Welcome to Week 4 newsletter.

As always there’s been plenty happening at Binya School!

Congratulations to our amazing school, crowned the Division C Swimming Champions at the Small School’s Swimming Carnival yesterday! The students accumulated points through high participation in the carnival, with several excelling and finishing as champions on the day: Congratulations Eliza Burcham- senior girl, Harry Rowston- junior boy and Amelia Burcham- junior girl. We narrowly missed out on overall champion school- a huge achievement.

We are very fortunate to be included on the sporting circuit with AFL visiting us on Monday, and Rugby League coming out next Monday! Local cricket star Owen Brown, is also scheduled to coach our students in cricket from weeks 5 to 8. He will then spend the following weeks coaching athletics skills prior to the Small School’s Athletics Carnival. Chris Evans from the Griffith Stadium has also offered to send his basketball coaches out during term 2 to run some clinics as part of our weekly sport program. It’s a great opportunity for our students to experience a wide range of sports, so we appreciate this support.
Next week we will be discussing our emergency procedures at school (including snake invasion!!). We will revise our plan and hold a drill so that everyone is clear about what to do in the event of an emergency.

Thankyou Angela and Paul Geddes for sending in some yummy watermelon for the student to share for recess this week! Very enjoyable and much appreciated 😊

Thankyou to Kelly Forster for coming and sharing her musical expertise at ‘Kidz Konnect’ today. Our toddler group had a lovely time dancing, singing and playing percussion instruments. We look forward to another visit soon. It was greatly appreciated.

Don’t forget: Only 3 weeks until the ‘Binya Ball is Back’! Lock it in on your calendars- book the babysitters, pull out your party gear and come along on Friday March 14 at 7pm!! BYO esky and nibbles. Music is by Matt van Buuren and ‘Blame Sally’ Guest! Easy listening music will start the night to enable ‘catch up conversations’ to be heard! Things will fire up as the night progresses! We are currently planning table seating and layout. Please call to confirm numbers 😊 Sure to be a great night.

We have had no response with old photos to date?? Please send them in to school for us to scan (or email).

Have a great week,

Karen 😊

Reminder - sport days are now Thursday. Students are to wear their sport uniform on this day. They may also wear it on our school swimming days. Students may pack thongs to wear home from lessons.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival-The children of Binya attended the annual Small School’s swimming carnival. Everyone participated well, so in true Binya fashion we won the handicap for the seventh time over!

Great job to Sam, Bailey and Claire for attending their first ever Small Schools’carnival, competing in the 25m events.

Senior girls champion was Eliza, Harry and Amelia won the junior champion. We had a great day with great sportsmanship shown. 😊

Zone Swimming Carnival- Our Zone Carnival is on next Thursday, 27th of February. We will have the results on Monday next week.

AFL – We would like to thank Che Jenkins for coming and coaching us last week. We had a great time playing lots of fun games. Thanks Che 😊

SPORT

Sports Captains- Ben Rowston and Bill Geddes
Rugby League - The Rugby League development officer will be visiting our school on Monday. Can all students wear their sports uniform please.

Zone Basketball Trials – Zone Basketball Trials were on Monday 17th. Harry and Ben represented our school and doing very well, however just missed out on the final selection. Well done boys.

Small School Cricket Trails - Small School Cricket Trials will be held next week Thursday after the Zone swimming carnival. Harry, Bill, Jordan and Ben will be representing our school. Good luck boys! If successful they will join the Small School’s team to compete against East Griffith in week 7.

Tennis - Griffith Zone Tennis trials are on Friday 28th. Harry will be representing are school. All the best to make the squad Harry! Harry will also trial for the Small School’s tennis team on Wednesday, 26th February.

Small School’s Cricket Team Trials will take place on Thursday 27th February (after the Zone Swim Carnival) at the Exies Cricket nets. Our school will be represented by Jordan Boyd, Ben Rowston, Bill Geddes and Harry Rowston. Good luck boys! If successful they will compete in the first round of the NSW PSSA knockout against east Griffith shortly.

A special thank you to Mr Phillip Rowston for his ‘assistance’ in helping Mrs Conlan (?) with the cricket team 😊

School Sport - starts next Thursday. We are very fortunate to have the expertise coaching of local community member, Owen Brown, coming to coach primary students in cricket for the next 3 weeks.

Leadership

School Captains- Eliza Burcham and Jordan Boyd

Peer Support Camp:

Year 6 students from Binya Public School will be participating in a two-day Peer Support training camp with Hanwood Public School Stage 3 students at Barellan Hall on the 18th and 19th of March.

This will help develop our leadership skills as captains and peer support leaders (kids helping kids).

We will be having two full days of group activities including art and craft, music and drama and sport, with the highlight being swimming pool games and fun.

All the students will be sleeping over in the hall! We will be having a barbeque, evening walks, group skits and supper before finally dropping out for the night 😊

Sounds like a fun two days, with great activities.

By Jordan Boyd

Parliament update:

In class we have been discussing positions for our parliament. The Yr 4-6 are a part of a parliament. The parliament is when the school students meet to discuss fund raisers, fun days and important activities. We can also make suggestions about our school programs. We will have different roles like the environment minister, the technology minister just to name a few. I think this will be great for different leadership skills and to be able to be involved in decision making within the school.

By Eliza Burcham
Environment report:

Binya Public School will have a clean-up Australia day next Friday. It will make our school look more appealing and will hope to bring more students here. Primary will be cleaning up outside the school grounds next to the road and near the fence while the infants will clean up inside the school grounds between 9am and nine thirty.

Students will need gloves a hat and a plastic bag for your rubbish. They can also wear casual ‘farm’ clothes. Please remember sunscreen.

By Bill Geddes

P&C NEWS - CHANGE OF DATE

Next meeting March 24th, 7.30pm at the School. (Week 9). All agenda items to Mrs Kirsty Rowston (president) to be distributed for discussion at the meeting.

KIDS CORNER

With Mrs Calabria we did art and we made shields and knights. We put these paper stickers on the shields and we cut some armour to put on the knight. It was fun. By Greer Geddes

I can write letters on my paint in the bag. By Millie Rowston

In Science I am learning about the land. Some land is natural and some made by people. We watched a movie about Dreamtime. By Patrick Mickan

I played a card game in Maths. First we got the cards. Whoever got the plus right would get a matchstick. The person with the most matchsticks won. Millie won. By Leo Geddes

I went to my first swimming carnival. I went in the freestyle race and I came first. I was very excited. By Bailey Drinkwater

Wanted: Cylinder rolls for our 3D constructions in art and craft. Please send in any rolls you may have from kitchen paper etc.

Found lunch boxes – There are a large number of Tupperware containers that have been collected at school in lost property, please come and collect.
Oh no I busted! This is not my lucky day.

This week we played “99 or Bust.” You have partner. Each person has seven rolls of the dice. The aim is to get as close to 99 as possible, but not over.

When you roll the dice you can choose whether to use the number thrown as a single digit or multiply it by 10. (eg. 4 can be used as 4 or 40). But, you have to use all seven throws- so be careful.. don’t multiply by 10 each time.

If you go over 99 in total you bust. If none of you go over the closest to 99 wins.

By Harry Rowston

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This fierce, shiny armoured guard is the castle’s protector. The knight is a leader of a ready to fight army. They are protected in high tech gear.

Knights also play a game called Jousting. This is where these fearless knights go head to head on a horse with a long stick called a lance and with these lances they try and knock the opposition off the horse. Honestly I would never get on a horse and play jousting - it is scary.

I think knights are awesome because they protect our royal family and are brave and fearless people.

By Milly Burcham

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“The Great Reading Wall of Binya” is under construction!

And remember community members, you too can keep reading and send in your details, so we can add you to our Great Reading Wall of Binya! The children love to see you additions 😊

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Sam Conlan is devouring a new series this year- Beast Quest; a best selling series of fantasy novels.

The books are about a boy that has to save the kingdom ‘Antevi’ from evil beasts. So far I have read 21 books and 3 series. I really enjoy reading these books.

By Sam Conlan
Bookchat

This series is aimed largely at boys 7 years and over, although as with most fantasy novels, a strong presence of females within the storyline makes it appealing to girls too.

The novels are described as having been written ‘clearly and simply, (striking) the right balance between adventure and story telling’. It has often been recommended as a ‘great series to get lads, who normally wouldn’t be, interested in reading’.

An interesting approach to writing a series of books, as they use a variety of authors?! The series is produced by Working Partners Ltd. Story lines are created and potential authors that fit the brief are approached. They write several chapters as a trial, and are then considered whether they are suit the project, to become the next ‘Adam Blade’ (the generic author ‘house name’ they all must go by.) There are over 70 books in the series to date!

Spelling Tip of the week...

wa - when 'w' is chased by an 'a' it say 'wo'

was

swat

Teacher Talk

Some tips for talking with your child to expand their thinking. part of the latest research in ‘How to Learn’. When learners become more reflective, they begin to make connections to transfer their growing knowledge and skills to new settings... equipping them for life long learning.
Community Announcements

**Friday Junior Comp Registration – 21st Feb 2014**

We invite all interested Juniors and their parents to join us on the 21st of February from 4pm for the Summer Comp registration session. We’ll be running casual round robin games, and there’ll be a free Sausage Sizzle/BBQ as well.

The Friday Junior comp runs from the 28th Feb until middle of May. Games start at 4pm and run until 6pm.
If you are unable to attend the registration right, online registration is available via SportX, or by calling Cheryl on 0429 125 386.

**Griffith Swans Registration Day (AFL and Netball)**

**Age groups-** Under 11’s, U 13’s and U 15’s and Auskick (5-9 yrs)

**Saturday 22nd Feb 11am- 1pm**

**Griffith Exies Sports Club**

Cost $80 football, $90 netball

Contact:

Paul Rogerson (auskick) 0427681484
Phil Rowston (football) 0429771458
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### Thought of the Week:

"To live a creative life we must lose our fear of being wrong."

Joseph Chilton Pierce
Binya Ball is Back!!

Friday, 14\textsuperscript{th} March, 2014

At Binya Hall

Commencing at 7pm

Tickets $25.00 per person

Available from *Binya Public School

Tickets may be purchased on the night

Music: Blame Sally

Dress: Semi-formal

B.Y.O.: Esky and nibbles

Bus services to Binya from Yenda, Leeton and Barellan may be available upon enquiry to *Binya Public School

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