The cold snap has finally hit us. The new school jumpers look fantastic and the children tell me that they are quite warm. Due to the very cold mornings, navy beanies and gloves may be worn to school. I would like to thank Miss Winter for the time and effort she has given to organising the school uniforms. It is an enormous job that can be time consuming. If you wish to purchase any items please fill in the order form that can be found on the school website and return to Miss Winter on Mondays.

Congratulations go to Hamish, Maddi, Troija, Ashja and Jock who went to North Star last Wednesday for the Zone Cross Country. They represented the school with pride and seemed to enjoy the event. Days like that are a wonderful opportunity for our children to make new friends from other schools.

Tennis lessons continue on a Monday with Mrs Buckley. She informs me that all children are enjoying the coaching and are improving their tennis skills. In conjunction with the tennis lessons the students are practising field events in preparation for The Quad Sports on Wednesday 24th June. Each week they seem to throw harder, jumper longer and higher and run faster. I look forward to my first Quad Sports!

ATTENDANCE
Today I have sent home attendance letters for all students. The letter states how many days your child has been away and what percentage that equates to. An 80% attendance rate means that your child, on average, misses 1 day per week, a 70% attendance rate means missing 3 days out of every 10. Over time these numbers add up and it means a loss in your child’s education. It is extremely important that children attend school every day so that they can maximise their learning opportunities. If your child is away please ring the school that day or write a note on their first day back. Absences due to being sick for two or more days will require a doctor’s certificate. It is DEC policy that:

3.1 Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

4.1.2 Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

4.2.1 Principals must provide clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance

4.2.6 Principals are responsible for ensuring that when frequent absences are explained as being due to illness that:
* medical certificates are sought for the absences
* strategies are developed to ensure regular attendance at school.

Canteen
On Friday 12th June the P&C are having a milkshake day. The cost is $3.00. A note with more details will be sent home next week.

On Monday 22nd June the P&C are having a pie and sausage roll day. Once again, a note with more details will be sent home closer to the day.