Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Year 7s Trip
By now I am sure all the stories have been told! The final wrap up will take place at Assembly on Friday with a photo show. All parents are most welcome to attend, especially Year 7 parents.

End of Year Concert and Prize giving
All students have a role in the production. All students are expected to turn up on the evening. It is very disappointing when students inform their teachers that they are not coming. It starts at 6:00 and finishes at 7:00. Students are asked to come a bit earlier to have their faces painted and to get into their costumes.

Canteen
We have had an offer of a volunteer manager (Thank you Mrs Vanessa Hanley) and offers of rostered help. In light of these offers, Governing Council approved the re-opening of the Canteen for two days in term one 2016. When the days have been determined you will be informed. A menu will be prepared and sent out next year.

Classes 2016
I informed Governing Council at last week’s meeting that the following class structure will operate next year. We can only have three classes because of our small numbers in 2016.

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Congratulations to: Mrs Mercer who has been offered work at Jamestown Area School and to Mrs Potter who has won the principal’s position at Booborowie School for 2016

Sadly, we farewell Mrs Chapman who has done a sterling job as our archivist. Mrs Chapman has chosen not to continue in this role as her workload is ever increasing. Thank you Julie for the many years of dedication you have given to us and to the school archives.

Helyn Strokowsky

Our School Values: Responsibility Respect Kindness Honesty = Excellence
Swimming Lessons

Dates To Remember

[Images of children swimming]

Library News
To enable us to complete our end of year processes it would be appreciated if all Library Books and Home Readers can be returned before Friday 4th December 2015. Overdue notices will be sent out this week. Any long overdue or damaged books and readers can also be returned. No Questions asked. Thanks

Christmas Stall
The Parents and Friends Group will be holding a Christmas Stall for the children on Friday 4th December at recess and lunch time. This will give them a chance to buy small presents for their families. Prices start at 50 cents.

[Images of Christmas trees and presents]

[Images of children swimming]

Concert
Swimming/Picnic
Year 7 Graduation
Year 7 trip to Canberra 2015

Monday– Mt Ainslie Lookout

Everyone was a winner at the Australian Institute of Sport.

“This found that it wasn’t so hard to make new friends.”
Hayley.

“Rowan Ramsey’s wife and my Mum went to the same school.” Alex

“I liked the trip because now I have new friends to keep in touch with.” Trey

“We were privileged to meet the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove.

“I have become more mature and I learnt to manage money better.”
Adam

“I learnt that the Governor General has to sign off the new laws.” Alicia

“I learnt that the Governor General was in the army before he was Governor General.” Hanna

“Bills passed by the House of Representatives must be passed by the Senate.” Eli

“It was good to learn more about politics.” Joel

“We had lots of fun at the water park.

More photos and reports from Canberra next week.

Forty eight students from 12 schools at Parliament House.

Learning about earth sciences at the Geoscience Centre.
What's been happening in the 4/5 class?

We have been learning about the three levels of government in Australia.

The federal Parliament has the power to make laws for the whole country. This power is listed in the Constitution and covers issues like immigration, marriage, communications, taxation, defence, and foreign affairs — things that affect all Australians.

Next is the state level which contains Australia’s six state and two territory parliaments. They meet in the capital city of each state or territory. Parliaments at this level make laws that are enforced within their own state or territory. These laws relate to areas not covered by Australia’s Constitution. Things like schools, hospitals, roads, railways, electricity, water, mining and agriculture. On some issues, federal and state parliaments both have the power to make laws. If federal and state laws conflict on these issues, then the federal law will override the state one.

The third level is the local level, made up of more than 560 councils across Australia. Councillors are elected in a similar way to members of the federal and state parliaments. Councils are responsible for issues such as local roads, parks, rubbish collection, library services, street signage, and pet control — things that could be considered local services or matters.

We had a meeting with the Mayor of Peterborough Mrs Ruth Wittle. She explained how local government works. We were able to ask her some questions that we had about local government.

To make the learning experience more real for the students we made the decision to break away from the state of South Australia and declare a new state of Grundland. With the need for laws and ministers to make decisions on the day to day affairs of Grundland we held an election on Friday. This election was run in the same manner as normal elections. Residents of Grundland who wished to stand for a ministerial position were required to be nominated by fellow residents, make campaign posters and deliver a speech to fellow constituents.

On Election Day we had three election officers who were responsible for taking the electoral roll, distributing the ballot papers, and guarding the ballot box.

All students stood for one of the ministerial positions. They made relevant speeches and showed a great deal of respect whilst listening to competing speeches. With all votes counted (including the postal votes from any students who would be absent on voting day) we can now announce the new leaders of Grundland.

Congratulations to:

- Austin who will be our Premier.
- Riley will become Education Minister.
- Maggie has been voted in as Grundland's Treasurer.
- Jordyn and Madeline have become our Works Ministers.
- Hayley will become Grundland's Mayor.

All ministers and our Mayor will work with Mrs Gresch and the Governor General (Mrs S) to ensure that election promises made to the people of Grundland are upheld.