Hi Everyone
I hope everyone had a fabulous break. The weather was a bit challenging at times – good for staying inside, sipping hot chocolate and watching movies. If you had a chance to get away, all the better.

We have had a great start to the term. The students are looking fit and ready to start the ten week term. This term we will be very busy with our concert practise. We are happy to say that every child in the school will be involved both singing and with a speaking part. We are really looking forward to this. The concert is organised for early term four. I will let you know as soon as the date is finalised.

**Staffing for this term.** Mrs Nash will be off for the entire term so there will be no Japanese. She is going to Europe and will be back for the beginning of Term 4.

It is Mrs Presti’s last day today. She is off to America to visit her son and see her granddaughter for the first time. She will be back towards the end of August when Mrs B will be off to Europe. Mrs B will be back in Term 4. We wish all our jetsetters a safe and exciting trip away.

For the remainder of Term 3 Mrs Byrne (Darby’s Nanna) will be taking the senior room on Wednesday. We hope she will enjoy herself here.

*Have a terrific fortnight.*

**2016 Parent Opinion Survey**
Attended to this newsletter is your parent opinion survey. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey and we use this information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. When completed, please seal your survey in the envelope provided and write your child’s name on the back of the envelope. Your child’s name will only be used to record you have returned your survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened by the school but will be sent to an independeNT organisation for collation and reporting. The results will be shared with parents via the School Council later in the year. Please return your completed survey to school by Friday 29th July. Thankyou for your support in this.

**School Council News**
**Next Meeting Tuesday 26th July**
Attached are the minutes and agenda to next week's meeting for school council members.

**BBQ & Cake Stall**
Thankyou to all the people who helped on the day of the election. Over $300 was raised for the school. It is great to see the whole school community involved in such events.

**Trivia Night**
Yeah! All tables are sold for our trivia night, however there are still a few seats available on the singles table. If you would like a couple of these seats, you can ask via our facebook page or contact the school. Could payment be made to Tanya, Simone or the school as soon as possible as we would like to finalise the catering. Information regarding our trivia night is regularly put on our Facebook page.

Donations for the auction have been coming in thick and fast however we can always do with more. If you have any ideas please let a council member know.

**Junior Public Speaking Contest**
This Friday, 22nd July, five students have been selected to represent Springhurst Primary School in the bi-annual Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Contest. This year the contest is being held at Rutherglen Primary School in their multi-purpose room.

The evening will begin at 5.15pm with a light tea ($10 families, $5 singles) with the formal part of the evening beginning at 6.15pm. Our lucky representatives are Brialeigh, Jesher, Jack K, Eli and Oli. We would like to see as many
people come along and support our students in this. We wish all our representatives great success.

**Kids Council**
Our first hot lunch is this Friday. Students received their order form last week. We will be having a meeting shortly to vote our new council members for the remainder of the year.

**Resilience – Hint No. 6**
It is clear who is in charge
Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say.
Some parents fear that if they take charge that they will lose the friendship of their children, but often the reverse is true. In families where parents fail to take their own role seriously, children may feel that to express their independence they need to engage in risk taking behaviour and avoid responsibility. Authorative parenting allows children to feel safe, have clear boundaries and flourish.

**Program Achieve**
Congratulations to Roman for achieving all five keys to success. Well done!

**Carevan & Bunnings BBQ**
Our Senior’s Resilience Project, based around supporting the Wangaratta Carevan, led us to a super successful fundraising event on Sunday. A huge thank you to all of our families who supported this and helped out on the day. Overall we raised about $600. We will use some of the money to purchase ingredients for our “cook up” on the 3rd August. The senior students have researched some recipes for good value meals that we will make and then package, freeze and deliver to the Carevan. The remainder of the funds will be donated to the Carevan to support this worthy cause.
If there are any parents who would like to help with the “cook up” day, please contact Julie.

**Junior Room**
It was great to see happy, smiling faces, back at school last week!
In Literacy, our Writing focus for the first five weeks of this term will be on writing expositions or ‘persuasive writing’. In Reading our skill focus is on establishing the ‘Main Idea’ in texts we read. When your child reads to you, you can ask them to tell you what the story is mainly about. This term we really want to emphasise the importance of spelling homework for Years 1 and 2. Their five words are taken out of their own writing and written into the back of their reading log book. Each Tuesday they will be tested and if successful will be given new words. Please help your child to learn their words.
In Maths we have been learning about money and incorporating counting (by fives, tens) and learning equivalent values. We are also focusing on Mass and carrying out activities such as ‘hefting’ items to compare their weight as well as using balance scales to discover which items are ‘lighter’ or ‘heavier’ or the same weight.
Our History focus this term is on Present and Past Family Life and learning about the similarities and differences over the years and how family life has changed.

**Senior Room**
The senior room this term will be busy with lots of things happening.
In literacy, we will be looking at reading strategies such as ‘finding word meaning in context’ and ‘drawing conclusions and making inferences.’
In maths we are already busy learning our tables. This will assist us when completing the multiplication and division processes to be studied this term.
Homework has started again this week and from what I have heard, the problem solving questions have created some interesting discussions in the homes.
We have a mixture of themes this term. We will be looking at the Olympics and getting into the swing of our concert.
A number of students will be attending Somers Camp as well. Already a busy term!

**Music**
Tim, our music teacher, started last Tuesday. The students in the senior room are learning the ukulele and the junior classroom is
practising their rhythm with the percussion instruments. Due to Tim’s busy work schedule, he is unable to take private lessons at this stage. We are hopefully going to organise him to come on a different day to take these lessons. I will keep you informed.

I have a number of AFL Football tickets available for games being played at the MCG from now until the end of August. If you are interested in getting free tickets, please see me.

**Book Club**

Attached to this week's newsletter is your Bookclub catalogue. It is great to see the interest in reading – especially series of books. Bookclub is due back to school on 27th July.

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**Pangerang Community House**

**FOOD & GARDEN**

**Learn the Basics of Bonsai**

Come along and find out the history, tools needed, materials, types of plants to use along with some basic skills. All materials included and handout with information to continue your journey.

**Getting your garden ready for Spring**

Wanting to start a vegetable garden? Organise your yard? Know what to plant? Come along to find out some tips and tricks to help your garden grow. Please contact us on 57213813 for more information.

**Community Lunches**

We will be having community “healthy lunches” each month on a Tuesday to share ideas, cooking experiences, budgeting ideas and good company. There will be discussions on topics of interest.

**Dates:** Monthly on a Tuesday 26th July, 30th Aug

**Time:** 11.30am – 12.30pm  
**Cost:** $5.00 per person includes your lunch bookings

**Essential Cooking**

In partnership with the North East Multicultural Association, we are putting on monthly cooking from different countries around the world. Come along and try new food, enjoy great company and learn great skills.

**Indian**  
**Date:** Thursday 28th July  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Cost:** $8.00

**Indonesian**  
**Dates:** Thursday 25th Aug  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Cost:** $8.00

**Learn to Cook to a Budget & Plan**

This course is to help you plan, budget and cook meals. Know what foods are in season for best quality and price, know your portions and how to plan for your grocery shop. This will be a fun, hands-on class.

Please contact us on 57213813 for more information.

**Cooking to use up what’s in the Fridge & Pantry**

We all have those left over bits & pieces at the end of the week that need to be used up! This course will help you be more creative with what’s left in your pantry & fridge and create some great meals.

Please contact us on 57213813 for more information.

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