To all families, it's great to be back on deck after a wonderful five weeks of leave. I have spent some time prior to today (Monday) at school catching up with staff and students. During my leave I was kept well informed of happenings and pleased to know the term started smoothly. I thank Mrs. Erin Rose for her commitment to a great start for everyone and I know the students and school community enjoyed having her at the site. How lovely to see Ms. Sunners back in our school and to know the students are making ongoing progress under her guidance. Also having Mrs. Bishop here on a Friday is working well and the students are enjoying her day at school. With Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. George and Mrs.
Johnson here I know all school routines have been established for the year and the student learning is progressing well. Our trusty volunteers are also making a difference for our students and we thank them for their ongoing commitment to our students – Gin Douglas, Julie Hancock and Virg Reuther. Rosie Dick is also keeping the Playcentre open but sadly attendance has not been strong so please encourage local youngsters and their families to attend when possible.

Already a number of events have and are about to happen. The newsletter is one way of keeping families up to date on what is going on so I urge all families to read them carefully. To be sure families have received the newsletter you will be asked to sign a sheet to be found in your child’s communication folder. This will be checked by staff so we know families are well informed.

**COMBINED SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY**

Sports Day at Curramulka will be held this Thursday at the town oval. It is the parent’s responsibility to get their children to and from this event. If you are unable to take your child/children please arrange transport with another family. Please see the attached note for further details. Start time is 9.30 am unless otherwise notified due to weather. **Please return catering forms asap if you are wanting to purchase lunch for people other than students.**

**PASTORAL CARE WORKER**

To establish the effectiveness of the Pastoral Care Worker program at our site from a parent perspective you are asked to complete a short survey (attached). Please complete this survey and return to the school by Tuesday 15th March.

**GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM**

The AGM of the Governing council will be held on **Tuesday 15th March starting at 7pm.** This is a very important event in our school management and relies on parents to participate so having an influence on the management of the school. We have a number of members whose terms have finished and we require their places to be filled. Please seriously consider becoming a member to be sure you are involved in relevant decisions relating to the school and your children.

The current members and whose terms finish at the AGM are
- Darren Braund
- Walter Crawford
- Shona Emery
- Annie Zoumis (resigned)
- Jo Deroos
- Wennie McConnell
- Renee Reid
- Kylie Steward (resigned)

**Hence nominations from families are needed to fill all the positions. A nomination form is attached.**

**YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PROGRAM**

Once again our school will be involved in the **Young Environmental Leaders** program this year. This will involve students from years 5 upwards to attend one meeting per term at various local locations. The intent of the program is to improve student understanding of sustainability. A note is attached for those who will be involved.
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