Dear Parents

**Small Schools Swimming Carnival**
What a great day we all had last Friday.

Congratulations to all the students for your participation and your behaviour. The day ran smoothly and it was fantastic to see smiles on everyone’s faces – you all had fun and gave your best effort, what more could we ask for.

Special congratulations to Noah Woldhuis on achieving 11 years Boy Champion and to Cody Tickle and Rose Purcell who will be representing the Small Schools at the Twilight District Carnival on Thursday 25th February. Parents, we could not have had the successful day we did without your assistance. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. From helping with the 25 metre races, supervision, taking photos and of course, thank you also to all the mums and dads for transporting and watching the students. Well Done – Go Geurie!!

**Dinosaur Science**

Didn’t we learn a lot about Dinosaurs! Thank you to Wongarbon for inviting us and thank your parents for transporting your children. A great morning full of learning and laughter.

**Pancake Day**
Thank you to Mrs Irwin, the SRC, Karen and Nicole who helped cook our delicious pancakes last Tuesday – yummy!

**Health and Safety**
As per our school policy all students should be reminded that food is not to be shared and always after eating, students should wash their hands. This is particularly significant as some children may have a reaction to different foods.

**Voluntary School Contributions**
At the beginning of each school year the school requests that families pay a Voluntary School Contribution. This money assists the school to purchase necessary classroom equipment and student textbooks which are used each day. The amount requested in no way covers the total funds spent but certainly goes a long way in assisting the school. This year the voluntary school contribution is $25 a student or $50 a family. This money can be paid at the school office. Your financial assistance is very much appreciated and thank you to those who have already paid their contribution.

**Settling In**
Week 4 already and it is fantastic to comment that all students have settled in well with a sense of cohesion and belonging. We have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and behaviour of all our students. Such a positive environment should ensure very good learning outcomes for all students.

**P and C Meeting**
The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the School Administration building. This will also be the Annual General Meeting of the P&C body when 2016 Office Bearers will be elected. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Trish Farley – Principal