Welcome to Term 2. We are starting off as busily as we finished Term 1.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our newest staff member, Hannah McCullagh. Hannah will be working as a School Learning Support Officer in the classroom, in particular in support of Zac. Our renovations are nearly complete and we hope that the rest of his equipment arrives in the near future.

Thanks you to all who attended our P&C meeting last week. Hopefully we will have an increase in student numbers soon and be able to reactivate the P&C. All members of the community are most welcome to join.

This week will again be a busy week. On Tuesday we welcome Mrs Trish Webb, our School Education Director, when she visits our school. Wednesday sees Years 5&6 heading off to Broken Hill for the Courage to Care Excursion. Remember this is an early start, we are leaving town at 6:30am.

This year I will be regularly putting items on attendance in the school newsletter. This is not because attendance is an issue at our school but rather because our new attendance policy requires me to do so.

Last week I hosted the Term 2 Staff Development Day. It was very pleasing to hear the positive comments about our town and school from teachers who had either never visited Pooncarie before or were returning after many years. Thanks you everyone for your efforts.

Until next time,
Lynn Starkey

Did you know?

Students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out early and of experiencing long-term unemployment

**Mother’s Dictionary Quote!**

Full Name: What you call your child when you’re mad at him/her!

Star of the Week
Wk 1 William
Things Mom Would Never Say

"How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too"
- "Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery"
- "Let me smell that shirt -- Yeah, it's good for another week"
- "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day"
- "Well, if Rahul's mamma says it's OK, that's good enough for me."
- "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve"
- "Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve"

To help your child participate in Crunch&Sip®, please provide a clean, clear plastic bottle of water and a small piece of fruit or vegetable each day. The bottle for water can be any clean clear bottle (eg. empty juice, cordial, water or sports drink bottle etc.). The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit (eg. apple, chopped melon or dried apricots*) or vegies such as carrot or celery sticks. Other drinks or foods are not permitted in the classroom.

* Note: dried fruit contains high concentration of natural sugar and tend to cling to teeth, therefore increasing risk of tooth decay. Although dried fruit is permitted, fresh fruit or vegetables should be first choice.