Welcome back to all of the Binya School community. The holidays seem to have flown by all too fast... however we will have yet another action-packed term ahead! Please remember to check the newsletter weekly for important dates of upcoming school events.

Congratulations to all involved in the Good Old Days community event last weekend. A huge success with such a wide range of traditional old activities and transport on display. The volunteer effort is to be commended; certainly putting our area on the map!

This week we welcomed out Kinder transition students to school! Thursday is the big ‘practice day’, with Charlie Kite being surprised that there were many more practices to come! He was very proud to share with us that his ‘dad went to this school!’ Max Conlan was thoroughly excited to finally catch up to his big brother Sam and find out all the good stuff that happens at ‘big school.’ The play/sport and craft time proved to be the biggest hit. We welcome all interested students to come along and trial life as a ‘Binya Student’

Transition is each Thursday this term.

Binya Public School supports Sunsmart practices. As we are now in term 4, we are in a time of year where exposure to the sun can be dangerous. We encourage our students to wear the school bucket hat, during recess, lunch and sport/ play times. Alternatively they will be asked to seek shade and play under the COLA. We also encourage students to wear sunscreen.

We are seeking extensive community consultation for strategic directions for the development of our School Plan 2015-17. A questionnaire was sent out to community members via the mail run, and distributed at our last school assembly. Thank you to those people who have already returned surveys. It’s not too late to send them in at your earliest convenience. Our P&C will be participating in feedback processes as our next P&C meeting (week 4). Thank you in advance for you participation.

Students are off to participate in The Flying Fruit Fly Circus at Barellan Central on Tuesday. We thank Mrs Julie Kenny for her organisation, and extending the opportunity to include us!

Next weekend is the Garden Festival. Our P&C have been very busy preparing for their huge catering opportunity at Careri’s open gardens. We are very grateful to Marg and Mick for their generosity.

Have a great weekend and week ahead.

Karen ☺

Thought for the week

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss
Tennis coaching began yesterday Thursday 9th October for our Term 4 weekly sport. Our students were very excited to get back into the myriad of games and skills/drills Cheryl Rawle brings each year. They are very fortunate to participate in such a great program.

Kid’s Corner

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We read the story ‘a Present from the Past’ written by Jennifer Beck and illustrated by Lindy Fisher. We learnt a lot about the war period. After reading the book we had to write a paragraph using the ‘I remember’ strategy. Good readers do this to summarise.

The story was about a princess who wanted to acknowledge the soldier’s sacrifice and commitment by giving each soldier a ‘thank you’ brass box filled with a gift for Christmas.

Patrick: I remember the box saved the nurse. The box stopped the bullet from hitting her heart.

Leo: I remember the princess gave the box to the troops for being brave. In the box there were lollies for the nurses.

Bailey: I remember the princess gave the box to the troops to say thank you. The box had lollies in it.

Home Learning Challenges-

Students have been set up with their weekly spelling booklets, maths mentals and mathletics to complete each week. Regular home reading is a focus, with Home Readers encouraged to be kept in school bags for regular exchange. Our routine day will be Tuesdays, however students can change any day 😊
Amelia: I remember the princess gave the box to the nurses. In the box were sweets and chocolate.

Greer: I remember the princess gave the box to the soldiers to say thank you.

Sam: I remember the nurse’s life was saved by the brass box. The bullet hit the box which she had in her pocket and rebounded.

Emily: Aunt Mary gave the box to Emily. She was passing the box down to her family. The box was her Aunt’s mother.

Claire: I remember the great Aunt’s mother was a nurse. The box saved the nurses life.

Harry remembers: The government took ‘half-blood’ aboriginals from their families - they have either a ‘white’ mother or father, and an aboriginal mother or father. They wanted to make a ‘White Australia’.

Jordan remembers: ‘Stolen’ babies were sent to live with non-aboriginal families.

Luke remembers: Pilawuk was born in 1955 and was probably taken from her family in the late 1950’s. She was born in an area near Darwin.

Milly remembers: Pilawuk was taken to Darwin, then Adelaide, then Mellville Island convent and back to Adelaide. She lived with two foster families, one of which was her sports teacher.

Leah remembers: She wasn’t allowed to talk about her family. They wanted her to just think it had never happened.

Bill remembers: Pilawuk didn’t get to meet her sister and mother until she was seventeen. She only found her family after an article in the paper about a cattle dispute in Daly River area, which was her home area. She had to search and dig to find them.

Ben remembers: When Pilawuk met her mother they both started to cry. Pilawuk was happy and sad - happy that she has finally found her mother; but she was sad because she missed out on knowing her family for more than 10 years!

Eliza remembers: Pilawuk’s mixed emotions of being happy and sad when finding her mother - she was happy and became at peace within herself. She was going to make up for lost time by spending time with her family.
Kinder Transition program

Our 2015 Kindergarten transition program started yesterday October 9th. We welcome Charlie Kite and Max Conlan to our school; two very excited boys!

Don’t forget we welcome any newcomers to ‘come and try’ at Binya. Our Kinder transition program runs each Thursday from 9am -3pm, however students are welcome to come and look around any time. Bus transport enquiries contact Jan at the Post Office.

Enrolments for 2015 are being taken now 😊

Charlie Kite

The best thing about my first day of school was playing games in the sandpit, while I was eating my apple! And I have another one…painting!

I also like the bubblers.

Max Conlan

The best thing about my first day of school was playing the game where you can’t get touched by the yellow balls in tennis.

It was really exciting going on the bus!

Key Dates for the Diary:

Term 4:

Tuesday 4th November- Thursday 6th November – Yr 4 & 6 Major Excursion.

Tuesday 9th December – Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Monday 15th December – Presentation Night

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GARDEN FESTIVAL – Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th and Monday 20th October
Please drop any donations of cakes and slices to the school (during school hours 9am – 3.30pm). If anyone is able to help at the venue please contact Kirsty Rowston on 0429 683204

Next Meeting: Monday 27th October
All agenda items and RSVP’s to Kirsty Rowston (president).

Term 4 - spring/summer weather ahead! Bound to be a lovely term for Kidz Konnect! Come along and meet some welcoming Binya/Barellan families who meet each Friday in our beautiful school grounds, set among the Binya hills.

Mrs Clifford provides fantastic educational learning experiences for interested toddlers and pre-schoolers each week! Mums and dads can sit and enjoy a nice cuppa and cake while the kids are entertained.

Each Friday 10-11.30am... rain, hail or shine!

IGA Cards

Please consider supporting our school by asking for an IGA Community Benefits Card at the checkout when next shopping. IGA donates a percentage of money spent back to the school.

CANTEEN Term 4

Canteen this term will run on Wednesday until all the leftover pies, sausage rolls and pizzas are used. You will be informed via the newsletter each week as to what is left to order.