Welcome to term 3 - semester two already! I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely well-earned break, and are ready for an action packed term!

Firstly we welcome a special visitor to our team- Miss Stephanie Carey. Steph is on her final prac from Bathurst Charles Sturt University. Her family lives in Griffith, so she is relatively local. Steph is welcomed to the reality of teaching, stepping straight into our KROP schedule, debating and Public Speaking competitions next week, and hopefully an excursion to Binya Hills before she leaves! She has just completed her first week of her five.

We had our KROP (Kids Rapt on Performing) rehearsal on Wednesday- of course our kids shone 😊 We had 15 very short minutes to get ourselves sorted- mic’d up, fully dressed and ready to run through. Our performance is: Binya School- Resilience Rulz; it’s Ok to be different, it’s great to have broad friendships, and it’s OK to rise above the pressures of others. Our performance has it all- singing and rapping solos and duos, percussion, dramtical performances, technical presentations and dance! All under 5 minutes on the stage (well... we hope!) Theatre performances are Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August at the Griffith Regional Theatre.

On Monday Binya held the Staff Development Day, with Helen and I presenting the new Science K-10 syllabus to our P6 network teachers. It was a very full and productive day, learning about the new requirements and finishing by creating a scope and sequence of outcomes for the network group. We will now work together to look at resources needed to be abreast of modern technology for data collection and testing, and consider how we can pool together to share more specialised equipment across our network. We also have several more aspects of the curriculum to present in upcoming weeks.

Again out wonderful P&C did an amazing job in catering for our group and were complimented on their delicious home-made menu, some produce even picked from the school garden. Thankyou so much.
Our school has had a lovely facelift during the holidays, with a full external paint, including the drink shed! The painters did a fantastic job, going to great lengths to preserve the buildings, and leave everything in order for us to return to school none the wiser!

Thankyou to Jeff and Danessa Mickan for picking up the timber boat from Lake Cargelligo during the holidays!!

Our P6 network debating and public speaking competitions will be held this week over VC (video conferencing).

Student reports went home during the last week of term. If you would like further clarification of anything in the report please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss with the teachers.

Kinder Transition program

Our 2015 Kindergarten transition program will run on Thursdays next term (starting October 9th). This is a great opportunity for our pre-school families interested in attending our school to come along and familiarise themselves with the school grounds, students and staff. They will participate in the school program and be supported in their transition to school routines.

Enrolments for 2015 are being taken now 😊

Binya School Welcomes You

We would like to extend a warm welcome to any new family who would like to experience our school. Children are always welcome to ‘come and try’ by joining in our school activities and gain some orientation to our nurturing, educational setting. Parents are also welcome to come along and meet the staff and students and have a tour of our school at any time also. You don’t know what you are missing until you come and have a go 😊

New enrolments are welcomed at any time.

This term we are learning about ‘heroes’, which will include Australia’s involvement in war, leading up to the centenary of Gallipoli next year. We are setting up a ‘discovery box’ to promote language/vocab development with all things ‘war’- uniforms, pictures, sample letters, old maps, artefacts, medals, transport vehicles etc. If you have anything in toy boxes, books, dress ups or memorabilia we would love to include them. Infants will also be looking at super heroes.(Please ensure you label items with name.)

Have a great week!
Karen 😊

Don’t forget Kidz Konnect provides the perfect venue for a weekly catch up with friends from in and around the Binya/Barellan district; a ready built ‘mother’s group’. Mrs Clifford provides fantastic educational learning experiences for interested toddlers and preschoolers each week! Mums and dads can sit and enjoy a nice cuppa and cake while the kids are entertained.

Each Friday 10-11.30am... rain, hail or shine!
Today at Kidz Konnect it was ice cold but we ended up having the activities in the library. We had a pretty good turn up considering it was so very cold. We had a special little guest Mrs D’Aquino and her little daughter Arabella! I was on Kids Konnect duty today and Arabella is so cute. I ended up teaching her how to thread a bead onto the string on her own! Also in attendance were the Kites, Bianchinis and the Rowneys. To top it off nicely Mrs Aquino brought a chocolate cake. Thank you to Mrs Clifford for organising the Kidz Konnect. By Milly B

Thought for the week

Life is like a camera

Focus on what’s important
Capture the good times
Develop from the negatives

And if things don’t work out
Take another shot

Holiday Challenge Winners

Students were invited to participate in a Readers Club challenge during the holidays. We were so impressed to see some students complete 25 sessions … that’s reading twice per day!!

Ben Rowston, Sam Conlan and Leo Geddes were rewarded with a double pass to the circus!! And, of course, a block of chocolate to enjoy in their next reading session!

Credit also to Milly Burcham, Eliza Burcham, Greer Geddes and Patrick Mickan who also participated by reading daily. They too were rewarded with McDonald’s fries vouchers!

SPORT

Primary Athletics: Monday, 4th August, 2014
Key Dates for the Diary:

Term 3:
Small Schools’ Debating- Wednesday, 23rd July
Small Schools’ Public Speaking – Thursday, 24th July
P&C Meeting – Monday, 28th July
KROP – Thursday, 31st July & Friday, 1st August

What’ on next week?

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Spelling Tip

**Rules for Plurals**
- **Add s:** For most nouns simply add s.
  - Examples: ball - balls, cat - cats.
- **Add es:** For most nouns that end in sh, ch, s, x, z add es.
  - Examples: fox - foxes, dish - dishes, dress - dresses.
- **Add les:** For most nouns that end in a consonant + y add les.
  - Examples: baby - babies, fly - flies.
- **Add ves:** For most nouns that end in f or fe.
  - Examples: leaf - leaves, knife - knives.

Kid’s Corner

![Kid's Corner Image]
The cold weather hasn't stopped our children being active in play time! Greer is captured here sneaking off her 'base' in the kid's Treehouse hiding game.

Yay! We are going to Melbourne!

“Really mum?” Cameron and I were so excited about our awesome trip!

In the school holidays we went to Melbourne. We watched Tigers versus Lions at the MCG the Tigers won! Then we went home. By Patrick

I went to Headstart in the holidays. We had an excursion. We went to the skate park. I had nine injuries on that day. It was the worse day of my life!

I hope I never go to a skate park like that again!! By Leo

In the holidays I went to my dad’s house. And I rode my motorbike. I stayed there for two weeks. We went hunting for pigs with dogs and bows. It was the best fun- there’s always lots to do. By Bailey

Wow – this is amazing! I watched Rio 2. I went with my Grandma. We had ice-cream and lollies too! It was the best time. By Millie R

Let it go…let it go…can’t hold it back anymore. Ah! Frozen my favourite movie.

In the holidays I made photo shoots with my cousins. We sang songs, danced and then we showed Nan and Pop – they thought we were even better than Elsa from Frozen! I think we definitely were! By Claire

Off we go! I am so happy I could scream! I get to visit my cousin Mabel and Kittie!

In the holidays we went to visit my cousins. My family all went to Castlemaine. While we were there Mum and I went to Cotton On and a lovely Café. I ate salmon and it was so yum! By Greer

In the school holidays my cousins came over to my Nan’s house. Their names are Jasper, Ollie, Jamilla, Penny and Indy. When I saw them I said a giant Hello!

In the morning we decided to have a sleep over. We played multi player Pokemon. I won all the battles. The next day I had Cocoa Pops for breaky. Then Ollie and I played chess. I won and Ollie went off his head! Soon mum and dad arrived and the Worlands had to go. It was a fantastic day! By Sam

4-6 Debates & Public Speaking

Next week we are doing a debate against Rankin’s Springs. The topic is ‘School lunches should be healthy.’ 1st speaker is Bill, 2nd speaker is Ben, 3rd speaker is Eliza and the 4th team member is Jordan. We have been talking about why healthy lunches are good for you and how it has an effect on our body and performance.

Year 4 are using their skills to do public speaking by writing their own speeches on various topics. By Jordan

Our P6 network debating and public speaking competitions will be held this week over VC (video conferencing).
Our debate topic is that ‘School lunches should be healthy.’

In our speeches we use a strategy called PEEL.

Point - your statement

Explain – why is this statement is true

Example – give an example from real life or your life

Link – link it back to the point  By Eliza

The topic of today’s debate is ‘that school lunches should always be healthy.’ We as the affirmative team believe the statement is without a doubt true. We define healthy lunches as foods low in fat, sugar and salt we define lunches as food brought in canteens as well as food from home. And school being as primary and secondary school. I will be talking about the needs of good nutrition at school and what carbs and protein do to your body. Whilst our second speaker Ben will be speaking about obesity in Australia and the fitness that sports people need and need to start good eating habits early in life.  By Bill

Secondly, by eating a healthy school lunch and having good eating habits when you are younger teaches us that having a healthy lifestyle is important to achieve your goals. Do you know how important being healthy is to a famous sports person? Adam Goodes is a chair person for the Goodes O’Loughlin Foundation and one of the focuses is a healthy lifestyle! Adam is an older AFL player, but he has kept fit and healthy and is still able to play his best.  By Ben

The Year 4 students are participating in their first public speaking competition. Below are their topics and one argument they have prepared:

Today my topic is Students should be allowed to bring their phones to school.

Students should be able to bring their phones to school so they can phone their parents in case they have forgotten their money, lunch box or bag (and are too scared to tell anyone else about it!) Kids need to be able to phone their parents, for example if a young child goes to boarding school for the first time he or she would want to phone their parents if they are scared or something is wrong.  By Harry

Homework is Harmful

We are at school from 9-3, surely we don’t need homework!! Kids are at school for 7 hours a day, 5 days a week. We learn enough in 5 days!You don’t get enough time to spend with your family and friends. Homework is too much for kids, some kids can get stressed!! If kids are staring at computers doing their homework, they would get sore eyes. Kids in high school get given too much homework and are not able to do anything around the house and hang out with your friends.  By Leah