What a lovely welcome back week I’ve had- just like coming home 😊 I’ve really enjoyed getting back to routine this week and enjoyed catching up with our delightful crew of school children, staff and parents. I’d like to thank everyone for their wonderful support during this difficult time - beautiful flowers, fruits, texts, cards, food and just thoughtful well wishes! I certainly feel well-loved and cared for by this amazing community.

Naturally the school has been humming along just perfectly without me… but tough luck, I’m here to stay! LOL. Seriously I really need to thank Helen Foy for stepping in and certainly going above and beyond her role to ensure everything has run smoothly. And of course Melissa van Buuren who has such amazing foresight, making sure nothing is overlooked as always. These two ladies have been a huge support to me, and to the school community. We are really grateful.

Of course we have been fortunate to acquire the good will and services of Mrs Melinda McGrath to the teaching team. She has given not only great continuity for our students, but engaging literacy and math programs, and KROP… a huge relief to have great confidence in my dear friend and colleague to pull off something most people avoid! LOL. And it will be amazing.

This week has been the usual ‘normal’ sort of ‘not normal’ week. Mrs Foy and I have been working on a National Partnership Project for the P6 network of schools. Our task is to develop a professional learning package for the new Science syllabus to deliver to our network at Binya School on the Staff Development Day next term. This new syllabus will be fully implemented next year. Mrs Foy has already been working with the new concepts this year.

Yesterday was a First Aid training session for all our staff, to ensure we are up to date for the next three years. This is part of the mandatory WHS requirements.

Next term we have another busy term. Firstly we will welcome Stephanie Carey, a final year Prac student from Bathurst uni, who will join us from weeks 1-6. Stephanie’s family live in Griffith. She is looking forward to her experience in our K-6 setting.

KROP rehearsals are in Griffith in week 1, Wednesday July 16. The actual performances will be week 3-Thursday July 31 (full dress rehearsal matinee followed by evening performance) and Friday August 1 (both matinee and evening performance). We will be organising travel arrangements early next term. Mrs McGrath meanwhile is zipping away on her sewing machine and creating some fun costumes! Students only need to wear black (short sporty skirts for the girls). Simple!

In amongst all of this we have of P6 network debating for Year 6 and public Speaking for Year 4 in week 2 (July 23-24).

We will be integrating with Barellan Central primary school for 4 weeks of sport next term. Our students will mix with the year group and rotate through the variety of sports on offer. This will be a great opportunity to build networks with our neighbouring community, firming some friendships from our swimming interactions each year. It will also give students an opportunity to be a part of a larger group of students, developing sporting skills and games.
Have a great holiday everyone. See you in two weeks all refreshed and ready to roll 😊

Karen

Don’t forget Kidz Konnect off in holidays- resumes Friday 18th July. We are working to offer alternative warm shelter on cold days. Mrs Clifford will continue to have activities organised for the littlies each week. Gold coin donation (or $50 subsidy for the year).

Holiday Challenge

Students have been issued with a reading card with 25 boxes on it. They can get a parent signature for each reading session they do. Reading can be either- read independently, or be read to. Infants need to do 10 minutes to qualify for one signature, Primary 20-30 minutes. You can only have 2 signatures IF you read at two different times in the day e.g. afternoon rest and bedtime. 2 signatures is the maximum (or parents will get annoyed!)

NB A session is reaching the minimum minutes (1 session even if you read 40 minutes).

Rewards - to be announced next term... tip - fill the card!

Thought for the week

Read, read, read in the holidays. I have noticed a difference in the children’s interest and understanding in reading chapter books with their parents. Sometimes reading can be a lonely place when no one else knows about the ‘world’ you have entered?? When families share the story they make comment about suspicions of characters, the plot and what might happen. It is a great time as a parent to help children see that often there are ‘clues planted’ along the way in a story. It’s like watching a movie together.

Equally important, younger children should share several stories (picture books) each day. And nothing wrong with a re-read (or 10) of their favourite books either! Talk about the pictures, the setting, predict what could happen, does this sound like another book... make connections with them to help them predict the storyline, or what words might mean.
SPORT

Due to concerns from a number of Principals about the re-scheduled dates for the Riverina Regional Primary and Secondary Regional Athletics carnivals being during Education Week and clashing with the Riverina KROP dance festival, both carnival dates have been revised again.

The new dates for the carnivals have been set in week 4 term 3 as:

**Primary Athletics: Monday, 4th August, 2014**

Key Dates for the Diary:

**Term 3:**
Staff Development Day – Monday, 14th July

**Students Return – Tuesday, 15th July**

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

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Kid’s Corner

My monster is called Sky. She looks like a snake and is 8 years old. She likes to eat worms and play soccer. *By Bailey*
Akmen Ra fourth king of the fourth kings

Name: Akmen Ra fourth king of the fourth kings

He lives in Ancient Egypt

Diet: Naughty Egyptian children

Description: He lives in the pyramids of Giza and will eat any Egyptian children not obeying their parents. *By Bill*

Destroyer Apple

He shoots seeds. He hates sport but likes computer games. He is very strong. He never dies. He eats apples and drinks coca cola. *By Luke*

Mrs Afro

She loves playing games. She eats monsters that hurt her, but she loves to make friends. She sometimes makes a storm. She lives in a forest where there are lots of animals. She walks like a snail. *By Claire*

Eli Peli

She eats other monsters that she doesn’t know. She likes to play roly-poly with me. She is playful with monsters she does know. *By Millie R*
The Abominable Snowman

The abominable snowman is quiet a loving snowman, but he is all lonely in his cave.

Diet: snow cones

Habitat: the Himalayan Mountain/cave

Age: 150 years

Hobby: making snow gear

This snowman is a big softy and would like a friend.

By Eliza

Snot man

Snot man eats everything, except me of course and he likes to play sport with me. He comes from the underworld. He does not die and he is 99999. By Harry

We come in Peace

It has 3 eyes, 4 arms, 4 legs and 2 cobra sharp teeth and 1 ‘enter-eye’. It eats anything and it is so fast! It is a 999 years old. It is a girl and lives on the moon. Its favourite game is catching the ball and duck duck goose. By Greer.

The Consumer

He eats anything like a bottom less pit. It is 10 feet tall with two feet. He’s invincible against anything and he lives in the city until he’s eaten everything. He’s covered in fur with rock feet. By Jordan
My monsters name is Snot Nose. It eats everything, but it doesn’t eat me. It is 99999999 years old. It came from Africa and never dies. It likes to play snow sport. It lives in NSW and it has 1 arm and 3 legs. It drinks by using its horns. **By Leah**

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Hi my name is Web Star I come from the planet Arachnid. I eat bass. I can squirt acid I can make the world’s biggest web. **By Leo**

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Mrs Underpants eats other monsters that she does not know. She comes from the dark jungle and her name is Mrs Underpants because she has underpants on her head. **By Emily**

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This is big nose he has black teeth and a little goatee. He also has cross eyes, devil horns and he has a really really really really big nose. Enjoy!! **By Milly B**

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It likes to eat schools. It lives in the world. It is 18 years old. It hates school. **By Patrick**
This friendly monster loves a good day helping injured beasts and fighting evil ones. He lives in a gigantic cave. He is easy to please a basket of fruit or a good fight and he will be your best friend for life but when that friend dies he goes on the rampage for a day with the urge to destroy he is 10000 years old! And nothing can kill him. It might not look like it but he is the nicest thing on earth. **By Sam**

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**Goliath Worm**

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

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**AFL HOLIDAY CAMP- GRIFFITH**

Westend Stadium
Merrowie St

Friday 4th July, 2014
9.30am to 3pm

The cost of $50 includes:
- Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea
- AFL Pack (Footy etc)
- AFL Skills and games – Delivered by AFL Staff

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