We welcome Mrs Melinda McGrath to our staff for the next two weeks. Mrs McGrath has been teaching in England for the last two years with time spent at Yenda and Hanwood schools before that. One of her focuses will be the KROP performance. The KROP audition is currently scheduled for Friday 13th June. More details about KROP tickets, t-shirts, costumes etc. will be coming soon.

Today K-2 had an excursion with Barellan and Weethalle to the Altina Wildlife Park. I’m sure they will have a great time.

Also today 4-6 will be participating in a debating workshop via VC. The trained tutor will be conducting the lessons from Sydney while our students, with others from the small school network, will be learning in their classroom. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn and practice with professionals. It will be great training and revision for their upcoming debates and public speaking next term.

Just a friendly reminder that if parents need to take students early from school, there is a legal requirement to sign them out at the office first.

Congratulations to our participants at the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. Please read Leah’s report of the results.

Have a lovely long weekend and a good week.

Helen 😊

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**Thought for the week**

Happiness isn’t about getting what you want all the time. It’s about loving what you have and being grateful for it.

**SPORT**

Congratulations to Harry Rowston who will be representing Binya at the Riverina PSSA Cross Country in Deniliquin on Tuesday, 10th June. Good Luck!

Congratulations to Leah Boyd who will be representing Binya at the Riverina Athletics Carnival on Monday, 23rd June. Leah has made it away for three events, 10yr Girls 100m, Junior Girls Discus and Junior Girls Long Jump. Well done Leah and Good Luck!
Key Dates for the Diary:

Term 2:

Riverina Cross Country – Tuesday, 10th June
KROP Audition – Friday, 13th June
Riverina Athletics – Monday, 23rd June

On your marks! Get set! Bang! Sprinting for my life!

On Tuesday Ben, Jordan, Harry and I went to the Zone Athletics Carnival in Griffith at West End Oval. The weather was cool, frosty and cloudy.

First Harry went in his 800 metres. He did well. Next Jordan and Ben went in discus. Jordan got in the top 6. Then Jordan and Ben had shot put. They didn’t get in the top 6 but they did their best.

Not long after they called the junior long jump. I got in the top 6 and I came second. I jumped 3.28 metres. I was very happy.

Soon they called the 10 years 100 metres. I came first in my heat.

After, I had discus. I again made it into the top 6 and I came second.

Next it was time for the finals in the 100 metres. I came third.

I will be off to Albury for long jump, discus and 100 metres. I was excited and happy. By Leah

We went to the Binya Hall. I liked the cake. By Millie R

Yummy!!!!! Cake is the best! On Thursday K-6 went to the Binya Hall for the Biggest Morning Tea. Every year we go to raise money for the Cancer Council. There were lots of cakes, competitions and prizes. It was the best morning tea ever! And lastly I won a competition!! By Sam

Yum!!!

“Hello. Might I get more food? Ooh cookies!” On Thursday at 11:00 Binya Public School went to the Biggest Morning Tea. We played elastics. I won the mask completion. Overall it was fantastic. By Claire

I smelled cake. On Thursday we went to the Biggest Morning Tea. I got a whistle and we played with the football. It was awesome. By Patrick

There were a lot of games at the Biggest Morning Tea. My favourite one was, ‘Where is the Fairy Dust?’ I give it 10/10. By Leo

Binya K-6 went to the Binya Hall to raise money for the Cancer Council. There were cars, flowers, sweet food, cakes and cream. By Greer

We went in competitions. One was guess the weight of the pumpkin. I guessed 20 kilograms but it was only 12 kilograms. It was a great day. By Bailey

On Thursday we went to the Binya Hall for the Biggest Morning Tea. It was the best. We played elastics. I had fun. I had the best time of my life. We all liked it. I really, really liked it. I loved it. By Bailey

“If I eat any more I will burst!”…There were some great games to help raise money, like, ‘How long is the Snake?’ and mask making…There were a lot of people from all around…Overall I think it was a good morning. By Eliza

What is that smell? It smells great. Yes it’s Nan’s sponge….later we had the mask competition. Claire won. Well done to Claire. It was an enjoyable and tasty morning. By Harry

What is that? Why are there jelly beans, papers and people? Oh that’s right, it’s the Biggest Morning Tea…….Firstly, we rushed in to see what was happening. Half of us went over to the creative competitions and the other half went to see what was near the food or who was there. George Turner won the jelly bean guessing and I won the Sammy Snake guessing competition….By Milly B
Today, Thursday, was the last day of basketball lessons. Beau came and he taught us how to bounce the ball behind you and catch the ball in-between your legs. The lessons have been alright. **By Luke**

“Look at the cars...Oh! It must be the Biggest Morning Tea. On Thursday the 29th May, Binya Public School walked down to the hall for the Biggest Morning Tea to help raise money for Cancer Research.....It was a good day overall. **By Jordan**

On Thursday, Bill and I played Mortimer Shield rugby. We played 3 games only winning one. At the presentation I got the best player for my team. We had lots of fun and it was a good day playing in the mud. **By Ben**

Running, stepping, ducking in and out these were the things we were doing on Thursday last week at Mortimer Shield Rugby League Gala Day. We own one game but sadly lost two so we won’t get to go to Wagga but 4th in our pool isn’t too bad. Well done everyone. **By Bill**

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**Canteen – Winter Menu**

The canteen’s winter menu 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

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**BOOK CHAT**

**Fluency and Phrasing**

When your child is reading it is important to promote fluent reading. This will not only improve how their reading sounds, but it will also aide in their comprehension of the text.

- When you child is engaging in reading ask them to read right to the full stop.
- Ask your child to make their reading sound like they are talking.
- If appropriate with your child’s age discuss the punctuation marks and how we respond to them.

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**What is Bill Geddes reading?**

*Interview by Jordan Boyd*

**What are you reading?** Just Crazy by Andy Griffiths

**What is it about?** Lots of funny stories about weird stuff that happens.

**What was the funniest part?** When he gets stuck in the shower with the plug in and he can’t get out and the shower is filling fast.

**How did you come to choose this book?** I really enjoy reading any book written by Andy Griffiths.

**What are your thoughts and recommendation on this book?** It’s a funny book and if you enjoy reading Andy Griffiths books definitely read this one.
Tickets go on sale Tuesday 10th June from Griffith Regional Theatre 69628452.

Dates:
Thursday 31st July – Evening 6pm
Friday 1st August – Matinee 11am
Evening 6pm

Prices:
Evening - $20 Adults
$15 Children Under 15
Matinee - $15 Adults
$8 Children Under 15

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Community Announcements

RMA & Total Fitness in Griffith will be holding a Bully proof Self Defense Workshop during the upcoming School Holidays. The date is Thursday, 10th July. The workshop starts at 1.30pm- 4.30pm. The cost is $25. Bookings can be made by calling us on 0269624631 or mobile 0427630488. The last workshop was very successful and we have been asked repeatedly for the next one. So here it is.

Topics covered include:
- Conflict Resolution -role playing
- Identifying Trouble -awareness drills and games
- Dealing with Aggressive Threats -includes controlling space and dealing with adrenaline.
- Dealing with Physical Attacks- standing up and on the ground.

Griffith Connections presents Maggie Dent, Author, Teacher, Media Commentator and Parenting Expert for a series of workshops:

**Monday 16 June 10am - 12.30pm:** "Leading in an Uncertain World" - suitable for any type of leader (in your workplace, school, sports team etc). Griffith Exies Club. $30 pp (including light lunch). Pre-registration Essential.

**Monday 16 June 7-9pm:** "From the Sandpit to Adulthood - Helping Today's Children to Thrive" - includes 10 keys to parenting to help our children be happy, healthy, capable and kind. Griffith Exies Club. $10 per person or couple - pay at the door.

**Tuesday 17 June 7-9pm:** "Modern Mammoth Hunters and Cavewomen" - NEW WORKSHOP: an entertaining and light hearted look at the differences between men and women that have come down through the ages. Will help you understand your partner more deeply. Griffith Exies Club. $10 per person or couple - pay at the door. FREE CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE - Pre-registration essential for child-minding.

**Wednesday 18 June 7-9pm:** "Saving Our Adolescents: Supporting the Bumpy Ride to Adulthood" - suitable for parents and educators of teens - helping to navigate the tricky pathways of teenage years and building resilience and connectedness. Griffith Exies Club. $10 per person or per couple - pay at the door.

For questions, further information or to register, call Margaret Andreazza on 6962 6833, visit Griffith Connections on facebook or visit www.dotwaidecentre.org.au/DWC/maggie_dent_2014.html