Welcome back!

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a relaxing and FUN holiday and are all fresh and ready for Term 1.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students, it’s lovely to have you in our school family!

Notes

⇒ Rivers swimming carnival permission note
⇒ General permission note
**Water fight!**

The last day of Term 4 saw our annual water fight with MUCH fun had by all! There were many interesting fashion styles displayed on the day. Of particular note was Mrs Barnes’ fabulous improvised shower cap.

![Water Fight Image](image)

**Sun safety**

**No hat no play!**

We still have plenty of Summer left and nobody wants to get sizzled by the sun’s rays, so don’t forget your broad brimmed hats and sunscreen every day!
COMMUNICATION

The key to a successful partnership between school, families and community is communication. We cannot act on problems or difficulties if we are not aware of them.

Our door is always open to parents and we absolutely welcome and encourage parent communication at all times! Please always feel free to phone or email Leanne Leanne.thistleton@det.nsw.edu.au or just come up the driveway when picking up your children and see her with any questions or feedback.

Please do keep in mind that whilst the teaching staff welcome parents in the classroom, they have a very limited amount of time to prepare for class of a morning and can’t always give you the time that you deserve so it is often prudent to make an appointment to have a chat about any issues.

We value parent involvement in the classroom and welcome any assistance with reading programs and the like. If you are able to spare some time, please contact Leanne to let her know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Let’s make 2016 the year of good communication!
Monaro Family Support Service will be running the Parent-Child Goose Program in 2016.

The Parent Child Mother Goose program ® is a group experience for parents and their babies and young children which focus on the pleasures and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together. Parents gain skills and confidence which can enable them to create positive family patterns during their children’s crucial early years, and give their children healthy early experiences with languages and communication.

To register for this free program for parents and their children ages 0-4, please contact Monaro Family Support Service on 6452 3450 or email:

cooma@monarofss.ngo.org.au.

Sessions will be held every Thursday morning from 9.30 -11.30am during school term. The first session will start on Thursday 4th February.
Swimming Carnival

Next Friday Feb 5th River’s is holding it’s annual swimming carnival. This carnival applies to those children turning 8 and over this year.

I will transport those students to the carnival—leaving school at 8:45am on that day.

Infant students will remain at school and be involved in lots of fun and exciting activities.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Important Information

Please find following some important information:

Our School Library day is held every Friday—please ensure children bring in their books on these days.

The Mobile Library is every second Monday commencing Feb 8th. This library is affiliated with the Cooma Library. Please make sure that our books and the Cooma Library books are separate when they are brought into school.

Sport is held on Fridays.

Music is held on Thursdays.

Fruit Break—please ensure that your children have their fruit cut up and in a separate container that is easy to bring into class and eat while working.