Welcome back to school everyone.

Today our delightful kindergarten children had their first day of school, we would like to welcome Timothy, Samuel, Joe, Eric, Edmund, Alex, Hercules, Jackson, Charli, Maddison, Bella & Emma. We hope you had a great first day at Gum Flat School.

We would also like to welcome our new students—Paige and Lily Birch, Mellissa Kleidon, Emily Shelton, Bradley Schmidt and Daman McDougall. Gum Flat has a total enrollment of 48 students this year.

Gum Flat is a uniform school, and children are expected to wear their uniform and hat each day. No hat, no play.

Parents may email in absence notes, or any other changes to student enrollment etc. If you have information that is urgent, please phone through, as the office is only staffed on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s education at Gum Flat with teachers, please telephone for an appointment.

Starting time for students not travelling by bus is 9.00am unless special arrangements have been made. Playground supervision does not start until 9.00am. Early students receive limited supervision in the class room and either read or play a board game. School finishes at 3.30pm and parents are asked to pick up their children from the front gate. If you have made other travel arrangements for your child, please send in a note to advise us.

This information is part of the Duty of Care to your children.

This year our teaching staff include-

Mr. King, Ms. Kelso, Ms. Angel, Mrs. Eddy (Thursday) & Mrs. Simpson (Tuesday). This year the school did not receive funding for the School Chaplain. As Jill is a very important member of our Support Team, the school will be funding Jill for three hours on Friday morning so that she may continue with ‘Jill’s Chill’ and offer her support to students.

**Small Schools Swimming Carnival.**—The small school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday, 8th February, 2016 at **WARIALDA TOWN PUBLIC POOL. A change in venue was unavoidable.** Private transport will be required to this event for students who are 8 years and over and can competently swim 50 metres. The carnival will commence at 10am and finish at 2.00pm. Students will need to take their morning tea and lunch.
Students from Delungra, Gilgai and Tingha will be joining us at the Carnival.

This carnival is about having fun, participating in an event and trying your best. It is not run under PSSA rules or swimming club rules.

All races will be timed, allowing students who qualify for Zone to register a nomination time.

First, second and third of each heat will receive a ribbon, but only the fastest times will receive points for the point score.

Cost to enter the pool is $3.50 per child and $4.50 per adult (There is a coffee shop at the Tourist Information Centre across the road for adults if they need refreshments.

As Gum Flat school is the host school, we will need help with time keepers & pool safety supervisor. Any help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

If your child will need a lift, please make arrangements with friends if possible.

For children not attending the carnival, school will be open as normal.

A permission note is attached and should be returned to school by Monday, 8th February. Students who do not bring in a note will be expected to attend school.

Please let us know if you have changed your address, contact telephone numbers, emergency contacts or if your child has a medical issue we are not aware of.

Thank you.