News Flash!!
Leah Boyd lands 5th place in long jump at Nationals!!!
Wow! Such a huge achievement- we are all so proud and excited! Leah jumped 4.49m - first place was 4.75m (2nd 4.66, 3rd 4.56 and 4th 4.50m ... all very close!!) She was relieved not to foul any jumps, however didn’t touch the board either. Leah’s personal best was 4.70m in her training during the week leading up to nationals. We extend our congratulations to Leah (and her family for their commitments to training!) and look forward to seeing what the future holds for her 😊

Leah joins the very few Binya primary school students to represent NSW. We are currently compiling a ‘wall of recognition’ in our foyer and ask the community to contact us if you know of any past students who have achieved representation at this highest of levels- NSW.

Jack Rowston represented NSW in AFL in 2012 and Loretta Conlan also represented NSW in long jump in 1988 Could there be others??

Binya School students participated in step one of a unique vegetation rehabilitation project this week. On Tuesday Mal Carnegie from Lake Cowal environmental centre, visited our students to help them plant seeds that will become part of a much larger project- to link 500km of wildlife corridor, joining larger areas of habitat adjacent to pipeline routes or offset with other suitable areas. Binya students planted 3 varieties – Spreading Flax Lily, Miljee (Umbrella wattle) and Western Grey Box. We will watch with continued interest to see our seed grow and eventually be planted.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Calabria as she unable to continue with her involvement in our school next year. Mrs Calabria accepted a half day per week role at Binya in 2014... her passion and commitment far exceeded that! She spent many hours of love brainstorming, sourcing, preparing, fine-tuning, and displaying our incredible projects - Mrs Calabria put Binya PS on the map! We have had fine works displayed at the Regional Art Gallery, Central Plaza, Barellan Show, Binya Hall and published in the Area News. Not to mention our students have given the most remarkable mother’s day, father’s day and Christmas gifts to our families! We are really going to miss her skills and expertise - famously acknowledged for her art and craft skills, however an incredible teacher of all KLA’s, with particular strength in skills to be able to cater for the K-6 ages/stages of development! We wish her all the best for a ‘good rest’ and hope to see her return in the future.
This week saw the finish of our Royal Lifesaving Swimming program with Barellan Central. We thank them for including us in their program - such a valuable experience at a fantastic venue. Our students certainly enjoyed getting nice and cool at this hot time of year, and learning about swimming and safety too of course!

We look forward to seeing you at presentation night - our ‘Celebration of Success’ on Dec 14th. Please come along and join the community in acknowledging our students, and witnessing their captivating performance ‘Story of the Murrumbidgee River’ play.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break 😊
Karen, Helen, Roxanne, Lois and Melissa

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

News Flash -
Binya students will be singing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer on 2RG at 8.15 on Monday!!! Tune in 😊

What’s on Week 11?

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Please return family school surveys to the office ASAP 😊

STUDENTS RETURN FOR 2016 –
Thursday 28th January

The Learning Corner -

The best thing about Binya PS in 2015...

‘I’m in the Learning Pit! ... I can’t do it- yet! ... I did it - Look Mrs Conlan!’
Learning how we all learn, a ‘HOW2Learn’ initiative involving three phases of training, although quite ‘heavy’ with professional readings of multiple research bases, saw results very quickly - staff and student were soon talking ‘growth mindset’ and recognising their learning behaviours (like scavenging chocolate, drinking excess coffee and multiple toilet trips when learning became challenging!) We then learnt to persevere through the ‘pit’, take risks, fail, work collaboratively, ask questions, have a go, check work samples and be prepared to ‘bump it up’! We will get there!
Our learning environment has been the most rewarding project for me this year ... we are all learning most when we are not in our comfort zone - and that’s a the most exciting place to be... our learning is like watching a baby learn to walk, a little ‘clunky’ until it becomes automatic 😊 Mrs Conlan

“There was never any fear for me, no fear of failure. If I miss a shot, so what? I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost more than 300 games, 26 times I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over in my life, and......

That’s why I succeed.” –Michael Jordan
2015 at Binya Public School has been filled with too many memories to write in this small space. I thoroughly enjoy working at Binya! And often tell people I have the best job because I get to work alongside the most amazing staff, students and parents. I look forward to working with you all in 2016. May you all have a fantastic Christmas filled with lots of love and laughter.  

Mrs VB

The Year 2015 will be remembered as….

2015 was a year of change- new curriculums and a slight change in the emphasis of learning. As a teacher I jumped in the’ learning pit’ of teaching and continued the exploration of new ways of helping our students become the best, most resilient, lifelong learners they could be. I myself explored the world of MOOC, (massive open on-line classroom) –the whole world is available to our students. We encouraged risk taking - mistakes gave them the opportunities to grow that just pages of sums would never do. The quote from Thomas Edison, “I have not failed, I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work” became our mantra. Opportunities for all were given to allow understanding that their feelings of anxiety, sore tummies, frustration etc. is part of the growing process and ‘scaffolded’, one step at the a time, or a ‘light bulb’ moment, can occur to help them get ‘out of the pit’ and to a greater depth of knowledge or skill. We continued to encourage different styles of learning such as talking and sharing of knowledge, explaining what they know and collaboratively working and problem solving, as we all learn differently and we all grow differently. Finally students explored reflection of what and how they are learning, as another step to grow to their full potential. Not all of these processes are new but research and our changing world with technology and access to the whole world means a greater emphasis of their real importance. Like all journeys this is only the beginning …bring on 2016.

Mrs Foy

2015 has been a busy year with arts and crafts, as the children have built on their artistic skills and developed their creativity, creating amazing work they can all be proud of. The children have embraced new challenges with a positive attitude, willing to experiment and learn new techniques. A visit to the art gallery to view ‘The Archibald Portraits,’ was a great experience for all, as was the opportunity to display the children’s artwork in the public domain. Remember there is no right or wrong in art, it is an expression of the individual. Keep on Painting!  

Mrs Calabria

Binya PS - what a rewarding year to be a part of nurturing and witnessing our children growing in their learning. One highlight is Kidz Konnect - eventually we get the kids putting glue on the paper instead of their mouths! The usual routine for the younger children is to run straight to the play equipment, and then all of a sudden they grow to realise the fun in learning?! One day, not so long ago, I walked out the door and Hugh’s little face lit up like Christmas, he threw his arms up in the air, ran towards me, ready to roll with the craft! (Well, I do use glitter - and boy do they love it …by the gallons!! LOL) Witnessing the interactions with the ‘big kid helpers’ with the little children is just beautiful 😊 The school students have grown so much in the development of their artistic skills through their lessons, and the excitement to see them transferring these skills into their own art now is just so exciting. I’m so lucky to be a part of such a caring, nurturing environment... it is so rewarding.  

Mrs Clifford
And our little elves caught on camera!! Thank you to **Karen Smith** and **Kevin Amery** for their awesome efforts in keeping our school so beautiful - a fabulous place we all just love so much... and so many people praise 😊

What a fantastic school to be a part of. Just walking through the front gate and being surrounded by beautiful gardens is lovely.

A highlight for me would have to be watching staff, students and parents and community members come together for Remembrance Day. It was special to watch the students be so involved in the running of the day, from setting up in the morning to cleaning up afterwards. They should be very proud of their efforts. Here’s to an exciting 2016!!!  

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**Jan is the best, chuck out the rest!**

Jan takes great care of us on the school bus – she’s always on time driving us to and from places. She gives us lollies and ice-creams. She includes everybody – even if it means getting you on the bus early so you don’t miss out. Every time we go to the post office she lets us have lollies. She’s everywhere in the community and she is always offering to help. We love our community xmas tree and Jan’s lights at the post office. Nothing will stop her from being the wonderful caring lady that she is.

She spoils us rotten – and we LOVE IT 😊 We love her. We hope Jan has a bright, healthy year in 2016.  

PS Thanks to Jan we have Binya on the map with our calls to 2RG radio! **By Binya K-6**

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**Binya is the best! Chuck out the rest!**

Do you want to know what the ‘genius’ means in ‘genius hour’? It means we are genius’ and we do it for an hour!

For genius hour I am doing a power point about gymnastics. It is really fun. I love it. **By Amelia**

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**Binya is the best, chuck out the rest!**

This year we have been doing art with Mrs Calabria, but sadly she has to leave next year. Everyone is going to miss her. We are going to have Mrs Conlan as an art teacher. I cannot wait to see what we have to draw! For painting we will probably be doing flowers and stick figures?! Who can compete with Mrs Calabria?! But on the bright side, I am sure we will be doing fun things too.

Today we had Mrs Calabria for her last day so we brought all the teacher’s presents in. I wonder what we are doing for art today? **By Emily**
“What? State here we come!”
The highlight of 2015 would definitely have to be making it to state for the P6 relay!! My knees were shaking uncontrollably; the knot in my stomach was getting bigger, and bigger, the more I waited. Then it was time to step up to the block and swim my hardest. BEEP!! It was over in a flick. One race, 4 kids and eager to win... we came 4th in our heat and 14th overall!! I didn’t care about what we came, it was the experience that mattered. Standing on the blocks in the Sydney Olympic swimming pool was the most exhilarating feeling and made me feel like I could do anything.

Hopefully Leah, Harry, Claire and I can experience this amazing opportunity again in 2016!!😊😊😊 By Milly

Highlights of 2015 – when I went to nationals.
I had to progress from small school athletics carnival and all the way to the Nationals, at the huge stadium in Canberra.
At small schools I came first in Long Jump. At Zone I broke the record – I jumped 4.18m and came first. Next was Riverina, which was at Albury. I came 2nd and Jumped 4.17m – it was the first time I had ever qualified for state for an individual event. State was not far away...I was nervous, but when the time came when I had to jump my best jump was 4.47m! Second – I qualified for Nationals!
I trained hard with Mr Turner in Griffith. The big day arrived I headed to Canberra – extremely nervous! I couldn’t believe how well I jumped – with no fouls! My best jump was 4.49m and I came 5th overall!! It was great swapping badges with kids from other states. Our photo of the NSW team had to be done in three phases and photo-shopped to fit over 100 athletes in! It was the best time. Something I will never forget. By Leah

The highlight of 2015 for me is when I got an opportunity to represent the Riverina in AFL... I made lots of different friends- that was fun! I loved learning on the footy field too. My coach was nice and taught me lots of new skills. I had so much fun even though I didn’t have a very good carnival; I guess everyone has a bad day.
I even met the Sydney Swans coach, John Longmire! He was there was watching his son. This was a great experience.
I hope to represent NSW next year. By Harry

Mobilo’s the best, chuck out the rest! I love mobilo because it’s a great way to test your brain.
Bailey, Harry and I became best friends by building things such as trucks, ute’s, trailers, cars and Derby vehicles with epic bull bars! There are blocks like wheels, rectangles, squares and seats just to name a few.
The best thing I ever made is my derby truck that I have right now. It has a big bullbar and it is yellow and blue. I got the best friends from building mobilo. By Luke

Mobilo is FUN!
Luke became my best friend because we enjoy playing Mobilo together at lunch. The best thing I have made is a ROAD TRAIN, header or my derby truck and bullbar. When I’m back next year, I’m going to think of something bigger and better to build!! By Bailey

Best thing about science in 2015.
The best thing about science is you learn about electricity and that metal conducts electricity. If you do science you will get smarter and smarter and learn lots of things. By Greer
What to choose? What to choose? My favourite thing about 2015 at school would have to be... Genius Hour! I like Genius Hour because you get to pick whatever subject you like! Genius Hour is where you pick a subject and every week, on Mondays, you have an hour to work on it. When your project is finished you should have it all typed up on PowerPoint and ready to present to the class.

You can also present your project in many different ways rather than PowerPoint. You can also make a model, create a book about your subject or present it on Scratch.

Genius Hour is my favourite thing about 2015 what’s yours? **By Sam**

I am going to be sad when we leave school for the holidays. I have learnt everything I know at Binya Public School. The best thing about it is Genius Hour- in it you get to do your own thing. The first time I did it, I did frilled neck lizards. I learnt a lot about them and a lot of tech stuff and PowerPoint. Mrs Foy taught us how to do it. I wonder how Mrs Foy is going to top next year?! **By Leo.**

I’ve enjoyed 2015 at Binya because everyone has a chance at different sporting events especially me! I have made it to state in swimming?! Like seriously, a short little girl on a massive diving block? That was me! It was the best sporting experience.

I made it as part of the P6 relay team. All my Binya mates cheered me on at zone- I made it because of their support. We got second at Riverina in Albury. Sydney was awesome - we made a great time in our heat, even though my goggles fell right down to my chin as I dived into the 50 metre pool! But, I kept going. It was an experience of a lifetime **By Claire**

I like science because we are making a house out of Lego. We are finished the windows and walls and made them look awesome. We have also finished the grass. We aren’t finished the pool but we are getting to that. We have added lots of details to our house to make it look fantastic. Science is my favourite thing to do **By Max**

Art is awesome because we got to make Santa puppets. We painted them with red, skin colour and black for the boots and arms. We got to take them home and we got to pull the string and it did star jumps! **By Charlie**

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**School Security**

If you see any suspicious activity around the school out of hours contact one of the numbers below.

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For incidents involving people on school sites:
- Report Incidents of:
  - Violence
  - Weapons
  - Illegal drugs
  - Other criminal activity

For incidents involving asset protection:
- Report Incidents of:
  - Security breaches
  - Break and enter
  - Malicious damage
  - Graffiti & vandalism
  - Arson

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**Binya Public School**

Invites you to join us for our annual presentation and Christmas celebration.

The staff and students would love to share the night with you.

**Monday 14th December 2015**

6.30pm, Binya Community Hall

**Highlights**

- Presenstations & Awards
- C & L entertain us
- Silent disco
- Popcorn station
- Supper provided by Binya P&C