Presentation Night
Last night was a fantastic celebration of the year’s achievements. The students had a great time. Thank you to everyone who came and shared it with us.

Big Splash
This Monday 14th December we will be having our whole school End of Year celebration at Big Splash in Mitchell. The P&C are generously covering the costs of transportation and kindly providing students with a packed lunch on the day. There are still 7 of seats available on the bus for parents.

It’s going to be an awesome day!!!

Staff Changes
There are a few changes to staffing for 2016. The position of RFF (Release from face to face teaching)/Library and Learning and Support Teacher is a temporary position at the school. Our allocation/entitlements are based on our anticipated and actual enrolments each year. I advertised the position locally and statewide and received many outstanding applications. Mr Brad Long was the successful candidate and will be moving down from the Hunter region to commence work at our school in 2016. Mrs Gabby Smith will not be travelling out to us each day and Mrs Kirsty Mendham will be coming to our school every weekday.

Staffing for 2016
K/1/2- Class Teacher- Miss Clare Breust
3/4/5/6- Class Teacher & Principal
Ms Hannah Lowman
RFF/Library/ Learning and Support Teacher
Mr Brad Long
SLSO (Student Learning Support Officer)
Mrs Kirsty Mendham
SAM (School Administration Officer)
Mrs Karen Mackintosh
GA (General Assistant)- Mr Mark Palmer

Raffle Ticket Winners
Toby, Lauren, Declan & Alexander
Dylan, Aleksandar, Courtney & Manoah

Calendar – Term 4 and Term 1 2016
Week 10
Friday 11th Dec  Netball Clinic, Canteen and Gardening

Week 11
Mon 14th Dec
Tues 15th Dec
Wed 16th Dec
Thur 17th-Fri 18th
Big Splash
Talent Quest
Reports Home
Last Day of Term 4 for students
Staff Training

2016- Term 1 Week 1
Thurs 28th Jan
Fri 29th Jan
Yr1-6 Return to school
Kindergarten start school

Term 1 Week 3
Tues 9th Feb
Swimming Carnival

Student Banking
Student banking with the Commonwealth Bank has now finished for 2015. Thank you to everyone who used this facility during the year. On Tuesday morning we received a lovely book pack from the Commonwealth Bank. They have gone into our fantastic library. If you would like your child to start student banking next year please see the office for an information pack.
Uniform
New stocks of school uniform have arrived and orders have been filled. If you have not picked up your uniform order it is now available from the front office.

We have in stock both green and gold polo shirts and green polar fleece jumpers available to buy directly from the front office.

School App
Our school App is up and running. The App allows us to list upcoming events and give alerts to what is happening in our school. Parents can also use the eforms section in order to explain absences or notify the school of change of details. We hope you will embrace this method of communication to keep in touch with school news and events. Thank you to parents who have already used the app to communicate to the school.

Enrolments for 2016
If anyone knows of any students who may be enrolling next year but have not informed us at school – could you please have them contact the school so that we can start planning for 2016. Already we have started to book activities and organise aspects of school life.

Canteen 2016
If would like to and are able to assist in the canteen each Friday we would love to hear from you. It is a great way to be involved in the school and to catch up. The funds from the canteen go directly into the school and your children are the ones who benefit. Students love to have family at school and this is a great way. If you even able to give an hour of your time on a Friday that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Zoe on 0431 255440 to find out more information.

Work done at School
During the break there will be work being done of school grounds. Concrete will be replaced, new handrails installed and external painting on a number of buildings will occur. We are looking forward to these improvements.

When you make your Bush Fire Survival Plan for this bush fire season, involve your children.

Part of the bush fire season covers the school holidays. A good plan allows for different activities during this time, such as going camping in the bush, a family holiday away from home, having visitors unfamiliar with Captains Flat staying with you, children attending a holiday program in Canberra, or the family staying at home.

School age children can pack their own emergency kit with things important to them. They can help identify child friendly places to go if you have to leave early.

The bush fire season usually ends on 31 March each year. So your bush fire survival plan needs to cover what happens on school days. It needs to include what your family will do if the school is closed on a day with a catastrophic fire danger rating. And, also, if your plan is to leave early on a day of extreme fire danger, remember to tell the school your child will be absent.

You can download the Bush Fire Survival Plan as an app for iPhone or Android or in pdf from http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan