Welcome back to school for what promises to be a term full of learning, laughter and leadership for Clare Ratcliffe’s last term at Boree Creek Public School!

Last week of last term K12 had a fun excursion to Wagga Wagga. We went to Noah’s Ark for play and then met Pleasant Hills PS for a yummy lunch at La Porchetta. Thank you Kirsty Barker for assisting with transport on the day.

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Welcome back everyone!
With the quick change in weather, I would like to remind all kids that our NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE rule applies in terms 4 and 1 at school. I encourage kids to apply sunscreen before school, wear sunglasses outside, and to drink plenty of water throughout the day.
I would like to welcome Mrs Alexander back from her annual overseas trip. This year Mr and Mrs A. travelled to France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland. Thank you Mrs A for giving the children a visual and aural presentation of your trip on Wednesday afternoon. The children gain a lot of general knowledge through listening to your tales and watching the interactive displays, a most valuable learning experience!
School library borrowing will re-commence every Wednesday so please ensure you dig up any books that may have found their way into dark spaces in your home and return them to school by next week.
We have another busy term ahead with the upcoming Primary combined GKN excursion to Melbourne in week 3, Musica Viva and GKN tennis day to be held in Boree Creek on 30th October, Presentation Night on Wednesday 2nd December, and our annual swimming lessons in the last few weeks of term. In between all that there will be plenty of solid classroom learning and we have high expectations for each of our students to reach in all of their subjects by the end of the year.
In Key Learning Areas this term, Miss Donald will be doing a unit on SPACE in science, Mrs Routley will continue Miss Symons’s unit on GOLD in HSIE and Mrs A is doing Fire and Farm Safety in PDH lessons.
The Primary classroom has had a slight change in timetable and has gone back to Literacy first in the morning block, followed by Numeracy after recess. We are having a particular focus on writing goals this term as writing and spelling have been identified as an area that needs more attention.
**Super 8s Cricket**
Tomorrow the primary children will be travelling to Culcairn with Mrs Routley and Mel Blake to join with the other GKN schools in forming teams of 8 to participate in cricket skills and games in Culcairn. Students will need to be at school by 8:15am sharp unless other pick up arrangements have been made. Students will need plenty of water, recess and please apply sunscreen before they leave home. A canteen will operate on the day for lunches (list unavailable at this stage)
Please make prior arrangements for drop off points, we will be back at school before home time.

**P and C Meeting**
The next P and C meeting will be held this Monday 12th October at 3:30pm. Please make the effort to be there as we decide on a few things for the end of the year and review next year’s calendar as well. I will be delivering a few finer details of the Primary excursion, for those that aren’t able to attend I will send the information home. A movie will be put on for any children staying at school, please bring some afternoon tea for them to share.
Please see attached agenda

**Daylight Savings**
With the onset on daylight savings and longer days upon us it is increasingly difficult to get children to bed at reasonable hours. Please be aware of the sleeping requirements for children (8 –10 hours minimum for those under 12) to have them alert and ready to learn at school. I realise this is difficult but I believe keeping them in a regular early bedtime routine is worth persevering with. Keep trying!

**Primary Excursion**
Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st the primary students will be participating in a combined GKN excursion to Melbourne and Ballarat. The students from Eurlongilly Public School will also be attending the excursion and all are looking forward to expanding their social horizons.
We will be visiting the MCG, the Old Melbourne Gaol, Lygon Street, Sovereign Hill, and the Scienceworks museum. We are doing lessons on science and history at each venue before and after visiting and the students are getting very excited.
Parents please be aware the you will need to privately transport your children to the pick up point at Yerong Creek Public School at 6:30am Monday morning, and on the way home 6:00pm at the same place. Please return permission notes and medical consent forms as soon as possible.

**P and C Uniforms**
It’s that time of year again and now that the children are wearing their summer uniforms I would like to collect all formal winter uniforms that are the property of the P&C. Please wash, iron and return uniforms in individual bags with the student’s name clearly marked on the front of the bag. Please include the spray jacket in this collection. ALL UNIFORMS TO BE RETURNED BY NEXT TUESDAY 13th October.
Dalles Routley
P&C Uniform Officer

**Guitar Lessons**
Thank you for your overwhelming response regarding the guitar lessons on a Friday afternoon. At this stage lessons will be prioritised to primary students as time is an issue. Once details have been finalised I will contact families. School guitars will be allowed to go home if a duty of care letter is signed by both students and parents.
Have a great fortnight,
Liss Routley