The school calendar is certainly hyping up as we hit our straps with high activity in school planning and reporting, parent/student/teacher interviews setting up learning plans, professional learning, sport, assemblies and performances, book fair and Easter on the horizon! Where to begin?

Last week I spent two days in Wagga at a Primary Principal’s Conference where we engaged with a variety of quality key note speakers. The latest of information was presented by leaders in the areas of Legal Services, Media Liaisons, Employee Performance and Conduct, Curriculum and Human Resources. Greg Prior, Deputy Secretary, NSW DEC, also addressed our conference on where we sit with education. Over the past three years new reforms have put in place the foundations for continuous improvement across NSW public schools, enhancing professionalism, increasing local authority, improved accountability and systematics support. We have adopted these as our current practice - it’s the way we do things now. Coming soon is the School Excellence Framework - our core mission, like other high-performing education systems around the world, is our focus on continual school improvement. We aim for excellence using the best measures of quality practice so teachers and principals can make the best judgement. Ultimately it’s about improving student outcomes 😊

Karen 😊

Zone Swimming Carnival – Congratulations to our representatives at the Zone Carnival on Wednesday - Leah 3rd in Breaststroke; Milly 4th in most of her events; Harry 3rd in backstroke and 3rd in Butterfly. We eagerly await the check of qualifying times for Riverina. 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 who was selected in the Griffith Zone basketball team. Harry will now attend the Riverina trials in Albury on Monday 16th March.

Good luck Harry Rowston next week at the Riverina Cricket trials on Monday and AFL trials on Thursday.

‘Upcoming sports’ - Yenda Cross Country – Monday 30th March (Week 10)

What’s on next week? Week 6

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Thought for the week

F.A.M.I.L.Y is one of the sweetest words anyone can say, because the letters of F.A.M.I.L.Y means “Father and Mother I Love You” So love your F.A.M.I.L.Y always.
Claiming the Date (Note New Date not 20\textsuperscript{th} March) – Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} April from 6pm
Binya School will be hosting an....

Open Air Movie Premiere
in our school grounds!! Paddington comes to Binya

This fundraiser guarantees a night of great family fun! Family tickets will be $20 (single $10). BBQ facilities available and a range of fun activities for the kids - face painting, photo booth, jumping castle (hopefully!) Melissa and Sally will be selling hot cappuccinos, while the kids can purchase soft drinks, popcorn and lolly bags for the movie session.

A highlight of the night will be the Auction of ‘Grannie’s Goodies’!! They may not know it yet, but our beautiful bakers in the community will be asked to make/bake their ‘signature dish’ to be auctioned on the night!! Jan’s Jams and Relishes... Eileen’s Apple Pie to name a few!! (because hopefully I can get away with dobbing them in!!)

Of course the next highlight will be the showing of the newly released ‘Paddington Bear’ adapted from Michael Bond’s beloved books, Paddington follows the comic misadventures of a polite young bear with an endearing talent for comic chaos.’ We hope this night will prove to be a great night for all ages across the community to come along for a get-together- right before sowing!

We are looking for major, and minor, sponsors to assist with the projector costing? If you, or any businesses you know may be interested in supporting our event, please contact Melissa at the school.

End of Term Assembly/Book Fair
We will be hosting an end of term/Easter assembly on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} of April. As part of our assembly we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Our school students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character ... that’s five weeks to prepare ;-)

Kidz Konnect will be meeting on this day and joining us! The littlies will be doing Easter masks/hats to be a part of the fun 😊

P&C NEWS - Next meeting: Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} March @ 7pm.

P & C Direct Deposit Details:
Binya P&C assoc
Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 062548
Acc No: 00900206
Please state what you are paying for as your reference. Cheers Danae

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.

Reminder for text book fees to be paid to the office at your earliest convenience 😊 ($45 per child).
Dogs are better than cats
Planning our arguments - students worked in groups to think, talk and plan arguments.

We learnt the letter ‘t’. Tall trucks tipping, t, t, t. Tractor towing, t, t, t. I like tractors and trucks. **By Charlie**

Today we cleaned up our school. Bailey and I found plastic, a bucket and a tennis ball. **By Max**

Today Harry and I found four tennis balls while we were cleaning up our school ground for Clean Up Australia Day. **By Patrick**

Leah and I worked together to clean up the school. I held the bag and Leah picked up the rubbish with gloves on. **By Millie R**

On Thursday we were learning about 2D shapes. We did a quiz to work out the others.

1. I have 6 sides, 6 corners, my angles are obtuse?
2. I have 4 sides, 4 corners; my angle is a right angle?
3. I have 3 sides, 3 corners, my angles are acute?
4. I have 4 sides, 4 corners, my angles are acute?
Can you guess them all? **By Luke**

On Thursday we did art and learnt all about the Chinese New Year. We made a dragon and drew a fireworks picture. The dragons were made out of paper and we had to colour them in. **By Emily**

On Thursday Owen Brown came to Binya School to teach us all about cricket. We did fitness, we practised our catching, and then we played a game. Thank you, Owen. **By Bailey**

At the swimming carnival I swam in 25m backstroke and freestyle. When I first jumped in the water it was a bit cold, but I wasn’t scared. It was great! On the way home we had an ice block. **By Greer**

On Thursday I made a dragon. It is red and yellow because it is the Chinese New Year. It is the year of the goat. **By Leo**

On your marks, get set, beep! On Tuesday 17th February Binya students competed in the Small Schools swimming carnival.

I was a little nervous for my first race 100m freestyle. But after the first race I wasn’t nervous anymore. I came 1st backstroke, 2nd breaststroke, 3rd freestyle and 2nd in butterfly all 50m events.

Harry did very well coming 1st in all his events. He won 11yrs age champion. Milly also had a great day swimming and won girls 11yrs age champion.

Milly, Harry, Claire and I swam in the P6 relay and came 1st. So we are off to Albury.

Binya came 3rd overall and won the handicap for the ninth time. It was awesome! **By Leah**

Bang! Great bowling! On Wednesday I went to the Zone cricket trials at the Exies nets. I knew a lot of the boys trying out. There were a lot of good bowlers there, but not so many batters. So I tried really hard when I was batting and bowling.
At the end of the trial eight were chosen to go to the next level in Deniliquin on the 2nd March. Woo hoo! My name got called out, I was so excited and pleased with myself and so was Dad 😊

By Harry

I am a parallelogram?
I am a quadrilateral?
I have 4 vertices?
I have opposite sides that are equal?
Can you guess what this is?

In class we have started learning about 2D shapes. In year 5 we investigated – quadrilaterals. A quadrilateral is a kind of parallelogram. It’s a closed flat shape with 4 straight sides and 4 angles. A quadrilateral’s are squares, rectangles, trapeziums and irregular four sided shapes. We will learn more about 2D shapes this term. By Milly

Splash! On Tuesday 17th February, Binya Public School went to Griffith for the Small Schools swimming carnival. I got 1st in 25m backstroke and breaststroke and 2nd in 50m freestyle.

The most exciting part of my day was being in the P6 relay- we swam against Rankin Springs and won. It was awesome! I love swimming but I was so tired. By Claire

Sam the Snake was slithering through the swamp. Snap the Crocodile was swimming in the sludge. A full moon high in the sky, shining down on a tree. Sam knew it was time. He climbed the tree and stood on a branch to block out the moon. Snap noticed the shadow of his serpent friend cast across the moon.

Worry etched on Snap’s face. “Sam,” he called out, “You can’t be serious? I thought we got rid of Murk for good!”

“Well it appears we were wrong to think that, it’s now time for action! At least I know where Murk is- he is in the abandoned castle where no one dares to set foot. We better get going.”

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. ALL WELCOME - you don’t need to have kids! A great chance to meet new people, or catch up with friends.