School Council Meeting
A reminder to all Councillors, our first meeting will be held on Wednesday of this week—17th February commencing at 8pm. All councillors are urged to attend as there is quite a lot of business to be discussed.

Mini Swimming Sports
Congratulations to all students for their great swimming on Friday and congratulations to the Red Team for winning on the day. It is wonderful to have days such as this, where we can take the opportunity to mix with another school. Well done everyone. Thank you to all parents for helping out with the running of the day—setting up, cleaning up, cooking the BBQ, collecting everything required for the day. Well done everyone.

Swimming Program
The 2016 Swimming Program is now complete and we hope your children have gained a lot of swimming and water skills during this time. A huge thank you to Mrs Stone, our AusSwim Teacher for her expertise and to Mrs P and Francey for their assistance. A great big thank you to all parents who made themselves available to help out each day as well. Without your help we would not be able to run this very valuable program.

Interschool Swimming Sports
Students in years 3—6 will be participating in the Interschool Swimming Sports at the Ouyen pool on Friday of this week. Underbool parents will be responsible for the “starter duties”. Please make sure you take your turn so no one has to stand at the blocks all day. A copy of the Swimming Program has been sent home today, please make sure you take it with you on Friday. Events begin at 10am and parents are responsible to getting their children to and from the pool. Please return the attached permission form by Wednesday 17th February (this Wednesday!).

Mobile Library
All students will be attending the Mobile Library every fortnight on a Tuesday morning. Students must have a library bag to carry their
books back to school safely. Students also need to have their own or a family mobile library card in order for them to take their books home to share. To get a card, parents need to visit the mobile library and register their child/children. The mobile library is in Underbool on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 – 1.00pm, in Walpeup on Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 – 5.00pm and in Ouyen on Thursdays - all day. Please pop in and organise your child/children a card so they can enjoy the facilities. For further information give the school a ring.

**Library Amnesty**
The Mobile Library has an overdue library book amnesty for this week only. If you have any overdue books or fines against your name—now is the time to return books etc to the library.

**Department Notice to Schools and Parents**
Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff volunteers.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

**Cluster Camp Years 5 & 6 pre notice**
This year’s 5 & 6 camp will be going to Melbourne on the 5-9th September. The total costings will be approximately $480. As our school council subsidies this camp 50%, parents will be required to pay $240.

Further details and final costings will be sent out closer to camp dates, but we wanted families to be aware of the dates and costings so you can make plans.

**Student and Family Update Package**
These packages have been sent home today to all families and are to read and updated and the appropriate forms returned to school by Friday the 26th February. Some information supplied is a reminder and refresher for things that happen around our school, while other information is important in the case of accident or illness. The School Rules and Student Right and Responsibilities—Student Copy should be read with your children and signed, dated and returned. We have included the term dates up to, and including 2020 to assist families.
when booking special holidays etc and various other articles of interest. We thank you for your help and hope this information helps to keep our school running smoothly. Please use the plastic envelope provided in the package to return the necessary forms to school.

Middle Room Spelling and Homework
Homework Books have been sent home today and are due in on Friday each week.
The students have a spelling list in their reader that includes their Homework words from Contract 1, their Bear words and five sight words.

The students will be tested each Friday on their words.
Homework words - Tested on each Friday. Any errors will be added to their personal dictionaries and they will continue each week on their new Contract words.
Bear Books - Students learn Bear words in class and are tested on when they have completed their Bear Book.
Students’ progress through the Bear words at their own pace. Bear words may stay the same each week until they move on to a new set.
Sight words - Children need to recognise and read these words by sight. They will not be given a spelling test on these words but will be asked to read them on flashcards.

Forms & Permission Notes to be returned
We have decided to include this new section as part of our weekly newsletter to remind families of important notes and forms that must be returned to school.
Families who have not returned Forms and Notes by the due date will now be listed here until returned.
Immunisations Forms— ASAP (information where to obtain these forms has been previously sent home)
Day—Aurora, Deklyn and Jazmin Lovitt—Jayden, Cheyenne and Thomas

Conveyance Allowance—due on Friday 19th February

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) - due on Friday 19th February.
Student & Family Update Package—due on Friday 26th February.
Swimming Permission Form (Senior students only)—due on Wednesday 17th February.
Tennis Permission Form (attached to the newsletter today for specific students)—due on Monday 22nd February.

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**Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising:**
REMEMBER:
If you are booking accommodation for an upcoming holiday or trip away, book it through Quickbeds, and you will help raise funds for your club.
Click on this link: www.quickbeds.com
Enter our school’s unique grassroots code 1273
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