Tony Locket Shield AFL Day

Well done to our lads who participated in the Tony Locket Shield AFL gala day last Friday. By all accounts an enjoyable day and unanimously stated by the boys a ‘great’ debut coaching effort by Mrs Conlan. Well done all.

Biggest Morning Tea

Students will be attending the Biggest Morning Tea at the Binya Hall next Thursday. We will be walking to the Hall at approximately 11 o’clock. There will be the raffles and guessing competitions for the students to participate in. This year there is a Mask Making Competition for those who wish to be involved. More details are in the Binya Billboard.

NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge

Students have begun the Premiers Sport Challenge this week. It runs over a ten week period in Terms 2 and 3. Students will complete, in class, a diary of time spent in physical activity both at school and at home.

“The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.”

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc/primary/home.html

Parents can help by assisting Years 4-6 students in calculating how much time was spent being active on the weekends and after school so they can add it to their diaries.

Classroom Capers

Ancient Egypt is coming to life in our classroom. Primary students have been busy drawing the Pyramids and the Sphinx using a variety of shading techniques. The infants have made their own 3D pyramids and Egyptian people for a future display.

Fractions are everywhere. Students continue to explore the world of fractions. K-2 have discovered that if you divide a half into a half you get a quarter! Meanwhile 4-6 have been exploring equivalent fractions.

Students have been writing ‘power’ sentences about Ancient Egypt-Ban the Boring Bits! Great to see those capital letters and full stops!

Examples of the students work are in the Kids’ Corner

Have a good week.

Helen 😊

Thought for the week
**SPORT**

**Basketball** on **Thursday** with coach Maddie Testoni from Griffith Stadium will continue for the next two weeks.

**Griffith Zone Cross Country** is **Friday**. Students have been doing laps of our school each morning to build some base fitness. It would be beneficial to practise more extended distances at home over the next couple of days. The Yenda carnival was our school practise event. All our students (8-13 yrs) are eligible to enter the Zone event.

Next week Thursday 29th of May, **Ben Rowston** and **Bill Geddes** will be playing in the Mortimer Shield rugby league team in Griffith. Good Luck boys!

Congratulations to **Leah Boyd, Harry Rowston, Ben Rowston** and **Jordan Boyd** who will be representing Binya at the PSSA Athletics Carnival in Griffith on Tuesday, 3rd of June. Good Luck!

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**KIDS’ CORNER**

A pyramid has a square and four triangles. *By Leo*

Wow! That enormous square based pyramid constructed of heavy limestone blocks. *By Bailey*

Wow! That is a beautiful pyramid. It is so big! I wish I could climb up to the top. *By Greer*

Here stands the giant limestone pyramids built for the Egyptian Pharaohs. *By Sam*

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I can’t believe how enormous the pyramids of Egypt are. *By Emily*

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**Key Dates for the Diary:**

**Term 2:**

Zone Cross Country – Friday, 23rd May

Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday, 29th May

Zone Athletics – Tuesday, 3rd June

Altina Excursion Infants – Friday, 6th June
Here stands the square based pyramid constructed by heavy limestone blocks. *By Claire*

Wow! I can’t believe it a pyramid here in Egypt and they are amazing. *By Patrick*

Wow! Enormous pyramids are in Egypt. *By Mille R*

Imagine the great pyramid of Giza, covering 13 acres with its, over 2 million 15 ton lime stone blocks and measuring 139 in height. Some say that the missing blocks on top were made of gold. *By Jordan*

Imagine a 132 metre tall pyramid and trying to transport those heavy limestone blokes. It is so amazing how the ancient Egyptians constructed those pyramid. *By Harry*

The enormous Sphinx of Giza is a mythical creature that is a truly astonishing work of the Ancient Egyptians. The Sphinx is positioned toward the sunrise with the sun setting behind, so it can guard the pyramids. *By Eliza*

The great Sphinx of Giza Egypt has many different legends attached to it, some say it was restored by a young man, that, whilst sleeping on the sphinx’s sand coated head if he restored the sphinx he would become pharaoh of Egypt. *By Bill*

The great pyramids of Giza are about 132m tall. The Ancient Egyptian pharaohs were mummified and were laid in the pyramid. A maze protected the body. *By Luke*

WOW! I can’t believe the Egyptians really built this amazing creature. There are three different types of Sphinx’s. They all have lion’s body, a human head, a ram’s head and a hawk’s head. *By Ben*

Homework

Homework is due Mondays and readers will be changed on a Tuesday.

**Maths Mentals:** Yr 1 – Unit 13, Yr 2 – Unit9, Yr 4 – Unit 6 & Yr 6 – Unit 5.

**Spelling booklets** please return on a Monday even if not done as needed in class time.
Equivalent Fractions

Yr 1-2 practising making quarters by finding half, than half again.

P&C NEWS -

Please return uniform orders by Friday 23rd May to Kirsty Rowston

Next meeting: AGM Monday, 16th June, 2014. Time to be confirmed.

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

HELP NEEDED

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.
Canteen – Winter Menu

The winter menu canteen will be on a **Wednesday**. All orders need to be written on a brown paper bag. Preferably 1 per child, not 1 per family. This makes it easier for the canteen monitors.

**Prices** – Small pies $1.50

- Sausage Roll $2.50
- Pizza $2.50
- Poppers $1.00

What’s on next week?

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| Wednesday 28th May | **Canteen**  
Library  
Music - Primary |
| Thursday 29th May | Biggest Morning Tea @ Binya Hall  
Mortimer Shield (Yr6)  
Sport - Basketball |
| Friday 30th May | Kidz Konnect @ 10am |

Book Chat

**Reading strategies to help with home reading**

Reading at home with your child should be a positive experience for both you and your child. To ensure this occurs it is important that your child is familiar with their home reader before they begin reading it.

**Strategies to use to introduce your child’s reader on the first night include:**

- Read the story to your child first.
- Retell the story to your child and discuss the pictures and story line as you move through the book.
- Discuss with your child any new words or tricky words that may be present in the book. Discuss their meaning with your child.

What is Millie Rowston reading?

*Interview by Eliza Burcham*

**What are you reading?**

Teddy Bear Picnic

**What is it about?**

The teddies go to a picnic.

**What was the funniest part?**

When the polar bear misses the bus.

**How did you come to choose this book?**

It is my home reader.

**What are your thoughts and recommendation on this book?**

I think all little boys and girls should read this book.