Term 1—Week 3—8th February, 2016

All students have settled back into school routine and are working very hard in class.

Tomorrow is the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival to be held at Warialda Town Pool. Please be at the pool no later than 9.45am so that the carnival can start on time. As Gum Flat is the host school, we will need some parents to help with time keeping and a parent to hand out ribbons for the scorer. It would be great if we could rotate these jobs so people can watch their children compete during the day. Please do not forget sunscreen, your hat, a sun shirt/school shirt to put on when not competing. A canteen will operate at the pool, we suggest students take their own morning tea and lunch as the program does not have a lunch break.

Thank you to the Birch family for lending their quick shades for the day.

Children not attending the carnival tomorrow, should attend school as normal. Ms. Angel and Ms. Kelso will be at school, Mr. King, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Makim will attend the carnival.

On Friday, 19th December Mr. and Mrs. Hare will begin music lessons. If you are interested in having your child taught to play an instrument or taking singing lessons, please give the Hare’s a call. Information is attached to this newsletter.

Some students will receive an application for private vehicle conveyance, please complete this form and return to school. Conveyance subsidy is paid at the end of each semester for qualifying applications.

Attached to this newsletter, is an account for the Stationery Levy at Gum Flat School. This year the cost is $45 for the year, this can be paid in part over the term. Parents may wish to direct debit the amount, the school account is BSB 032-001 Acc 141311. Please use your surname as the reference. If we could have all levies paid by the end of this term, that would be terrific.

This year Special Religious Education classes will be held each week. Scripture Teachers from the Catholic Church attend the school every Monday lunchtime.

Mrs. Jill Dick will be conducting non-denomination classes each Friday. Please complete the Exemption Certificate attached if you do not wish your child to attend scripture.
Mr King will be attending a meeting in Sydney this Friday, Miss Emily Bell will be teaching the 3456 class.

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One of our school families are looking for a house to rent in the Gum Flat area or on the edge of Inverell. If you know of anyone who has a house to rent, please leave the information at school and we will let the family know.

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**Kate Auld PT**

Kate is an ex-student of Gum Flat School and holds exercise class for an hour each Monday afternoon at 4-00pm for any parents/friends who would like to attend. Kate has a program suitable for all levels of fitness and age. Kate’s lessons are great fun, please give Kate a call on 0409588532 for further information.