Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our students and families as we begin another year of learning at Beckom Public School. It has certainly been nice to have some cooler weather for the first week of term.

We extend a special welcome to our three new students Max Collis, Travis Field and Alicia Alchin.

Max and Travis are our new kindergarten students and Alicia is starting Year 2 with us.

The first term is shaping up to be a rather busy one with our second session of intensive swimming taking place next week.

A term 1 activity plan is attached to the newsletter for the information of parents. There may be slight changes or variations made but we will keep you posted.

Gardening in 2013

Mrs Weise will be working with the students this year to get our vegetable garden back up and running in top condition again. The garden needs some more straw and sheep or pig manure and any donations of these would be gratefully received. Also, if anyone has any vegetable seedlings, Mrs Weise will be able to make good use of them in the school vegetable garden.

School newsletter distribution

Our school newsletter is widely distributed in our local community through families, by post, on our website and through email.

If you are currently receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer to receive it electronically, please let us know at the school so this can be arranged for you.

School newsletter distribution

We would like to encourage as many people as we can to receive the newsletter electronically as an environmentally friendly initiative to save paper usage. Paper copies of the newsletter will still be available for those of you who would prefer them.

A Message from our School Chaplain

Welcome back to school everybody, students and families, and a special welcome to Alicia, Max and Travis as they begin their first year at Beckom.

This term I will be at school on Tuesday and Thursday each week. I look forward to spending time with all students here.

If any parents have concerns or issues they would like to discuss with me, I am happy to chat either on the school phone or in person on these days.

Mrs Ann Popple

Diary Dates

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Sad news – the passing of Mr Ian Lucas

Many people in the community would now be aware of the sad passing of Ian Lucas on January 23rd. Ian lived in Grong Grong and he was the Principal of Matong Public School. Ian was a valued and respected member of the Education Department and the community at large. A Celebration of Ian’s life was held at the Grong Grong Hall last Monday and we extend our condolences to his wife Bronwyn and his three children Joanne, Renee and Paul and their families.

Trivia Corner

Welcome back to the weekly trivia for 2013. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation again this year.

The first adult question for this year has been submitted by our School Chaplain, Mrs Popple. Good luck everyone.

**Adult question:**
What town in New South Wales contains half the letters of the alphabet (13) with no letter repeated twice?

**Children’s question**
What colour is the Black Sea?