Dear School Community,

What an eventful past week we have had! I was informed last Monday that I was successful in my application as Acting Principal at Congupna Primary School for Term 1, 2016. While I was obviously delighted to receive this opportunity, I instantly had mixed emotions about leaving Currawa. It is certainly a fantastic little school that is well-resourced, has fantastic staff and has great parent participation. It is important to note that my appointment at Congupna is an Acting Principal role only and that if things don’t turn out, I will happily return!

I will be with you for the remainder of 2015 though and I plan to make sure that the school’s newly appointed Acting Principal, Brendan Kenna, is given a smooth transition into the role. I have already worked with Brendan as a fellow Principal within our Small School Cluster and there will be advantages that stem from his knowledge of our cluster. I would like to wish Brendan all the best for Term 1 and ask that you all support him to continue providing the best for Currawa students.

Orienteering at Dookie Primary School as part of our Sporting Schools program has continued over the past fortnight and we combined one of these sessions with a Koorie Education Day. Students from both schools were put into three mixed groups and attended 30 minute workshops on Aboriginal artefacts, Storytelling and Dreamtime dancing. Our Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO), Shane Clark, and Dookie PS Principal, Troy Woolley organised the workshop and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain an insight into our local indigenous heritage. Thank you.

Six of our senior students were lucky enough to attend a Yachting session on Lake Victoria once again this year. Despite an early thunderstorm, the weather soon cleared and provided a beautiful sunny day. We could have asked for a little bit more of a breeze, but we were pretty lucky that the thunderstorm dissipated so quickly! Students once again showed a high degree of cooperation and resilience as six students on a small yacht requires! The tradition of capsizing the yacht before the end of the session continued and all students that attended had a fantastic day.

Our Currawa Recital went off without a hitch once again. There was a great crowd in attendance to witness our Currawa students perform piano, ukulele or vocal pieces and to display their considerable talents! Helen Rankin again showed what a marvellous job she does and just about everyone hung around for some supper afterwards. Well done and thank you Helen and our wonderful performers.

We are fast approaching December now and our final School Council meeting, Report writing and rehearsing for our End of Year Concert. I look forward to rounding out a very successful and enjoyable year with you all.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary – Principal.
CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
- Tues 24th - Orienteering (Currawa PS)

DECEMBER
- Tues 1st - Starlab / Orienteering (Currawa PS)
- Thurs 3rd - School Council meeting
- Thurs 10th - End of Year Concert
- Fri 18th - End of Term 4

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Our final School Council meeting for this year will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30pm at the Railway Hotel, Goorambat.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL CONCERT
This year we won’t be running the Christmas Hamper raffle, but Santa will make his usual visit. Please feel free to invite friends, family and community members to come along and enjoy the evening.

MT HOTHAM CAMP
Just a reminder that we would appreciate the payment of $20 for the food that Rosalie organised on behalf of the parents for the Mt Hotham Camp as soon as possible.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
Could all money for the chocolate fundraiser please be returned to the school by the end of this week.

HATS
A reminder that all children need their broad brimmed hats for Term 4 as we are a SunSmart School. ‘No hat, No play.’

EGGS FOR SALE
We are still getting plenty of eggs from the girls so if you would like any the cost is $3 per dozen.

GRADE 6 TEA WITH OTHER CLUSTER SCHOOLS
Dookie Primary School has organised a tea for the departing Grade 6 students in the cluster at Pizza Hut in Shepparton on Wednesday, December 16th at 4:00pm. Pizza Hut offer an ‘all you can eat pizza, pasta and dessert’ deal for $8.95. If you are interested contact Dookie Primary School on 5828 6585.

Scientist of the Week

November 16th

Beccy for her fantastic ideas for the junior CREST science assignments.

November 23rd

Hannah for her fantastic ideas for the senior CREST science assignments.

FORTNIGHTLY SCIENCE FACT

Did you know...
Mosquitoes prefer blood type O more than any other.

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Yachting

Candy's 2nd Prize Ribbon
Currawa Recital
Indigenous Education Day @ Dookie PS

Science Word Loop