Welcome back to another exciting new year. The staff extend a very warm welcome to all our families and students. We look forward to a productive and creative year.

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We are all very excited about the positive growth of school enrolments (50% - 33 students are enrolled for 2016) and the contribution this has in supporting our fabulous local school. Our community school is viable, sustainable valued and supported by the community and surrounding areas.

Mrs Henman has returned to her role as Learning and Support Teacher and will be at the school on Tuesday’s. Mrs Henman will also be taking classes for library.

Mrs Cavanagh will be present at school on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s providing relief from face to face teaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful P&C for all their support in 2015. We encourage all our parents to attend P&C meetings as your input is always valued. The first meeting, the AGM, will be held on Monday 1st February.

Please approach staff with queries or concerns as they arise. We welcome the opportunity to resolve issues and provide relevant information. Parent help is always encouraged, particularly with reading.

Permission notes and other attachments are often attached to newsletters and require your attention. Swimming permission notes require an individual note for each student and 2 sides of the note must be completed.

All activities need to be paid prior to any event. The school does not invoice parents for excursions or events.

The first newsletter is always rather lengthy, however it is informative!

Mrs Nicole Green will continue to relieve in the School Administration Manager role 3 days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Williams will be here 1 day a week, on Thursday, supporting the administration role and providing teacher’s aide support.
Congratulations!

Welcome to Matilda Green, who couldn’t wait to greet the New Year.

On Monday 11 January, Matilda was delivered by Emily on the way to hospital, while dad drove! Amazing and congratulations from all of us!

New Enrollees Photos

Scripture:

Scripture lessons will be held on Monday afternoon beginning in Week 3. If you have any queries, please contact the staff.

Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival: Cooma – Friday 5 February

All students aged 8 and up will be attending the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival held at Cooma on Friday 5 February. Students need to be at the pool by 9:15. Students will need to be collected by 2:00.

As usual, we are relying on parental transport to and from the pool. Please complete the permission note attached.

A canteen is available at the pool or students may wish to take their own food and drinks. Sunscreen and hats are essential.

Students not competing in the races will be able to use the middle pool for novelty events.

Pool entry cost is $ Students are able to pay on the day.

Active After School Programs

The Active After School Program will begin in Week 3 starting on Monday 8 February. The programs are still in the process of being organised.

All students who attend these programs are expected to participate in the activities.

Staff will run Homework Club on Monday afternoons until 4:30.

Wednesday afternoons – Staff Meetings

...Afternoon- Staff will organise Sport/Games Club activities until 4:30.
Family Day Care Provider:

Mrs Tollis is available for before and after school and is certified under Family Day Care. Please contact the office for her number.

Please contact staff about these arrangements and for further information if you are interested in the program.

Bogong Art Workshop

JD and Andrew from the Cooma local AECG will be present at the school on Thursday 11 February. Students will be engaged in Aboriginal art activities and a free BBQ will be held on the day.

School Assembly

The first school assembly will be held on Friday 19 February.

We welcome all our parents and carers to celebrate and acknowledge their children’s efforts.

P&C Meeting: AGM Monday 1 February 3:15

Thank you to the P&C and all our families for a wonderful year of support and positivity in 2015!

We are looking forward to your attendance at our AGM meeting to be held on Monday 1 February. All positions will be open for election.

Please bring along a plate and meet and greet.

Quote of the week.

“Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

Albert Einstein

Lunch Orders

We encourage all families to place their lunch orders at the shop prior to the start of the school day. It is important to remember all orders including those made by phone have to be in by 9:30. This gives Sally plenty of time to have the orders completed by 11am. Late orders can
disrupt the shop as well as impact on learning time.

Our school follows the ‘Healthy Schools’ Policy” and therefore junk food: chips lollies and fizzy drinks etc are not permitted.

Crunch & Sip Program

At 10:00 each morning students have crunch and sip in the classroom. This program benefits student health and wellbeing. Please supply your child each day with the following:

Crunch-fruit & vegetables only!
Sip- water only!
Thank you!

School Sport

During term 1, sport will be held on Friday mornings in the cooler part of the day. Joggers are required.

Student Absence, Arrivals & Collection

Students who arrive after 9:00 in the morning and are collected before 3:00 in the afternoon are required to be signed in or out on the Register kept at the front office.

As part of DEC policy all student partial absences and full absences are recorded and monitored.

Parents and carers are required to inform the teacher of an absence through word of mouth, telephone, text, email or letter.

A call from the office or a Departmental letter will be sent home requesting information if the above is not completed.

Please note: Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform to school. The students are very proud of their uniform and it is a visible display of school pride and respect.

School shoes are black and it has been recommended that socks are navy blue.

The school policy is ‘No hat, No play!
Please label your children’s clothing clearly!

Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school.

After School Programs

Monday - Homework Club
Tuesday-
Wednesday - Staff Meeting
Thursday
Friday -
Reminder: Students are required to be collected on time by 4:30pm

School Website
Our school website is updated every 2 weeks where you can check the calendar.

School Library
Mrs Henman will organise library lessons on a Tuesday. All students borrowing books will need to have a library bag.

Junior Class Time: 12:00 – 1:00
Senior Class Time: 2:00 – 3:00

WH&S Volunteer & Transport Requirements
We strongly encourage all parents to apply for their Voluntary Working with Children number on the RTA website site. This action supports child protection requirements. Free to volunteers.

Mobile Library
The Mobile Library visits the school every alternate Monday.

If your child would like to borrow a registration form is required. Please ensure that your child's books are returned. Books not returned will incur a FINE!

Communication & Electronic Devices
If it is absolutely necessary for students to bring a mobile phone or other electronic device to school, they should be handed into the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

School Times
Students can be dropped off after 8:30 in the morning. Lessons begin at 9:00. Students are to be collected at 3:00 in the afternoon.

In case of a delay, please contact staff.

Allergies & Chronic Illness
If your child has a severe allergy or chronic illness/condition, the school must be informed and a Health Management Plan is to be completed by your child's doctor.
and issued to the school. The school does not provide or administer over the counter medications, such as pain relief or skin cream.

Parents with a child suffering from asthma must provide a puffer to the teacher.
Parents with a child suffering from a severe allergy must provide an epi-pen to the teacher.

**School Photo's**

Theo from Schoo's Studios will be taking school photos on February ??. Forms will be sent home with the next newsletter.

**Voluntary Contributions**

The Voluntary Contribution is separate to the Student Activity Book fee and is payable to Michelago Public School.

The Voluntary Contribution is $40. Per child and is widely accepted as a donation throughout the NSW Education system. These funds are used to assist with the purchase of resources and support excursion costs.

Payments should be made by the end of Term1.

**Student Activity Books**

The school assists families by ordering student activity books for the beginning of the year.

The cost of the books is subsidised. The Student Activity Book fee is $100. per student.

Early payment is greatly appreciated.

**Family Leave**

Parents are required to complete an Exemption Form for student leave of a week or more.

**Student Stationary Requirements**

Students in both classes are required to bring to school and maintain the following items on a regular basis:

**Junior Class**

- 2 glue sticks
- Textas
- Coloured pencils
- 2 lead pencils-triangular
- Eraser
- Paint shirt

**Senior Class**

- 2 glue sticks
- Coloured pencils
- Textas
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Blue, red and black pens
- Small pencil case for desk top essentials.
Entry into School Grounds

In accordance with DET & WHS guidelines, we remind families that school grounds are not accessible during out of school hours. School grounds are not a public place. If children use the tennis court, an exception, they must have parent supervision at all times. This is to ensure health & safety at all times as well as respect for property.

Dogs must always be on a leash and no dogs are allowed on the court or in the sandpit area.