Welcome to Week 6 newsletter.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the Geddes and Evans family, with the passing of Angela’s father Walter and Cassandra’s grandmother. We have been thinking of you and your families at this sad time.

How fortunate for us to be privileged to have a guest speaker address our students with a very captivating talk about ‘rocks’. Who would have thought rocks could be so entertaining?? Mr Garner (from Hanwood) currently works at the mines in West Wyalong, an occupation that many of our students now aspire to! Apart from holding gold and other amazing rocks, I think the highlight was watching a video footage of the detonation of many sections of earth at the mines! The students are reporting more on their thoughts and new learning later in the newsletter.

Again there has been much sporting activity with PSSA trials being held, and also with Owen Brown starting his cricket coaching with our students for school sport yesterday. Of course it was a great success. We are very grateful to our loyal community members who go out of their way to offer our students such experiences. The students are looking forward to the next few weeks.

Kidz Konnect is proving to be a huge hit, always a great variety of creative opportunities being offered to our 0-5 toddler group. Today we had Bunnings offer their time again in doing some fantastic, fun craft; spending time with our school students too of course!

We are excited to say we’ll have a great crowd at the ‘Binya Ball is Back’ next Friday. We have quite a few tables booked already. Please call the school to ensure you get a seat. Payments can be made to the Binya P&C or brought to the school. (ph 69683221)

‘Blame Sally’ duo has been working on a fantastic music set, which will get everyone rocking on the dance floor. I believe (Melisa’s husband) Matt van Buuren has done some additional research to extend his choreography techniques after attending Bruce Springsteen concert a couple of weeks ago! He and (Melissa’s sister) Sally have been learning heaps of new songs to please the crowd. Easy listening music will start the night to enable ‘catch up conversations’ to be heard! We hope some of our ‘senior’ members of the community might enjoy an outing. Things will fire...
up as the night progresses! **Sure to be a great night.**

*Don’t forget to have a look in your archives for any old photos from previous balls? It’s a great trip down memory lane.*

Have a great week, Karen 😊

**SPORT**

*Sports Captains- Ben Rowston and Bill Geddes*

**Cricket clinic**- Owen Brown came down yesterday morning to do a cricket clinic with us. We improved in all areas of cricket. We did some hand eye coordination drills like throwing and catching balls as well as run out skills. We had to try to get a run out. Almost everyone could accomplish it. Afterwards we practised our skills in a game of backyard cricket. It was lots of fun. Thanks Owen. Owen will be coming for 2-3 weeks.

**AFL**- Griffith-Leeton- Narrandera AFL trials where on today. Harry and Ben tried out. Good Luck to the boys and we will have a full report next week.

**Small Schools Cricket**- Small Schools cricket is on Tuesday 11th week 7. Harry, Ben, Bill and Jordan have made the team. Phillip Rowston will be coaching the team. We hope to represent our school and do very well. “Marvellous shot that”!

**Riverina Swimming Carnival**- is on next Monday, 10th March.

On Monday the P6 will be going to Albury for swimming. Eliza, Harry, Ben and Leah are in the P6 relay. Leah also made it in backstroke and butterfly. Harry made it in breaststroke and so did Milly B. Some of us are struggling with nerves so we wish them good luck. *By Leah*

**Leadership**

*School Captains- Eliza Burcham and Jordan Boyd*

On Wednesday we had representatives from the Narrandera Shire Council visit us at Binya school. They came to see if they could put in some bird boxes to help warn off our noisy minors and make other birds come to our environment. We showed them the trees in our school ground. We learnt that the bird boxes should be put on the south eastern side because they don’t like direct sun light. They were going to Barellan as well. We think that it will help improve our environment. A lot of different birds will come into our environment.
P&C NEWS - We have been very excited to purchase some new home readers, thanks to the generous support of the P&C. Students will certainly enjoy the new glossy books to share at home 😊

**NB 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.

**Hats, hats hats!!!**

It has been generally pleasing to see more students remembering to wear their hat each time they leave the classroom. It is a good habit to get into.

It would be a good idea to have a discussion with your children about the importance of wearing hats and sunscreen.

**“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 😊

**What is Claire Burcham reading? Interview by Bill Geddes**

**What are you reading?**

“Pearlie and Opal Illustrated by Mike Zarb and written by Wendy Harmer”.
What is it about?

“It’s about a fairy called Pearlie who meets another fairy called Opal. The problem was when Pearlie took Opal out to jubilee park and Opal got stuck in a garden house. Then Pearlie used her wand as a lock pick to open the door”.

How did you come to choose this book?

“It was love at first sight I picked it up and started reading and I haven’t stopped since”.

What are your thoughts and recommendation on this book?

“It’s an interesting read and I definitely recommend the book for any girl that likes fairies”.

This book deals with death within our natural life cycle, including death from age and accident/illness, of people and animals. The factual approach takes the emotion out of reading and empathising with characters facing loss. Much easier to read when parents may be coping with their own emotions in death.

Theme - Coping with Death...

All around us, everywhere, beginnings and endings are going on all the time.

With living in between.

This is true for all living things.
For plants.
For people.
For birds.
For fish.
For trees.
For animals.

Even for the tiniest insect.

Extract from - Lifetimes by Robert Ingpen.

A practical, simplistic, matter-of-fact way, of ‘talking’ about death (and life), with children. 4+ years

KIDS CORNER

On Thursday we had sport. We played duck, duck, goose and ball games. We had to bounce and throw the balls. Next we played with the cricket bats. It was fun. By Leo

On Saturday I bought lizard at Big W. It is cool. I love it. It’s red and yellow. My lizard likes to climb up your arm and it’s nice. By Bailey

Two weeks ago I had the best dream I can remember. It all started at school. Years 4-6 were eating lunch, K-2 were already playing- just like any old Monday. Suddenly a water dragon burst from the kitchen sink. It frightened the heck out of me! It flooded the place. Everyone was gasping for breath except me because the blow shot me on top of the bubbler roof. I was on the roof when I saw the leaf blower
I grabbed it and sucked up all the water and the dragon. As the last drip of water went away I jumped down and I’d saved Binya.

It was the best dream ever.  *By Sam*

On Monday Mr Garner came out to spend some time to tell us about where he works (West Wyalong). He showed us some different rocks and he even showed us the tiniest but heaviest piece of gold.

First he talked about how much money they spend on fuel, tyres, machinery, and equipment. I was really surprised how much they cost. The fuel costs about 2 million dollars a month.

Mr Garner showed us some photos of their mine and an accident where the whole wall fell in. It actually wasn’t unexpected as they have a camera that takes photos that told them three weeks earlier and after that he showed us some videos of EXPLOSIVES. We were watching it then... Bang! The first explosion went off because they have to explode the ground so then the geologists can see if there is any chance of gold. Thank you to Mr Garner for coming out and I think all of us got some information out of that. *By Milly Burcham*

On Monday Mr Garner came to Binya. He works at West Wyalong Gold mine. We got to hold gold—real gold!

Then he told us he is a mechanic at the mine.

He told us they dig a hole with a drill with a diamond crusted bit on the end so it can drill through anything.

He told us there are big trucks that carry gold and they can come at any unexpected time. So that means they need high security guards. One day when the truck came in it had a flat tyre so they thought they would do something nice and fix it. However, then they lost connection with the satellite because the truck was in the fixing shed and so they got in trouble. The police came to check out the missing truck!

We enjoyed learning about the mine from Mr Garner.  *By Harry*

Today my Nan and Pop’s dog is coming to my house. Her name is Ruby. I like her because she is cute. She is my favourite dog in the world.  *By Emily*

We made bracelets and pen holders with the Bunning’s ladies today. We had to paint them...
and glue the sides together. It was fantastic fun!

By Millie Rowston

Today we joined in with Kidz Konnect. I made a bracelet for mum and a pen holder for dad. It was awesome! By Patrick Mickan

HOME LEARNING......

Students should be taking advantage of the interactive math home learning tasks on Mathletics. Passwords are pasted into each child’s homework book. Participation is monitored by Mrs Foy, with merit certificates awarded for achievements.

We are currently having a maths facts blitz 😊 Students are practising their number facts to 10 (20 and 30 for more capable students) to know them automatically! Lots of practise will help your child become more confident in their knowledge. Rolling 1, 2 or more dice and adding them is a great fun way to practise.

Primary students are working on a project on Botswana as part of the CWA competition for their country of study. At this stage they should be researching information and recording their V.I.P’s (very important points) and/or ‘I Remember’ strategy to summarise. All notes should be recorded in their homework books. Opportunity to conference ideas and research will be given in library lessons on Wednesdays.

Primary students will benefit by reading our shared novel, Ranger’s Apprentice at home. Families that are lucky to have siblings in primary can enjoy a ‘shared reading’ together at home! This will give them a good insight into the storyline when we are looking at language features for writing, and also enable them to be more fluent in their oral reading when they are familiar with the story. (mums and dads might enjoy sharing this book with their children too.. we did!)

Spelling Tip of the week...

But if two letters guard the vowels, he can’t get them!

FAULTY

Pinches
the vowels
‘A—don’t pinch me!’ (cake)
‘E! Leave me alone’ (complete)
‘I.. Don’t like that!’ (ride)
‘O Don’t pinch me!’ (story)
‘U mean bossy e!’ (flies)

But if two letters guard the vowels, he can’t get them!

hopped

a-a-a / e-e-e / i-i-i/

o-o-o / u-u-u can’t

get me !!!
Key Dates for the Diary:

**Term 1:**
- Peer Support Camp - March 18-19 (Year 6)
- Spelling Bee - March 20 (Yr2-6)
- Young Leaders - March 30-31 (Year 6)
- Tashi (Regional Theatre) April 7 (K-4)
- Debating seminar (Griffith) April 7
- Scripture - April 9

**Term 2:**
- Cross Country (Yenda) - May 2
- Small School Athletics - May 9
- AFL Gala Day - May 16

Wanted: Milk bottle tops for art and craft activities.

Please note change of day for primary student’s lessons they are now on a Thursday.
### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Events</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10/3</td>
<td>Piano Infants Riverina Swimming - Albury</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/3</td>
<td>Lunch orders returned</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/3</td>
<td>Sport</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Piano Primary Netball trials</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28/2</td>
<td>Canteen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>‘Kidz Konnect’</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Eventually all the pieces fall into place. Until then, laugh at the confusion, live for the moment and know that everything happens for a reason...
Binya Ball is Back!!

Friday, 14th 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

6968 3221