Today we had the audition for KROP. The performance has been a process of discussion, choices, creativity, laughter, fun and a bit of hard work. Thank you to Mrs McGrath for sharing her resourcefulness and passion with Binya students. Congratulations to all the students for giving it their best and earning a place in the final program. Tickets are available from purchase from the Regional Theatre (please see details below).

K/1/2 had a lovely day at Altina Wildlife Park last Friday. They were beautifully behaved and a pleasure to take on this excursion. Not only did they enjoy ‘travelling to so many countries’ to see and learn about so many animals (a lot of them endangered), it was great to see them mixing and making friends with the other students from the different schools. Thank you again to Barellan for organising this excursion.

Another unexpected comment was made this week by a visiting arborist. At the conclusion of her inspection of the trees in our school she especially wanted to make comment on the behaviour of the students she witnessed in the playground. She said she had been to between 60 -70 schools recently and Binya students were the most polite students she had witnessed. At the time they were organising their game for recess. Congratulations to our school leaders for setting such good examples in the playground and for leading by example.

Students have been completing a number of end of semester assessments and they will continue next week. These will add to the information already gathered for writing of their reports but more importantly for what they will need to learn next.

Mrs Conlan will be extending her leave until Tuesday, June 24th. I will continue in the relieving position with Mrs McGrath.

Helen 😊

Thought for the week

SPORT

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!

On Tuesday, 10th June, Harry competed in the Riverina Cross Country in Deniliquin. On a very difficult track and with some stiff competition he came an honourable 29th out of 51. Great Effort!
Key Dates for the Diary:

Term 2:
- P & C AGM – Monday, 16th June
- Spelling Bee – Thursday, 19th June
- Riverina Athletics – Monday, 23rd June

Term 3:
- KROP Rehearsal – Wednesday, 16th July
- Small Schools’ Debating - Wednesday, 23rd July
- Small Schools’ Public Speaking – Thursday, 24th July
- KROP – Thursday, 31st July & Friday, 1st August

What’s on next week?

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On Friday we went to Altina Wildlife Park. We saw lions. The girl lion was white. By Millie R

At Altina I liked the lions. The boy lion was a king, he was big and wild. His cage was big and had a big iron fence. By Greer
On Friday the infants went to Altina Wildlife Park. I liked the donkeys, but most of all I liked the little monkeys. They are extinct in the wild. Overall it was awesome.

By Claire

On Friday we went to Altina Wildlife Park. We saw a donkey and it went ‘EEE ORR’ and the monkeys and meerkats were cute. One of the poor meerkats had its tail cut off. By Emily

My favourite animals were the salt water crocodiles, the fresh water crocodile and the alligator. The alligator was humungous. By Leo

On Friday we went to Altina Wildlife Park, it was awesome. Leo, Sam and I liked the meerkat. By Bailey

On Friday we went to Altina Wildlife Park. My favourite was the zebra. It was black and white. By Patrick

On Friday we went to this amazing park called Altina Wildlife Park! There were a lot of awesome animals. The Tassie Devil was really cute and the saltwater crocodile was really cool. In total it was a great day. By Sam
BIGGEST MORNING TEA
What is Patrick Mickan reading?

Interview by Jordan Boyd

What are you reading? Zac Power by H.I.Larry

What is it about? A boy that controls vehicles.

What was the funniest part? When the baddies steal things.

How did you come to choose this book? Mum got it from the library.

What are your thoughts and recommendation on this book? It’s a good book with lots of adventure.

P&C NEWS Next meeting: AGM
Monday, 16th June, 2014 - TBC

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

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
Teacher Talk

Simon Pampena


Simon has been the Numeracy Ambassador for National Literacy and Numeracy Week since 2009. He is known as the ‘Maths Man’ and has captured the minds and imaginations of many students with his ability to combine the ideas of mathematics with comedy.

What is your number one tip for ensuring kids enjoy learning maths?

The best tip for learning maths is to allow time for failure. Believe it or not, maths is difficult for everybody so if you’re having trouble getting something, you’re not alone. Don’t be hard on yourself if you don’t get something the first time. Also, studying maths is naturally going to be harder than studying reading and writing since in Australia we use English to communicate all the time... albeit our own version of English! Maths is just as complicated as English but requires time to be as fluent at it.

How important is maths in our day to day lives?

Being numerate is as important as being literate. While no one is going to argue about the merits of reading and writing, the fundamentals of mathematics are often ignored. I see the biggest benefit of being numerate is the ability to solve problems. Mathematics is really the art of problem solving and the better Australia is at problem solving, the better our future will be.

Mobile Library – Tuesday 17th June

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Tickets went 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

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