Dear parents and carers,
We have enjoyed family/teacher information night, swimming lessons, and a great start to the year. All classes and the preschool are adjusting to new routines and the school culture is busy but calm and happy. We are particularly enjoying having so many parents and friends in the school, and active in school life and classrooms.

**NEW KITCHEN**
We are pleased that the kitchen renovation project in the Activity room (next to the JP room) will go ahead next week. This will free up the room and create an exciting new work space.

**KITCHEN FOR SALE!**
As the kitchen cabinets in the community room (next to the art room) are not required, come in and make an offer if you want them. Your donation will go towards cooking activities in the new kitchen space!

**GOVERNING COUNCIL**
We meet for the first time this year on **Wednesday 25th February from 2-3pm**. We are considering the **AGM date**, and will look at Wednesday 25th March for this, but possibly at a time after school in case any new parents need an evening time to accommodate work. Please let school know if you intend to attend the AGM and join Council this year, and times that are preferred.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**  ‘Kidsmatter’
This fabulous time with Rosalie and Ebony runs each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:20am to 8:40am. It is a gathering space for social chat over some food, an OJ or milo. Children are enjoying this gathering time even if they have eaten at home which is terrific. Food and drinks are supplied by the Foodbank in Mount Gambier. On occasion supplies may be in excess and reaching ‘best before’ dates, so if you end up with an extra box of cereal sent home to your family, enjoy! We don't want anything wasted. All children are welcome at this time.

**Pine Sports Day**
Please note this date is now Wednesday, 11th March at Glencoe Central PS.

**School Banking With Bendigo Bank**
Bendigo Bank pickup will now be on a Thursday commencing next Thursday 12th Feb.

At our recent Governing Council meeting it was minuted that our Materials & Services fees for 2015 will be set at $226.00. If you wish to either continue or start regular payments through either Centrelink or EFT we can hold these funds as a credit towards your fees, camp or uniform purchases for this year.
**Week 3, Term 1, 2015**

What a busy start to the term! It’s always amazing how a new group of children grow and learn together. So many different personalities and temperaments coming together! The start of the year is always a great equalizer, for children and educators alike. I am in awe of how young children can often be totally accepting of each other’s differences and also delight in little similarities that draw them together. These first weeks at preschool have as much to do with learning about each other as learning from each other. As the group settles in we try to find the right balance between establishing routines and making sure we provide enough uninterrupted time to play, think, dream and just be. Time to be is precious and when you stop to consider all the things we do throughout the day you can begin to appreciate the importance of creating time for rest, relaxation, group play and eating!

Natural routines such as those establishing rest and play create a sense of security that help children feel in control of their lives, understand boundaries and limits and enables them to learn about order and organization. We use lots of visual aids for our daily routines and transition times which improves understanding and helps eliminate anxiety. Hope you enjoy some of the photos we captured as the children have begun to settle in!

**Transition times** are those times where we shift from one activity to another. These times are a great opportunity to introduce language based activities. Here we are playing a game of ‘I have, Who has?’ - a game that develops vocabulary, turn-taking and questioning skills.

**We have a list of jobs** at Kindy that help children develop responsibility, empathy and understanding about their world. Feeding the preschool fish is a top priority and one that Paige takes very seriously. She reminds us every day that we have to feed the fish!

Music and movement is something we do every day because it’s fun AND educational. Here we are learning about tempo in music, ‘fast’ and ‘slow’ as we pass the beanbag around the circle in response to the music.
**Junior Primary**
Wow, week 3 and swimming is underway. All students are enjoying learning new skills and are participating happily with the help of the warmer weather.
Students are now bringing readers home at their levels. Quite a few have progressed or even jumped a couple of levels once tested, which is a joy to see.
Please continue to listen to your child read. All your help establishes skills and learning which helps in their learning journey.
The new receptions are beginning to remember the school and class routines, please encourage your child to bring in their blue folder and do the morning jobs as this establishes independence.
It is great to see happy, smiling faces in the morning and when they go home.
Please feel free to make a time to see me if you need to.

**Middle Primary**
The Middle Primary class has been learning the Daily 5: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work and Work on Writing. Read to Self is where students try to read for as long as possible without being distracted. We were so good at it, we didn’t even know Mr K took these pictures.

**Upper Primary**
In this first couple of weeks in the upper primary class we have been taking about class rules, A and B choices, pump and bump, the 4 foundations to success and what we are going to do for fun this term. This week we have been trialling our literacy in which people like it or not and everyone was comfortable with what we are doing in literacy. For our literacy we have a list of activities that we have to complete by Friday and some of them include super sentences, base words/ word building, complete a letter in are handwriting book and grammar worksheet.
This week we have had swimming lessons at the Nangwarrry pool with our instructor Denise.
With Mrs Robinson we have been doing history and we are talking about migrations and the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC’s landing at Gallipoli. Congratulations to Joel Virtanen for being voted in by his peers as school captain and Nathan Rowe and Ryan Jackway for getting vice captains.
Chloe Linder and Addison Green have been selected as our SRC representatives.

Jimmy Marlow visits Mrs. Stewart and the school family.  
Our Upper Primary Class with Mr. Hammond.
Congratulations to the following winners!!

Principal Awards go to:
Zoe Perry for Taking turns, listening to instructions and good manners.
Korben Wilkinson for showing manners and respect to his dad and others.
Phillip Davis for using manners and showing respect to his mother.
Zach Crouch for work completion in class and manners to others.
Ebony Prelc for determination to succeed and for sharing successes. Great resilience too!
Jarrad Kilsby for professional reflection, determination and positive approaches in all situations.

NANGWARRY NETBALL CLUB
COMPULSORY TRAINING STARTS:
TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2015
JUNIORS 5 P.M. TO 6 P.M
SENIORS
6P.M. TO 7P.M.

School Captains elected by their peers.
Congratulations to Joel, Nathan and Ryan!