sure that our communication lines are very strong as quite often little things that seem insignificant to adults can be a huge factor for our children and if we, the staff are not aware of these issues we cannot do anything about it. So please, come in or give us a ring about any issue that worries your child or children and hopefully we can allay any fears or concerns that they have or affix the problem at hand. If we don’t know about a problem, we can’t do anything about it!

Family Barbeque: Please don’t forget about our family barbeque coming up this Thursday. It would be great if we had all our families attend the evening. Just letting you know- I am fantastic on the b.b.q! (It’s one of my hidden talents.) Our student leaders will be presented with their badges during the evening.
Weekly Class Awards
Weekly awards were presented to the following children. Congratulations to you all.

Year Prep/1
Ocean McQualter: Ocean, you have made a fantastic start to your Prep year. I like how you are always so keen to learn.

Isabella Nardone: Isabella, the presentation of your writing is outstanding. Well done.

Year 2/3
Lena Blackshaw: For always doing her best in every activity. Well Done!

Hunter Parker: For trying very hard in his learning and being an excellent listener.

Year 4/5/6
Cadyne Earle: Cadyne, you have worked so hard this week, you have finished all of your tasks to 100%! Keep it up.

Casey Marsh: Casey, you did a great job with your Junior School Council Speech. It was well thought out and had great detail throughout. Fantastic effort and congratulations on being our JSC Treasurer.

Fundraising: Late last year Jenelle Donald ran a Tupperware fundraiser for the school and this week the school received $140 from the commission of the Tupperware bought. Thanks you Jenelle and all the families who bought something to help us earn that amount.

Notes, Permission slips and money etc: Just a quick reminder to all our families that each classroom has a cashbook journal as well as a sheet that lets them know who has returned which forms. At times we have parents who bring in forms and money to the office and it can become a bit confusing for the classroom teacher who is trying to check that their students have brought back all the forms etc that are returned during any given week. Essentially, what I am asking is: Could all notes etc. please be returned via the classroom office tub! Thank you!

School Banking: School banking will again be happening on Tuesdays. If you would like to start and are not sure how to go about it come in and see Angie in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesday or Fridays.

Yinnar & District Swimming Carnival: We will have 8 students heading off to the Churchill Leisure Centre on Monday 15th of February to compete in the Y&D swimming championships. Good luck kids.

Icy Poles: The JSC will be selling icy poles during lunch times. The cost for an icy pole is 50 cents.

Principal’s Awards:
Cadyne Earle: You have received this award because of the fantastic start you have had to the year. You have finished all of your work and have used your classroom time very wisely. Well done, Cadyne!

Jake Murphy: You have received this award because of the mature way you dealt with an issue that was bothering you. Your thought processes and honesty is wonderful to see. Well done, Jake!

Ocean McQualter: You have received this award because of the super way you have settled into all your classroom activities. A great start to your schooling, Ocean. Well done!