



TERM 4. WEEK 6

13TH NOVEMBER, 2023



*Happy special
birthday to
Miss Jill on
Wednesday.
We hope you
have a
fantastic day.*



WELCOME TO WEEK

I hope that all our families received some lovely rain in the last week and how quickly our playground has transformed from a dust bowl to some lovely green grass. We are in the process of finalising our swim school program and I would like to thank Ally Campbell (Principal of Inverell Public School) for releasing one of her staff – Di Barber – to be our qualified AUSTSWIM instructor for the week. Di brings with her many years of experience as a swim instructor, and we are very appreciative of her willingness to travel with us each day to Bingara and instruct our students. Have a great week from Mrs. Coddington.

SCHOOL SWIMMING 2024

School Swimming will be held at Bingara Swimming Pool from the 20th to the 24th November. This year the lessons will be a little different to our previous swimming—due to the shortage of swimming instructors and the smaller pool, some groups will be combined. A bus will leave school at 9.15am each day and return at 3.00pm. The cost of the bus for swimming this year will be \$5000.

Students are to come to school in plain clothes and thongs and will get changed at the pool. Please make sure your child brings appropriate swimwear, a towel, sunscreen, goggles if needed, a warm jumper, hat, their morning tea and lunch, a drink bottle and fruit.

The cost per student will be \$25.00 which will cover entry to the pool. (for parent information, the actual cost for the school swimming this year is \$200 per child plus the cost of the instructor). Please return your permission note and payment by Thursday, 16th November.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TOMORROW

Tomorrow is our final transition day for our 2024 Kindergarten students. The session will run from 9.30am to 11.30am. We have enjoyed getting to know our five new Kindergarten students and look forward to having them join us for 'big school' next year.

FULL DAY HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

This Thursday our Year 6 students will have a full transition day at their respective high school.

PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Our students will be treated to a visit from the Pittwater High Band this Thursday. The program will run for 45—60 mins and involves audience participation and instrument demonstration. The band states that "Music education is at the heart of our performances".

UNIFORM PURCHASES

Please contact Louise Adams 0427247451 or Angela Clarke 0428448968 to arrange a suitable time to purchase new uniforms or to look through the second hand uniforms available. The uniform shop will close for the year on the 12th December.

Payment is required at the time of purchase, with preference to direct deposit to the P&C account. The second hand clothing pool has some items for sale and these items are available for \$5.00 each.

If your child has grown out of their uniforms and they are in good second hand condition, the P&C would love these to contribute to the clothing pool.

Please remember to obtain school uniforms, please contact Louise or Angela to arrange a time to purchase.

HOUSEKEEPING

During this busy time of the year, we ask that parents use the front office entry to either speak to staff or sign students in or out etc, and not come through the Principal's Office or Staffroom. We also ask parents to include the reason for a students being late to school or leaving early when signing them in or out. Thank you for your co-operation.



A busy week at Gum Flat School last week

Please view our Gum Flat Facebook page to see a range of photos from last week.