Education Reforms
Last week I was in Sydney for a Principals Induction Conference where I had the opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers about many changes happening within our department.

NSW public education is undergoing major reform. The implementing of a range of reforms such as Local Schools, Local Decisions, Great Teaching, Inspired Learning and Rural and Remote Education blueprints for action aim to improve the quality of teaching in schools, improve outcomes for all students, and to give schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities.

Native Bee Visit
This Wednesday staff from the Waggamba Landcare organisation will be giving a presentation to students on native stingless bees. They will then be leaving behind a native bee hive for us to keep. This is a wonderful educational resource and I thank the Waggamba Landcare for their wonderful contribution.

Parent Information Evening.
We would like to invite parents along to a parent information evening this Thursday at 6:30pm. This will be a great opportunity to share with parents what will be happening in the classroom throughout the year and develop a closer working relationship between home and school.

Welcome Home
Welcome home Western and Leeroy from Stewart House. The boys had a wonderful time and I am sure will share many of their adventures and experiences from the past two weeks.

Regards
Matt Jackman
Principal
As we begin our journey into Sound Waves, we need to understand two key terms:

**Phoneme**: A phoneme is the smallest unit of a sound in a word.

**Grapheme**: A grapheme is the letter or letter combination used to represent a phoneme in written form.

The phoneme this week is ‘e as in egg’. The graphemes we use to represent this are e, ea, eo, ai, ay, a, ie, u’, though we do not expose the younger students to all of these just yet.

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**P & C News**

**Canteen**

Tacos $2.00
Poppers $1.00

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**The School hens have been hard at work and we have Eggs for Sale @ $3 a carton**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER**

When visiting the school, please remember to call into the office and sign into the Visitors Book if you are here during school hours to help out in the classroom etc. This is not required when dropping off and picking children up, attending assemblies or P&C meetings.

If your child is away for any reason throughout the year, could you please ensure you send in a written note explaining why they were absent. Last year our student absences were extremely high, and the number of unexplained absences was also at an unacceptable level.
Please see below for information regarding the upcoming Autumn Comp and registration details:

Commencement Date: Friday, 11th March, 2016

Duration: 9 Weeks, finishing Friday, 27th May 2016 (excluding holidays)

Format: Teams tennis for established players (Silver & Gold Divisions)
Hot-Shots Leagues singles tennis for new players (this division was previously called Bronze Group but has been renamed Hotshots Leagues in line with the Tennis Australia program for developing players of that level). For the information of returning players, it will continue to be run on Friday afternoons in the same format as Bronze Group in previous years
NOTE: HotShots for beginners is to continue but is no longer being run in conjunction with Comp and Hotshots Leagues, it will be on Wednesday nights and parents should contact Margie Buckley Tel: 0407521450 or Jamie Honour Tel: 0429835653 for further information and nomination

Registration: Wednesday 24th February, 2016 and Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at the Clubhouse from 3:30pm-4:30pm or during business hours at Stephen Sparke Jewellers, Heber St, Moree until 5pm on 4th March 2016. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR FEES CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Grading for New Players only: Wednesday 24th February, 2016 from 3:30pm at the courts but grading will take place on Wednesday 2nd March if necessary. If unable to attend grading on 24th February please call ASAP to make an alternative appointment for 2nd March or another time.

Cost: $25 competition nomination fee per child
$35 club membership fee (for 2016 calendar year)
$145 family membership fee (2 adults plus children for 2016 calendar year)

Further information Comp players: Kate 0427524679, Felicity 0448648600, Melita 0427526124

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