Principal's Note
Welcome back to the first newsletter for 2016.
It was lovely to see the students so happy and excited to be back at school last week. Lots of smiling faces, looking bright and cheerful in their uniforms. What a fantastic start to the year!

Just a quick mention about the pool party at the end of last term. Everyone had a great day at Kandos pool, despite a few hiccups with the weather. Thank you so much to Deb & Yvonne for cooking the sausage sizzle at the pool. We will certainly have to think about doing that one again!

Thank you to those parents who have already returned the media permission note and general walking permission note. We require these be returned as soon as possible to enable students to participate in programs such as Birds in the Backyard and to have their photographs published in the local newspaper. As was mentioned in my welcome back letter last week, we now have a school Facebook page (Lue Public School) and I would like to upload regular photographs of students participating in a range of activities at school. The media permission to publish note covers this. It's good to see that some of you have already accessed the page.

Kandos Charity Shop Donation
On the last day of term last year, I was privileged to be asked to visit the Kandos Charity Shop to collect a donation cheque for $2000. The Charity Shop has donated many thousands of dollars to community organisations over the past few years and we are very grateful to be a recipient once again. The donation will support all our students towards the cost of excursions and additional resources at school. Thank you so much to the wonderful ladies who work tirelessly for the community. You are all stars!

(Val Carberry, Myee Atherton, Colleen Yates present the cheque with Emma Wisser, Rhys Robinson, Zac Stewart and Bryce Robinson)

Catch me being good
Our first draw from the 'catch me being good' slips for last week was made this morning. Congratulations to Harrison Panschow, Zac Stewart and Rhys Robinson. As there is no canteen running at the moment, each student will receive a merit certificate and an ice block at lunch. Keep up the great work boys and girls!

Our Lue School bags will be here week 5.

P&C News
The first P&C meeting for this term will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 3:10pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

Caron McDonald (Relieving Principal)

Busy Bee
Our first Busy Bee in the junior class for 2016 is Khylarni Docherty. The Busy Bee takes responsibility for extra jobs in the classroom and organising the line up of students each day. Khylarni is a great organiser and likes to be given responsibility. Well done, Khylarni!

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# Mudgee Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Mudgee Olympic Pool in week 2 on Tuesday 9th February.

Children aged 8 and over who can swim have been entered into various events. Some younger students who have demonstrated the ability to swim 16 metres, have also been entered into juvenile events. There will be structured, supervised activities available for younger children and non-swimmers.

As in past years, parents will be asked to transport their own children to and from the event. Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times as all staff will be allocated specific roles to do on the day. Please complete the note going home today and return it to school.

As part of our preparation for this event all children will attend Kandos Pool this Wednesday and Thursday, 3rd and 4th February, for some trials and distance practise.

Students will travel by school bus and private transport. Those students who live in the Kandos area are to be picked up from the pool at 2:30pm. Students who live in Lue will return to school at 3pm and be dropped off at home. Please return the completed permission note which was sent home on Friday.

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**Zac Stewart**

Zac always gives his best effort. Well done, Zac!

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