Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope everyone had a restful break and are recharged ready for another busy term.

Year 5/6 students returned from Canberra with many exciting tales to tell. I have heard many exciting reports about their adventures including games in the snow, exploring a helicopter at the Australian War Memorial and a disco.

This week we were joined by Jen, Jessie and Dakota from the Multi-purpose Centre and Don Stephens from Tibooburra Aboriginal Lands Council for our NAIDOC Day celebrations. On Wednesday we listened to a story about some tools (boomerang and stone axe) and how they were used by one aboriginal group. We painted terracotta boomerangs using symbolic colours and dot painting.

There are a number of things already planned that are happening throughout the term and I'm sure as the term progresses we will be adding more to the list! Mrs Hotchin will continue working Monday and Tuesday until week 7 and she will then go to prepare for her new arrival. Miss Jo will be taking leave from the end of Wk 3 and will then begin a 5 week prac in week 6 for the remainder of the term. Miss Jan will be in during that time. I will keep you up-to-date through our fortnightly newsletter as well as uploading the term planner to our website.

PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Next Friday the PCYC from Broken Hill will be visiting to host a Blue Light Disco from 4.30—6.30pm. They will be providing a free BBQ on the evening. The fun will continue on Saturday morning with games from 9am.

SOTA SPORTS DAY
This will be in Week 3 (Education week), beginning on Monday 27th with practice day at SOTA, Tuesday will be the actual day of the sports carnival. Year 5 will join SOTA on Wednesday morning to participate in a motivational session, following this will be a session for parents while students attend the Art Gallery with White cliffs students. I will be able to give you exact times and more information as these are confirmed.

HATS & DRINK BOTTLES
The weather has been particularly cold so we often forget to drink as much as we should. Making sure your child has a filled drink