Welcome to Week 9 newsletter.

Students have been engrossed in our writing tasks this week. I am amazed how quickly they are becoming great writers- Kinder to Year 6! We have some samples in the Kids’ Corner.

We hope Mrs Foy and our Year 6’s travel safe and well and enjoy the amazing experience of the Young Leader’s Conference in Sydney this weekend. It will be a great opportunity and we look forward to hearing all about it next week 😊

Next Monday is a busy day for all!! K-4 will be enjoying live theatre performance of Tashi!! Lots of fun- we might get madly reading the many Tashi books among our infants students. They are great books that are ‘big chapter books’ made for little learners ;-) 

Meanwhile, the Year 6 will spend the day in a debating workshop at Griffith East. This will provide strong foundations for our preparations to compete in the Small School’s debating and the Griffith Community of Schools competitions that we are entered in for term 2 and 3!

We are holding our end of term assembly next Friday. This will be a fun day with our Kidz Konnect crew joining in for Easter hat making and the parade. We will have a shared morning tea before our formal assembly where students will perform and receive merit awards. We extend an invitation to all our community to come and join in our morning of celebration.

Hope to see you there, Karen 😊

SPORT

Sports Captains- Ben Rowston and Bill Geddes

Our next major sport event is the NSW PSSA Swimming carnival. It will be on April 10 (week 11) in Sydney. Good luck to our P6 relay team!! (Ben, Eliza, Leah and Harry).

Mortimer Shield trials (Small Schools team) will be coming up in Term 2. Ben Rowston, Bill Geddes and Jordan Boyd will be representing our school. More details to come.

On Friday next term, May 2, Binya students will be participating in Cross Country with Yenda Public school. All students will be participating. It would be a good idea for everyone to get practising!

The next couple of weeks are fairly quiet for sport!

Leadership

School Captains- Eliza Burcham and Jordan Boyd

On Friday the 4th of April we are having our end of term assembly. There will be speeches, awards and we will perform a song that some of the students wrote. On the same day we will also have an Easter fun day. We are making Easter hats and then parading them. Then we will have an Easter egg hunt! Yay! We hope you can come and enjoy the day. By Eliza
Last Friday we held our first official parliament meeting. We talked about computer problems and things we should improve on. We heard that we are getting a new basketball ring 😊. We also heard that there will be basketball coaches coaching us for sport term two! Mr Brown will also be coaching us in athletics in term two as well.  

By Jordan

P&C NEWS -

Allison has two girl’s uniforms in the office for parents to look at please let her know which one you prefer.

Yr 6 will be attending the Young Leaders Conference wearing the new blazers. A photo will be in next week’s newsletter.

Next meeting: Monday May 12, 2014. 7.30pm at the school.

All agenda items and apologies to Kirsty Rowston (president).

Peter Nilsson has kindly donated a boat for our playground. If anyone can help with transporting the boat from Lake Cargelligo to Binya, please call the school.

We also have a basketball ring that needs to be picked up at GB Sports, Griffith. If you could help please call the school.

Hats, hats hats!!!

Please continue to talk 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 your additions 😊

What is Eliza Burcham reading?

What are you reading?

Matilda by Roald Dahl

What is it about?

A girl that has amazing talents and magic powers.

What was the funniest part?

When Matilda uses her magic powers and chases the nasty Head Mistress out of the school.

How did you come to choose this book?

I enjoy reading Roald Dahl books.

What are your thoughts and recommendation on this book?

It is a very entertaining book that suits all ages.
BOOK CHAT

Reading Comprehension Problems

What kids can do to help themselves

- Use outlines, maps, and notes when you read.
- Make flash cards of key terms you might want to remember.
- Read stories or passages in short sections and make sure you know what happened before you continue reading.
- Ask yourself, "Does this make sense?" If it doesn't, reread the part that didn't make sense.
- Read with a buddy. Stop every page or so and take turns summarizing what you've read.
- Ask a parent or teacher to preview a book with you before you read it on your own.
- As you read, try to form mental pictures or images that match the story.

What parents can do to help at home

- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?" and "So, what lesson can we learn here?"
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.
- Help your child monitor his or her understanding. Teach her to continually ask herself whether she understands what she's reading.
- Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those he reads and those he hears.
- Read material in short sections, making sure your child understands each step of the way.
- Discuss what your child has learned from reading informational text such as a science or social studies book.

KIDS CORNER

K-2

Tyrannosaurus Rex

The Tyrannosaurus name means ‘tyrant lizard’.

- This powerful predator could eat up to 500 pounds.
- It could bite 230 kilograms of meat in one bite.
- Scientist have discovered that bones have been found in its dung.

The Tyrannosaurus is a great dinosaur powerful hunter and has very sharp teeth. By Bailey

Tyrannosaurus Diet

The Tyrannosaurus ate other dinosaurs. Tyrannosaur is a carnivore because they like to eat meat. Nothing ate the Tyrannosaurus. Lucky him! They were good at hunting because of their 1.2 metre long jaw, strong tail, strong smell and sharp claws. They scavenged for food. It sometimes just ate animals that were dead! By Sam
Tyrannosaurus Habitat
The Tyrannosaurus lived in the Cretaceous period, which was 65 million years ago. The dinosaur bones were found in North America. They lived in forested river valleys. They moved to warmer places in winter. They liked to move where other animal lived so they could eat them. By Patrick

Tyrannosaurus Appearance
T-Rex's tail was smooth. It had 2 legs and 2 arms. It weighed 7 tonne. It was fast and had very sharp teeth. By Leo

Triceratops
The triceratops lived in cretaceous times (65 million years ago). The bones of a dinosaur were found in Denver Colorado in 1887. He lived in forests. By Greer

Triceratops Appearance
The triceratops was 7 feet long and up to 3 feet tall. It had 4 legs. It weighed 9.3 tonnes. It moved slowly and had 3 horns on its head. By Claire

Triceratops Special Features
Triceratops has a 3 horned face and its big tail helped it bounce. They probably hatched from eggs and had five toes like us. It had a neck fan 1.8 metres wide. It is good because it has a big fan and a head with 3 horns. By Emily

Triceratops Diet
The triceratops ate plants and woody trees. The T-Rex ate the Triceratops, because the Triceratops was much slower than the fast Tyrannosaurus Rex. By Millie R

3-6
Sizzling Starts - Seven Steps to Writing Success.
K-6 have been working on starting our writing with the ‘moment of change’ - the ‘sizzling start’. Rather than taking the reader along the ‘nullabor plain’ of intricate background detail, we start with the impact point to grab the reader’s attention.
Ah yuck! Vegetables- not my favourite food! I wish I could have yummy cake instead...By Ben

Yuck! Vegies! Not again. My worst nightmare. By Eliza

Oohh yuck! Do I really need to eat these? Mum says if I don’t, I won’t get any dessert. By Bill

Argh I hate this! Sitting in a restaurant with a plate full of vegetables- not my best meal. By Jordan

HOME LEARNING......

Primary project on Botswana EXTENSION - students will have until the end of term to complete their project on Botswana. Year 4 are each working on one aspect to collate and contribute to the class project, whilst Year 6 are working independently. Please ensure you bring in our work for Library sessions to work on it in class too 😊

Teacher Talk

Spelling Tip of the week…

PEOPLE

P - Penny
E - eats
O - oranges
P - Pete
L - likes
E - eggs

Using mnemonics to remember tricky sound combinations ... making up silly/nonsense verses can help remember more complicated spellings.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.

Irish proverb
**WHAT’S ON NEXT WEEK?**

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**Key Dates for the Diary:**

**Term 1:**
- Young Leaders - March 30-31 (Year 6)
- Assembly – April 4
- 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 8
- AFL Gala Day - May 16

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The students at Binya Public School would like to invite you to join us for an Easter Celebration on Friday 4th April, 2014 starting at 10am at the Binya Public School.

There will be an Easter hat making, Easter hat parade, assembly, Easter egg hunt, and morning tea. We hope you can join us for lots of fun.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.