On Wednesday, year Six students have organized a fundraising day to support the people of Fiji to help restore their villages after the recent cyclone. A poster is attached.

This Friday is our Canteen Day. Please return your lunch orders to school by Wednesday.

On Monday, 7th March our swimming team will compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by this Friday, 4th March. Good luck to Lily Birch, Will Lindsay, Hamish Smith, Jarrod White and Luka McLachlan.

On Friday, 11th March the Winter Sports Trials will be held in Inverell from 12 noon. Private transport will be required to this event. Sports will include Rugby League, Girls/boys soccer, Girls/boys Hockey and Netball. If your child would like to attend the trials, please let the office know and a permission note will be sent home.

Michelle McDonald is busy organizing a Cook Book to be published by the P&C as a fundraiser. Attached to this newsletter are details of what Michelle is looking for to include in the book. Any questions, please email Michelle

The Sydney Excursion has been cancelled due to the high costs involved. This excursion has been replaced with an excursion to Brisbane from the 8th to the 12th August. Accommodation has been booked, we are awaiting final quotes from the bus companies. More details will be sent home as soon as possible.

Gum Flat Public School has an Emergency Management Plan which is updated and reviewed every six months. This plan covers all types of emergencies that may happen in schools, the major one being fire. Students practice fire drills on a regular basis. The Emergency Management Plan is held online through the Departments WHS website and is constantly monitored by WHS Officers. In the event that the school needs to be evacuated by order of Police, Fire or Departmental Staff, students would be evacuated to Ross Hill Public School or the administration building at Copeton Waters. All staff are trained in our Emergency Procedures.

Thank you to families who have paid their stationery levy, please make arrangements to pay the levy as soon as possible. Direct payments may be made to BSB 032-001 A/c 141311 using your surname as the reference.

We have some new stock in our clothing pool—currently available is

Winter Jacket, (10) $10, Winter Vest () $5, L/S Polo Shirt (10) $8, S/S Polo Shirt (16) $10 and a Skort (12) $10.

Mr. King is away on Long Service Leave and will return on Wednesday, 16th March. Miss Bell will be teaching his class.