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Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The small schools swimming carnival was held at the Warialda pool last Tuesday.

Congratulations to Chloe, Brooke, Chelsea, Dannielle, Maddison and Cameron on their performance at the Carnival. Our students came home with lots of ribbons from the day.

Zone Swimming Carnival

The zone swimming carnival will be held in Inverell this Friday 19th February.

Congratulations to Brooke, Chelsea, Cameron and Chloe who qualified to represent Delungra Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

We would like to wish the students who qualified the best of luck in their events. We know they will try their best and make us proud.

Private transport will be required for students competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Students are required to pay pool entry.

Students will need to be at the pool by 8-30am for a 9-00 start.

Mrs James will be the teacher in charge, please report to Mrs James on arrival.

The pool canteen will be open for lunch or students may take their own lunch and drinks.

Debating Training

Last week students from years 5 and 6 went to debate training in Inverell. During this day our students joined in with students from Bundarra, Gravesend and Inverell to learn the skills of debating and speaking. Our students learnt a lot of useful information and developed their speaking skills. We are looking forward to using our new learning in the classroom to improve our speaking.

Below are students reflections from the day:

“I learnt more about using the PEEL tool to persuade.” Riley

“It was fun. I really liked the games we played and the PEEL paragraph.” Troy

“It was fun. I learnt more things about making speeches.” Maddison

Explanation: “PEEL”

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Sport – Swimming

Once again this Thursday we will be travelling to Bingara on for intensive swimming lessons and sport. Next Thursday 25th of February will be our final swimming session for this term.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have changed your phone numbers or emergency contact details, please leave your new numbers at the Office.

We need to have up to date information in case of emergencies.

K/1/2 News

This week kindergarten will be learning the letter/sound “D” “d” for Dippy Duck. Students may like to find objects around the home that begin with this sound.

The whole class will be continue learning about nouns during grammar. The class will also continue with their new book study on a children’s favourite ‘Possum Magic’ by Mem Fox.

This term during history we will be doing a unit of work on objects that were used around the
home in the past. This should be an interesting unit for the students.

Students will be getting homework today this homework will be due next Monday.

**Bike and Scooter Safety**

Just a reminder that your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place including riding to school– it’s the law. Helmets can save lives as well as save your child from a major head injury. If your child is riding to school please check that they don’t forget to put on their helmet. Students without helmets will be ask to walk the bike or scooter home from school.

**Primary News**

This week the primary class will expand our understanding of mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.

During Term 1 the primary students will be learning about desserts. This will include learning about the geographic and climatic features as well as the adaptations that plants and animals have to survive in this harsh environment.

During English we are revising our understanding of adjectives and verbs. We will also be learning how to use persuasive techniques to persuade when speaking and writing.

**Fitness**

During fitness and sport this week the whole school will be learning the fundamental movement skill hop.

Our Yoga sessions with Mrs Savage recommenced last week, attached to the newsletter is information on “How regular yoga practice benefits children and teens”.

**Best Start Training**

Mrs James will be attending Best Start Training on Tuesday 23rd February. Mrs Irwin will be teaching the infants class.

**Road Safety Day**

On Wednesday 24th February local Police will conduct a Road Safety Day for students.

**Dance Workshop**

On Friday 26th February students will participate in a dance workshop with Miss Laura in preparation for the Wallangra Arts Festival.

See our full Photo Gallery on our school’s website [www.delungra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.delungra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)