Binya is up and running on the social calendar! Looks like plenty of opportunities for social get-togethers before the cold months of football set in!

The **Binya Ball has been set for Friday the 27th of March**, and is sure to be another great night of dancing, laughter and conversation ‘til the wee small hours no doubt.

Our school is also hosting a **Movie Family Night on Friday April 24th**. This event is a great opportunity for our families and friends to come together for a social community catch up- enjoy a barbeque, movie nibbles and a bit of bidding in competition to grab the best ‘grannies goodies’ home cooking! Either a feast for the night, or to fill the lunchboxes 😊

For the more active members of the community, Bec Rainbird has established a **Group Fitness and Personal Coaching** program to be run in our beautiful school grounds on Friday mornings next term. (Commencing April 24th at 9.30am. ph. 0439102485).

Of course **Kidz Konnect** is another community activity on the calendar each Monday of the school terms. All are welcome- feel free to pop in even if you don’t have children 😊 Mondays 10-11.30am.

It’s great to see such opportunities to give cause for members of our community to come together, build new relationships and cement ‘older’ ones. Always positive to bring in friends from our wider networks- we welcome one and all.

Karen 😊

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**SPORT**

**Riverina Swimming Carnival** – Go, go Milly, go!  
Last Monday Harry, Milly, Claire and I went to Albury for the Riverina swimming carnival. We swam in the P6 relay. Milly hopped on the block – beep went the buzzer, she touched the wall in no time. Claire dived in, and she touched the wall in what seemed liked seconds! I was next- I swam my hardest. Harry dived in to finish it all off well. We got 2nd place! We were all excited. Off to state! My breaststroke was marshalled next- there were four heats- I was in the third heat. Overall I got 21st from 26 competitors.

Now we have more training to prepare for state with our relay on the 26th and 27th of March. **By Leah**

**Harry Rowston** will attend the **Riverina Basketball Trials** in Albury on Monday 16th March and **Western Riverina AFL** in Leeton on Thursday. Good luck Harry!
Small Schools Cricket was held on Tuesday. Phil Rowston was an exceptional volunteer coach/umpire/mentor for the young boys across our small school’s network. No doubt all boys, regardless of knowledge and experience, went home with a lot more knowledge and skills than they came with. We thank Phil for taking time out from his busy schedule to support us. We played against East Griffith Primary, and started with the bat. We were thrilled to far exceed our score from last year, scoring a total of 73 runs, using the full 25 overs. Harry Rowston performed extremely well, having to retire at 40 runs for the day. Angus Brown (Tharbogang) was lucky with several dropped catches enabling him to stay in with Harry and help get a great start to our runs. Jisharn Harrison of Goolgowi also batted well. Fielding proved a tough job as East Griffith had several good batters that were hard to dismiss. Harry Rowston, Angus Brown and Michael Cudmore (Tharbogang) displayed clean bowling, taking a wicket each. Chaise Sergi of Yoogali also bowled nicely- full and tight. East Griffith proved eventual winners passing us after 13 overs. They will now go on to round two of the NSW PSSA Knock Out. We wish them all the best.

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

What’s on next week? Week 8

| Monday 16th March | Kidz Konnect
|                  | Riverina Basketball Trials
|                  | P & C Meeting
|                  | Book Club Due
|                  | Visiting Fire Truck
| Tuesday 17th March | Mobile Library
| Wednesday 18th March | Sport Zone Netball Trials
| Thursday 19th March | AFL Trials
| Friday 20th March | School Banking

Thought for the week

| Before you speak... | T - is it true? |
|                     | h - is it helpful? |
|                     | i - is it inspiring? |
|                     | n - is it necessary? |
|                     | k - is it kind? |

Friday 24th April from 6pm

Binya School will be hosting an....

Family Movie Premiere

This fundraiser guarantees a night of great family fun! Family tickets will be $20 (single $5). BBQ facilities. BYO chair/bean bags and blankets 😊 No alcohol permitted. Auction of ‘Grannie’s Goodies’!! Our local 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!! The movie- newly released ‘Paddington Bear' adapted from Michael Bond’s beloved books. A great movie for young and old 😊

Yenda Producers have generously come on board to become our major sponsors for the night. Yenda Producers support many school and local organisations, and are pleased to support our great community event.

Thank you to Jan Evans from Evans Newsagent & Postal Service for her generous sponsorship. Jan is always a trusty supporter of school and community activities.
KID’S CORNER

Our Kinders are up and writing! Very clever at hearing sounds and writing (“Don’t squash me,” said the ant.) ☺

Sam has written a conclusion to our Farmer Phil story... the new header has broken down. Rain is threatening to come before the weekend...

His crop will be ruined! Farmer Phil stormed into his ute and zoomed off to his homestead.

“That stupid header! I can’t believe it broke down as soon as I bought it! All I’ve got left is that damn old Harold Header...of course?! Harold can do the rest for me!”

He sped over to Harold in his ute. “Harold, do ya wanna go for your 31st season?” Harold and Phil zoomed off! They devoured paddock after paddock. Harold was getting tired, but he couldn’t stop now! They just finished before the first rain drops fell.

Harold and Phil sat in the shed having a well-earned rest. By Sam

Infants’ children have been doing some crafty writing about Italy (in preparation for our CWA country of study). Patrick wrote some great adjectives to accompany his craft. By Patrick

Students have been learning how to plan an argument - weighted with supporting statements. We are using the PEEL method (P-point, E-explain, E-example and L-link).

P- Dogs are better than cats because you can always be active with them.

E- Dogs are far from lazy. They have lots of energy and they like to run around playing, helping and working.

E- Every morning when I’m not getting out of bed, my dog always wakes me up in time. You can take a dog to the park and play around for hours; they never get tired. My dad relies on our dogs to work the sheep— it would be a disaster without them!

L- Dogs are much more active and useful – cats are just pests. By Claire

P- Dogs are not better than cats.

E- Dogs come home dirty and unclean. Cats are always clean because they love to lick themselves nice and clean.

E- Sometimes our pet dog Hugo comes inside and we keep on yelling at Hugo, “OUT OUT!” He does not listen. He puts fleas in the living room! Our cats stay outside. They eat mice and rats. They are a good help.

L- Cats are definitely better than dogs! By Greer
P - Cats are better than dogs because cats stay clean - dogs are very messy!
E - Cats stay inside and stay clean. Dogs jump in the puddles and are dirty and messy.
E - Whenever there’s a puddle, dogs jump in it for sure. Then they go and put their muddy paws all over the ute, car and us!
L - Cats are much cleaner, that’s why they are better than dogs.
By Bailey

Dogs are better than cats because they are loyal. Puppies will play with you and cats will just stay there and do nothing at all. I’d much prefer a playful dog than a cat. By Leo

Dogs are fun to play with and cute. I have four dogs and their names are Max, Bob, Kenny and Buster. If I throw a ball the dogs will chase the ball. I love my dogs. By Millie R

We have been looking at creative writing to create images, using sentence structures - short, short, long:
Windy day. Dark clouds. Leaves swirling around the blackened sky, heavy with rain. Not another blackout! By Harry.

The smell of the rain.
Dark clouds.
The storm will be here any second.
By Emily

Milly and Luke have a persuasive writing piece to convince Mrs Calabria to add Alberobello to her itinerary when she goes to Italy! Mrs Malamace shared some information from her trip overseas. We took notes and then wrote a piece of writing to summarise.
“What? In the ‘trullies’ Mrs Conlan could touch the roof? You’ve got to be kidding me!”
Cone-shaped, white-washed, temporary shelters. 160 to 200 cm tall. It could fit into our classroom! These tiny houses are without a doubt a must see. Each hut is only one room?! One poor packed-in family! It would be a nightmare -come true.

Alberobello is down near the ‘heel of the boot’, in Italy. The town has 11,000 people – small in comparison to most places in Italy. 1600’s was the year the first human being stepped foot in this fascinating country! Alberobello is not very well-known, but it sounds so unusual, you really should see it. By Milly B

Wow this house looks like it was made for an ant! One room for a whole family? And the entire building would fit in the school office?! They are only up to 160 - 200cm in height!
These houses are called ‘Trulli’. A trulli is a white, circular building with a cone-shaped, grey roof. Some of the houses were originally used for a stable area for animals. They were built in the 1600’s. They have a religious symbol on their roof. These houses are in a small place in Italy, called Alberobello. There are 11,000 people living there- that’s nothing compared to Griffith! One little house for a whole family- it’s hard to imagine. By Luke.

Watermelon!!
Thankyou Angela and Paul Geddes for donating a beautiful juicy-sweet watermelon for our students to enjoy!!
Ice blocks -
Ice blocks will be available for sale at recess from next week until the cooler weather kicks in. 50c per Zooper Dooper.

Kidz Konnect Easter Raffle
Tickets can be purchased from the school office for $1 or 3 for $2. Tickets will also be sold on the last day of term at the End of Term Assembly/Book Fair.

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 😊

End of Term Assembly/Book Fair
We will be hosting an end of term/Easter assembly on Thursday 2nd 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 three weeks to prepare ;-)