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Welcome to week 1.

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break over Christmas and New Years.

2014 will be another year of exciting learning opportunities for the students. I would like to acknowledge that parents and caregivers are the number 1 educators in a child’s life. I encourage everyone’s continual positive involvement with the school and interest in student learning. We all want success for the students and the more we work together the better we set our children up for future success.

Class Structure for 2014
This year we have one class (Yr1-7). Mr. Kerslake will be teaching the class Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Simpfendorfer will be teaching the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you have any questions about your child’s learning and progress please make a time to speak with either Mr. Kerslake or Mrs. Simpfendorfer.

Reading
It is expected that students will read a minimum of 4 nights a week. Some students will need support with their books or sight words while others will be able read independently.

Swimming Week/Aquatics
Aquatics for year 6/7 students will be on Friday 14th February (week 3) at Lake Bonney, Barmera. Swimming lessons for the R-5 students will take place from 25th-27th February (week 5) in the school pool. More information about the lessons will be available in coming weeks.

Blanchetown Play Centre
Play centre is held every Wednesday morning during school terms from 9am to 12noon. All welcome.

Swimming Pool
Students can bring bathers, towels and appropriate swimming equipment to school on days that are forecast to be 30 degrees and above as the pool may be used for fitness and PE lessons. The use of the pool for fitness and PE does depend on water quality and student behaviour.

Volunteers
We would like to invite parents, caregivers and community members to express interest in volunteering here at the school. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer at the school, what areas of learning you would like to volunteer in and what days and times would suit you best. Please be aware that before a volunteer can begin working at the school a police check must be done.

Bushfire Season
As you would all be aware it is bushfire season attached to this newsletter is an overview of the Bushfire Action Plan. If there is a catastrophic fire danger rating or a bushfire, parents will be contacted as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this please let us know.

Governing Council
Please consider nominating to be a member of Governing Council for 2014/15. Nomination forms will be sent home with the newsletter next week.