Principal's Message

This week I will join with Principals from across our area for our Principal’s Network Meeting with Director Vicki Kempton. This meeting gives Principals an opportunity to gather information about the reforms being implemented this year, to become familiar with the new model of Professional Learning and School Support Services and to engage in professional discussions and workshops that will better enable us to meet the changes currently happening in NSW Education.

Students have a number of learning activities coming up. Creative Catchment Kids will have their first workshop sometime this term, the Rising Generation Leadership Forum will be held in early March, and the Student Representative Council (SRC) will soon begin meeting and planning activities for the year ahead. This will add an important context and relevance to students’ learning.

Teachers have more professional learning ahead. Teachers will have the opportunity to train in Golf and Gymnastics which will add exciting activities to our Active After School Sports program and PE and Sport sessions.

The start to the school year is always a busy one, and this year is no different. Students have settled quickly to learning and we are excited by the opportunities ahead.

Catherine Peach

P&C MEETING

TONIGHT

TUESDAY, 25th Feb at 6.30pm

in the VC room next to the office

All Welcome
**P&C MEETS TONIGHT**

P&C meets tonight for the first time for 2014. Parents are urged to become involved in P&C. It is an important forum where parents are informed about the priorities, targets and allocation of resources within the school, developments in education and policy affecting school operation and the learning program being run. It also provides opportunity for parents to put forward their ideas and aspirations for students and the school.

Having parents being involved with what is happening at school is valuable and valued. We hope to see some new faces there.

**DISTRICT SWIMMING**

Well done to all our students who swam at the District Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill last Friday. There were a number of personal bests, and each of our competitors should be pleased with their effort.

Our thanks go to Balranald and Clare Public Schools for hosting the carnival and for the help of parents and teachers from all the schools of our PSSA for assisting on the day. The carnival ran very smoothly. Students eligible to compete at the Riverina Carnival will be notified this week.

Our District swimmers - well done to each of them for their personal performances on the day.

**STUDENT LEADERS & REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2014**

Last week students elected their student representatives. Year 5 and 6 students will be allocated leadership roles this year to assist with school activities and improvement.

Miss Hulands and Mrs Peach will coordinate the SRC this year. Meetings will begin next week.

**Student Representatives**

- Year 1: Jessie Harris, Lenny Ivers
- Year 2: Indiana Gray
- Year 3: Ethan Miller
- Year 4: Wes Gray
- All Year 5 and Year 6 students become members of the SRC. They will be part of this and other leadership opportunities across the year.

**House Captains**

- Billabong: Grace McKindlay, Jethro Edullantes
- Edward: Ally Gray, Lilli Ezard

**School Captains**

- Hayley Mead & Johnathon King

We are excited to be working with these students, who are elected by their peers and committed to making our school a great place to learn and play.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS BEGIN

This term, students have the opportunity to enjoy cricket-style activities at Active After School Sports. Due to the popularity of this program, we have applied for funding to allow additional students to attend this year.

Registrations (positions) are still limited though and it is ‘first in, first served’. The program is now full for Term 1. No further places are available.

This term, we have Miss Peake and Will Eldridge delivering the activities, with Michelle Buckley assisting. We are grateful for their time and efforts.

A huge thank you goes to Kathy Munro for being part of the ASSC program for so long. All the students will miss Kathy this year. They will be able to catch her in the Post Office and no doubt at Football and Netball coming up soon. Many thanks Kathy, from all of us here at school!