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Congratulations to Boree Creek PS for being champion school at the GK Swimming Carnival, Hayden Westblade for Junior Boy Champion, Luke Westblade for Senior Boy Champion as well as taking out Individual Champion Swimmer!!!!!
Hello everyone!
It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Boree Creek Public School. The **Greater Kengal swimming carnival** was a fantastic day and I could not be prouder of all our students who participated. The new P&C shade structure was erected for the first time and it looked fantastic! Everyone tried their hardest and all those individual efforts collectively combined resulted in us winning Champion school on the day. As stated on the front cover we also had 2 age champion swimmers— Hayden and Luke, and Luke also won overall swimming champion. Well done to everybody!!

We have 4 students progressing to Albury for the **Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival** this Friday. Hannah, Luke and Hayden in individual events and Jock will join them for the Earl McGee PP6 relay. Good luck everyone!!

During Week 5 we will be holding **3-way conferences** with parent, teacher and student to have a chat about your child’s start at school, and to look at goal setting in English and Mathematics. We will take a look at where your child is at now, where we want them to be, and goals to help them get there. Please indicate on the attached timetable your preferred times and send back to school ASAP. I will then text you your times.

On the Monday of that week (29th Feb) we are holding an **“Open Day”** where you are welcome to come in and join in on lessons as they would normally run. This will give you an opportunity to see how our lessons are delivered and also to ask any questions. On this day in the afternoon sessions we will have a visit from Bill from **Blueearth.** You are more than welcome to stay for that as well so you have a greater insight into the delivery and content of the Blueearth program.

Damien Shoemark commenced **guitar / ukulele lessons** last Friday. Damien has asked me to offer the lessons to the wider community as well, please contact the school if you are interested.

Parents of **Kindergarten students,** I would like to inform you that it is optional but not compulsory for your child to have a ‘rest’ day, once a week, for term one. This permissible absence is to help your child transition to primary school and to avoid ‘burnout’, please contact the school to discuss which day would be mutually beneficial.

Just remember **SCHOOL LIBRARY IS EVERY WEDNESDAY,** mobile library is every second Tuesday on odd weeks. Please return all books to school.

We are studying a unit on the history of Australia, with a particular focus on **traditional Aboriginal culture** this term. The students are learning how the Aboriginal people lived pre European settlement. We have been reading dreamtime stories and discussing the relevance of them to the Aboriginal people. We are also looking at other aspects of their culture such as music and ceremonies, hunting gathering and cooking food, and the amazing artworks created by Aboriginal Australians. We are also studying Australian geography, landforms and environments. In line with these studies is our **excursion** to Narrandera Fisheries and Balranald’s Lake Yanga on 23rd and 24th March. I have received a response from everyone
regarding ability to attend. Those not attending are reminded the school will not be operating on those days. I am currently finalising transport, accommodation, activities and costing. I will inform you all of these details ASAP.

The P and C have once again pledged a generous donation to contribute towards excursions for the year as well as assisting financially with restoring our WIFI access and resources. We thank you all in the P and C for these funds, they certainly help each and every child in our school as well as assisting us as educators. Please give thought to your level of contribution to the P and C efforts in fundraising, and remember that ALL students benefit from these funds. It is also a great way to get to know others and feel a part of something important.

Hope you all have a great fortnight,
Liss Routley