We have had a wonderful beginning with our preschool students. The Transition Program that ran during Term 4 2012 allowed the children to learn about and to ‘know’ their school and all its routines and resources. So when the children came to school on Wednesday they knew ‘everybody and everything’; and this has made for a fun and easy beginning to our year in Preschool.

Miss Jennifer and Miss Natalie
What an exciting beginning of our new year! I believe this is the third consecutive time we have begun the school year with a flood. On Thursday, several students had to leave school in a rush because the Gravely Creek rose dramatically in a very short time span. It certainly makes the first few days very interesting. Although some tutors and office staff have been stranded by the flood, all teachers are in town and all classes are running as normal.

Next week, we will have our first P&C meeting for the year on Wednesday at 5:15 PM in the school hall. If you are not cut off by floods, please become part of this important group. I know the P&C would love every parent’s ideas to help support the school.

Our focus this year is: READING FOR SUCCESS. Last year we set in place several new strategies to support reading including the Fitzroy Program and Multi-Lit. Added to these programs, we have been extremely fortunate in securing an experienced regional consultant, Mrs Nicole Humphreys, who will concentrate on developing reading and numeracy skills in children from Kindergarten to Year 2. Mr John Melrose will be supporting Primary teachers with reading and numeracy programs.

Mr Melrose will be heading the Welfare team this year. He has worked with the staff to make a few adjustments to our Welfare Policy to ensure that every child regularly receives recognition for showing respect to all people at the school and for seriously attempting all work in class. He will present the policy at the P&C meeting on Wednesday.

It is with great pleasure I confirm the permanent appointment of Mrs L’Armour Gina-Whewell as Head Teacher Secondary Studies to our school. She brings many years of experience to our school and she is committed to ensuring that every student makes a serious effort in every class. As a secondary school, we expect every student to complete every assessment task. Please contact Mrs Gina-Whewell if you have any queries about your child’s progress.

Mrs Shelly Riddell enters her 10th year as the Head Teacher of the Northern Border Senior Access (NBSA) program. She brings a wealth of experience to the position and ensures that all our senior students are provided every opportunity to study their chosen subjects. Mrs Kim Robinson, Senior Administration Manager (SAM) for the NBSA is the longest continuously serving member of the staff. Mrs Robinson works closely with Mrs Riddell to help coordinate subjects, students and teachers between the four schools of the NBSA.

Continuity in the front office is maintained with Mrs Gail Smith as the Senior Administration Manager. I always refer to Mrs Smith as the ‘real boss’, as she is so important in ensuring our school runs smoothly – especially in the areas of finance and asset management. Mrs Smith is completely dedicated to ensuring that our school is in good working order to enhance the learning of every student.

Mungindi Central School has a strong and experienced executive team in place to support the learning of your children. They are a very dedicated team and are totally committed to ensuring that every child in our school is provided the best opportunities for learning. Our executive team look forward to working with students, parents and community for a successful 2013.

Mrs Irene Harpham
Principal
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**NEWS RELEASE**

29 January 2012

**Back to school: Check your child’s immunisation history**

The New England Medicare Local is encouraging parents in the region to check their child is up to date with immunisations in the lead up to the beginning of the new school year.

Children attending day care/nursery, preschool and/or kindergarten should be protected against vaccine preventable diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella and chicken pox.

New England Medicare Local CEO Graeme Karamanis says the importance of immunisation should not be underestimated.

“Diseases like measles and rubella can cause serious complications in children, sometimes with lasting consequences.

“Immunisation is the safest way to protect children against these diseases”, he said.

As part of its Immunisation program, the New England Medicare Local sends General Practices monthly reminders to update parents of children who are overdue for a vaccination as recommended on the NSW Immunisation Schedule.

All child care centres and primary schools are required to obtain an Immunisation History Statement from parents of enrolled children.

Parents who do not receive a History Statement after their child receives their four year old immunisations should contact the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 463 060.

New England Medicare Local Immunisation Program also includes “cold chain audits” of General Practices in the region which involves monitoring whether practices are following best practice guidelines for the storage and use of vaccines.


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