Congratulations to our amazing school, crowned the Division C Swimming Champions at the Small School’s Swimming Carnival on Tuesday! The students accumulated points through high participation in the carnival, with several excelling and finishing as champions on the day:
Congratulations Harry Rowston – 11 years boys champion and Millie Burcham – 11 years girls’ champion.

A reminder that parent interviews are being held next week Wednesday 25th February. Times have been organised and a slip with your allotted time is attached to the newsletter.

Just a reminder families are asked to pay $45 for each child to cover text book fees for the year by the end of term 1. This fee is separate to the P&C voluntary contributions. Please feel free to contact me if you have difficulty making this payment.

Have a great weekend.

Karen 😊

**SPORT**

**Zone Swimming Carnival** – Congratulations to Claire Burcham, Leah Boyd, Harry Rowston and Milly Burcham who will be competing at the Zone carnival on Thursday 26th February. Good Luck!

Our P6 relay is through to compete at Riverina on **Monday 9th March** the team consists of Milly, Claire, Leah and Harry. Awesome effort!

Congratulations to **Harry Rowston** on making it through to the next level in cricket. Harry will now attend the Riverina trials in Deniliquin on Monday 2nd March. Good Luck Harry!

**‘Upcoming sports’**

We wish Harry Rowston the best of luck as he trials in the Griffith Zone Basketball next week, Tuesday 24th February. Good luck Harry!

**What’s on next week? Week 5**

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**Claiming the Date (Note New Date not 20th March)** – Friday 24th April

**Thought for the week**

*Beautiful has nothing to do with looks. It’s how you are as a person and how you make others feel about themselves.*
Next meeting: Monday 16th March @ 7pm.

Thankyou to Bill & Kathy Kite for kindly donating a fridge for the students to put their lunches in. Thankyou also to Paul & Nathan Kite for dropping it off.

Thankyou to Dave Burcham, Phil Rowston and Paul Kite for taking down the shade sail that was damaged during the storm. Thanks Dave for taking it into Leeton for repairs.

Donations - toy animals and Lego

Our children have been enjoying playing with the animals and Lego at school. If you have any at home that your children may have outgrown, we would love to build up our sets of toys at school. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Hats, hats hats!!!

Binya are recognised as a ‘Sun Smart’ School. We continue to ensure our students are aware of the dangers of sun on our skin.

*Students are reminded to wear their hats. Please check that your children have their hat at school.*

Infants spelling and grammar

Today we wrote sight words on our whiteboards we wrote mum, dad, is, am and I we worked with Mrs Conlan. *By Max and Charlie*

Splash! Yesterday we went to Griffith Pool for a swimming carnival. This was it for me – my first swimming carnival! I’m up…splash! I jump in when the beep noise went. Yes! I won my in my first carnival! I can’t believe it. It was very cold and noisy and there were heaps of kids there. I had fun. *By Patrick*

Splash! “Go Milly Go!” They have started the swimming race wow Milly is fast. Yay Milly won. Luke is up…beep! Luke came 3rd. “Mum it is Claire’s turn.”

“Em, I came 2nd! It is so much fun.”

Binya had a ball at the swimming carnival yesterday. We came first in the handicap. After the carnival Luke and I jumped in the pool. It was an excellent day. *By Emily*

I like to go to the Barellan Pool for swimming lessons and Sam comes too. We go to the pool Heather teaches us. *By Millie R*
Year 3 & 5

In preparation for NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 are looking at narratives and applying quality literary techniques to plan and develop characters, develop plots and resolve problems.

Together we created a joint construction about Farmer Phil.

Setting the scene

The sun beams down, gently toasting the tips of the golden grains spreading across the horizon— from the back verandah of Farmer Phil’s homestead, right through to the edge of the Binya Hills. It’s nearly harvest time.

Main Characters

Farmer Phil, sipping on a can of... coke, beads of sweat pooling on his forehead, coursing their way through the creases of a newly-formed frown.

Problem

Harold the Header has seen that look before. He casts his eyes over his fading, rusty yellow cab.

Bailey the Hay Bailer – with shiny green paint, knows that Harold has done enough years. “Looks like Farmer Phil wants a new...header!”

Sadly, Bailey was spot on, and Hugo, the huge Case Header, arrived within days – just in time to kick off the first sample. Harold the Header leaked oil from his headlights as he watched on, yearning to finish his long partnership with Farmer Phil, one last paddock!

Hugo the Header devoured paddock after paddock faster than the speed of light. Harold could never compete with Hugo.

Climax

But wait...pluh, pluh, pluh...drip, drip, drip...has Hugo broken down? Surely not! Oh no poor Farmer Phil...four inches of rain is forecast for the weekend... His crop will be ruined!

Harold the Header’s eyes lit up. They blinked on and off in hope that Farmer Phil will let him do just one more run! His little motor churned over in the shed.

Resolution

“What’s that sound? Of course! Harold the header! He can get the job done!”

Farmer Phil revved up the engine and took off in a cloud of dust. Together they worked round the clock and managed to get the bumper crop off just in time before the rain began to fall.

“Good job Harold. What a waste of money on that new Hugo Header. I should have known I can always rely on you. Now we will have enough money to go on holidays.”
**KIDZ KONNECT** meets every Monday at 10am during the school terms. Come along and join in educational activities that cater for child interaction while mums, dads and grandparents can have a social catch up.

**Small Schools Swimming**

Paddington Bear is coming to Binya!
**FRIDAY 24th April @ 6pm**
More details to come