Binya School would like to extend a huge thankyou to our families and community for your fantastic support of our Outdoor Movie night. The weather certainly turned around and provided the perfect balmy night for BBQ and socialising before the movie!

The grounds and gardens looked fantastic, set amongst the lighting with the great music entertainment of Lauren Irvin and Vincent Conlan. We thank them for donating their time and talent to our night; it was thoroughly enjoyed by all 😊

The ‘Grannie Goodies’ auction proved to be a highlight of the night! Fair to say it was a great success - with our local bakers perhaps considering setting up business for a short time to support their retirement plan! (Jan Evans, Eileen Conlan, Mim Rowston, Rhonda Ellis, Barb Forster, Edna Conlan, Cathy Kite, Judy Munro, Evelyn Brown provided a beautiful array of home cooking.) Amazing fresh produce sold for a small fortune under the encouraging hammer of our local auctioneer Wayne Spencer, and his trusty beady-eyed assistant Rodney Evans! Of course the highlight was the mystery package, provided by the ‘modern working mums’ that Brian Conlan was so fortunate to win - packet cakes, microwave rice, casserole mixes, spag bol sauces etc ;-) I’d like to also acknowledge the huge efforts of our staff in preparing and hosting the event. We take great delight in ‘giving a little’ to our hard working community, and enabling families to sit back and relax together 😊 Melissa, as always, was tireless in her management, making it look effortless (but we all know better). Her recruitment of ‘team van Buuren’ was a huge help with coffee machines, popcorn makers and extra hands. Helen and Lois, and ‘team Conlan’ put more bodies on the ground to get the job done. Kevin does a beautiful job with his ground keeping, so we are very lucky to enjoy that setting every single day of the week 😊 And of course thanks to our students who helped with final set-up and packing up.

We really must acknowledge our major financial sponsor, Yenda Producers. We appreciate this local rural business supporting our rural school with sponsorship covering the cost of the movie screen 😊
As a result all our efforts became profit, bringing in an approximate total of $1300 😊 Thank you to everyone!

Have a great weekend.
Karen 😊

Anzac Day
Congratulations to our students who represented our school at the Barellan ANZAC Day Parade on Saturday. You conducted yourselves with great respect, and looked so well presented in your uniforms. This parade was a special mark as we remembered those first ANZAC’s one hundred years ago at the landing of Gallipoli, where our true Australian Spirit was shown to the world. It was impressive to see the array of participants including march leader, Trooper Hobbs on his horse “Marlie”, veterans and family members marching with medals, school students, the Leeton Town Band, Bruce Bandy with his Clydesdales and David Irvin showcasing memorabilia.

Sport
Riverina AFL
Congratulations to Harry Rowston who was successful in making the Riverina AFL team to compete at State on May 19-21!

Bailey Drinkwater represented our school in the Small School’s team in the Trent Barret Shield Knockout on Tuesday. Having never played the game before, he soon took to it like a duck to water. They won their first round, and finished 4th in the consolation finals after going out in round 2. Well done Bailey!

The Griffith Zone tennis trials were held last week. Our school was represented by Harry Rowston. He trialled well amongst the group and narrowly missed out on the final selection. A great effort Harry.

The Small School’s AFL team played in the Tony Lockett Shield on Thursday. We were light on numbers across the network this year, however Luke Forster and Harry Rowston did a great job. A big thank you to Milly Burcham and Leah Boyd who filled in at the last minute and played their first AFL game to help the team out. A full report in next week’s newsletter.

Next Tuesday the 5th May, Milly Burcham and Leah Boyd will be trialling to make the Small School’s Mortimer Shield girls League Tag team - plenty of numbers in girls! We wish Leah and Milly all the best in the selections.

P&C NEWS - Next meeting: Monday 4th May @ 7pm. All agenda items to Kirsty Rowston.

Earphones – could each family please replace their child’s broken/lost earphones for classroom use.

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.

Thought for the week
Teacher Talk

Our Staff Development Day was productive as always. We were fortunate to be included in Griffith Public School’s literacy update session run by Kerrie Daley who is a leader in Reading Recovery, and a mentor in the L3 training. Some shifts, and reinforcement around the teaching and understanding of the development of readers include:

- Less focus on reading ‘levels’ as sequential steps, rather students reading in ranges, a ‘cluster of levels’ that are grouped by colour code. This enables students to move ‘up and down’ in complexity, applying reading strategies to varying texts (books).

- Levels are not the focus, it’s ‘what they do’ when they read- hence the conferences and observations to determine what strategies students know, and confidently use, when they don’t know what to do eg sound out, draw on knowledge of language to predict, read on and gain meaning, self-correct… versus stop and wait to be told. This information forms the teaching focus to develop reading strategies.

- Use a variety of reading schemes from level 8 - diversity. (Children can become reliant on the same structure - this enables them to reinforce their strategies on a range of texts.) From Level 12 onwards extend with different text types eg information texts.

- Slow the race through the levels to nurture the development of comprehension- less focus on decoding to simply ‘get the words right’… reading for a purpose; understanding what it means and the intention of the text.

- Writing and reading go hand in hand - nurture both together to help students see the links and understand how literacy language works.

- Learners can accelerate at times, then plateau while they are consolidating.

It seems we are on track with the latest research-based practice, as we continue in our regular reflections and evaluations of our programs and structures. We use our professional judgement after observing, analysing and reflecting on student’s strengths and areas of need. We personalize learning to suit each child, giving our students every opportunity to grow and develop accordingly.

Anaphylaxis Training

As part of our Staff Development Day all our staff updated their training in Anaphylaxis and Work Health and Safety.

Below are some tips for Anaphylaxis treatment:

- **Symptoms** may include some or all - severe itching, redness, swelling of lips, welts, vomit/diarrhoea

- **Potential Causes** - nuts, fish, egg, bees/ants

- **Treatment Response** -
  - lie down/recovery position;
  - bring epipen to the patient;
  - ‘blue to the sky - orange to the thigh’ through clothes, jab into outer thigh, hold for 10 secs and release. *Take the empty epipen with you to hospital.* (NB This lasts up to 20 minutes - repeat if necessary with a second epipen).
  - Call 000 - meet the ambulance
  - Asthma may be present in a reaction- treat with Epipen first…then treat with Ventolin as necessary.

- You can treat **anyone** with an epipen if they have signs of anaphylaxis reaction. Better to treat than wait!

What’s on next week? Week 3

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ANZAC Day is for remembering about Anzac people. They got medals. The war in Gallipoli went for eight months. It was noisy. In Flanders Field there are over 1000 red poppies. We wear poppies to march to remember. **By Millie Rowston**

ANZAC Day is to remember the soldiers who died for us and our freedom. Every Anzac Day there is a ceremony for the people that died in the war and those who survived. The soldiers who were brave got a badge to put on their hat. Some soldiers got medals for bravery. We also have to remember the soldiers that are fighting now...making sure our country is a free land. **By Emily Forster**

ANZAC Day is to remember soldiers from the war and our freedom. Anzac day is to commemorate the day of war in Gallipoli. Every Anzac Day they do a ceremony. It is important to remember the soldiers who fought to keep our country safe. **By Patrick Mickan**

**War Medals**

The medal for bravery had a lion with an angel holding a wreath. The medal of war had an angel in the air. My great grandfather is my hero. He was in the First World War and the Second World War. My great grandfather got the medal of bravery and other war medals. **By Leo Geddes**

AUSTRALIAN NEW ZELAND ARMY CORP

Imagine this, BANG!! The sound of a gunshot! The smell of smoke! Best mate gone! They did it for us, risked their life for us. Not a complaint. Not a rebellion. Their plan of attack failed. Those brave young men who died for our country to be free. That’s why we commemorate on Anzac day. **By Claire Burcham**

**Lest we forget.**

**By Charlie Kite**

**By Max Conlan**
Australians who went to war trained in Egypt. Egypt is hot and dry; the only water supply is the Nile. At Gallipoli the Australian soldiers landed in the wrong spot. Over 3000 Australia soldiers died. ‘Let these panels never be filled.’ *By Bailey Drinkwater*

Poppies are red. The red means the soldiers blood. During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day and is used on Anzac Day. *By Greer Geddes*

The medals of World War 1 are The Victoria Cross which is awarded for valour ‘in the face of the enemy’ and is the highest medal given. The British War Medal was awarded for service in WW1. The Mercantile Marine War Medal was awarded to those that received the British War Medal and served at sea. The Gallipoli Medallion was in given in 1967 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. *By Luke Forster*

Landing at the wrong place; fully armoured; young boys all ready to fight. “They went with song to the battle; they were young, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They shall grow not old, as we who are left to grow old, age shall not weary them nor do the years condemn, by the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them. Lest We Forget.”

We must remember, for ever and ever. Those men have sacrificed the ultimate price for Australia’s freedom. We will never forget how many lives were lost, and how many children and parent’s hearts were shattered-losing husbands, dads, brother, grandpas and uncles. Without a doubt this is the most gruesome and dreadful war in the history of Australia so we must not forget the solider of yesterday and the solider of tomorrow... keeping our lucky country free. *By Amelia Burcham*

I wonder what it would be like in war?

Anzac day is on the 25th of April, 1915. The landing in Gallipoli was 100 years ago this year. It started at 4:30am. Many young boys just upped their age, leaving their home and family, desperate to join the war. They just wanted to fight for our country. So many of them didn’t come back home. But look at our country today - freedom. We are so lucky these brave men fought to protect our country. *By Leah Boyd.*

Anzac day on the 25th of April 1915. *My fourteen year old son wanted to go to war. He begged and begged and said if I did not let him go then he would lie about his age and go anyway! He desperately wanted to go to serve his country.*

His mum would not let him go, so he snuck out one night, lied about his age and enlisted. When he got on the boat to the training camp in Egypt he wrote a note to his mum. He always wrote her while he was at war. When he finally got back home his mum was happy but sad. She was surprised and relieved to see him back… but she was so angry that he had run away. Still, she was glad that he served his country. *By Harry Rowston.*

ANZAC stands for Australian New Zealand Army Corp. Over 3000 Anzacs died at the Gallipoli landing. Over 5000 Turkish soldiers were also killed.

On ANZAC Day we commemorate the Gallipoli landing. We have a minute silence after the Last Post to remember the fallen soldiers.

The last ANZAC Alec Campbell who enlisted at the age of 16, died in 2002 at the age of 103. *By Sam Conlan*

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**ANZAC day is about remembering those people who fought and died in the war. They got medals for bravery.**

*by Max and charlie*