Professional network meetings - Widely recognised educational researcher, John Hattie, proclaims the biggest impact on a child’s learning is the quality of the teacher. Staff at Binya prides themselves on keeping up to date with latest evidence-based research and trends.

Mrs Foy attended the Learning Support Teacher (LST) meeting where current practices and system structures for learning intervention for our students were discussed. Best practice research acknowledges improvement in students’ outcomes by supporting students within their classrooms wherever possible, making adjustments to regular programs as necessary. All students are exposed to age-appropriate interests, whilst activities/responses are differentiated in order for students to continue to build upon their skills, regardless of their starting point. This is very much a practice at Binya School where students’ learning needs are personalised to accommodate learning at ‘point of need’, as opposed to age-based styles of programs.

We utilise our additional state and federal equity funding to maximise quality teaching time by creating smaller teacher: student ratios two days per week, supporting quality conference opportunity to observe, analyse and reflect on learning strengths and areas of need with each and every student. As a result our students are well supported in skill development and understand what their learning goals are.

Have a great weekend.
Karen 😊

School Website – The school website has been updated with photos and a calendar of events. The newsletter can also be viewed online. The school website address is http://www.binya-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/.

Tony Lockett Shield AFL
Congratulations to all our representatives in the Small School’s AFL gala day last Thursday. The students were fantastic to work with - so enthusiastic, competitive and great sportsmanship... and a lot of fun!

We started our day against Yenda, playing 2 players short. It took a little while to get used to the game, the pace and each other. After being scoreless in the first half, we put on 5 points in the second half! This was a huge achievement as we had the same number of opportunities as Yenda! Harry Rowston worked tirelessly through the middle, with Simon Star seeing more ball up forward to get 3 points. Jisharn Harrison was big in the ruck for us, creating a lot of play. Luke Forster backed up well in the backline. Straighter shooting from Yenda saw them win 24-5.
Next up we played Leeton PS. We had the opportunity to spread our bigger players as Leeton shared a couple of players to make it 15 aside. Angus Brown and Michael Cudmore played big roles at either end of the field, with Jasvir Singh-Clarke and Cameron Langridge zipping around the centre/wing area bringing the ball through to our goals. Simon Star found the big sticks, kicking our first goal, keeping us to just 4 points down at the half break. Cody Headrick and Nicko Conlan were hard at the ball, helping keep Leeton to just 3 opportunities at goal in the second half. **Millie Burcham** found her way amongst the packs and fed the ball out well. Goals came quickly to Jisharn, **Harry** and Angus! Smalls School’s came away with a win 29-24.

Our final round was a tough one against Beelbangera, who were eventually deemed overall winners of the Tony Lockett Shield. We held our own early with the wind. **Leah Boyd** got a clean grab and drove a beautiful kick into the forward line to give Aaron Clifford a set shot, giving us a quick goal followed by a couple more points. Beelbangera were relentless in their tough attacking game. Danvir Singh-Clarke put his hard rugby tackling to good use however, putting great pressure on their goal kickers to force 7 points instead of goals! The second half was a different story- Beelbangera took full advantage of the wind and piled on 6 goals, 6 points for the half! Despite their intensity, Angus Brown never gave up, taking some great marks in the backline, reading the play well. Aaron Clifford managed to get one more goal for our team before the final siren gave Beelbangera a big win 61 – 14.

**Congratulations to Milly Burcham and Leah Boyd who have been selected in the Small School’s Mortimer Shield girls League Tag Team. They will now play in the knockout on Tuesday 19th of May - we wish them all the best!**

### What’s on next week? **Week 4**

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**P&C NEWS** - Next meeting: **AGM**
**Tuesday 9th June @ 7pm.** All parents and community members are welcome to attend. All agenda items to Kirsty Rowston, one week prior to each meeting.

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

**FOR SALE** - Bark chips **$20** per trailer load. Please contact the school to arrange collection.
Green firewood **$80** per trailer load.

**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.

**Wanted - CRAFT resources**

Egg cartons and ribbon (from new purchases of shirts- the part that is used for hangers???) Please send them in for Mrs Clifford 😊
**Teacher Talk**

**PUNCTUATION IS POWERFUL**

An English professor wrote the words... “a woman without her man is nothing”

...on the whiteboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote:
“A woman, without her man, is nothing.”

All the females in the class wrote:
“A woman: without her, man is nothing.”

Punctuation is powerful.

David Avocado Wolfe

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**Canteen – Winter Menu**

Canteen will be on a **Wednesday** starting **next week**. All orders need to be written on a brown paper bag. Preferably 1 per child, not 1 per family. This makes it easier for the canteen monitors.

**Prices** – Small pies $1.50

- Sausage Roll $1.50
- Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets 40c each
- Poppers $1.00

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**Kid’s Corner**

**Happy Mother’s Day, by K/1/2**

Our Binya mums are snazzy, They always look a treat, Big friendly smiles, and happy chats, With everyone they meet.

Emily’s mum is clever all round, She’s a famous cook, Can sew as well, and teach piano, She should write a book!

Max’s mum’s a netball champion, Runs around the court, She’s fit and fun, and helps us out, Loved by everyone she’s taught.

Millie’s mum is funny and bubbly, At teaching she is great, She organises us for school, And we are never late.

Charlie’s mum is healthy and happy, She is fast and fit, She always looks great, with a ready smile, On the netball court she’s slick!

All our mums are good at listening, Lots of hugs and cuddles too. Our Binya Mums, they care for us- In everything they do!

**Happy Mother’s Day**
Dear Mum,
Thanks for being my personal taxi and cooking lovely dinners every night. I know sometimes you are tired, but you always keep going, thankyou.
I Love You Milly x

Dear Mum,
Thankyou for taking me to archery and cooking nice food for us. I know it can be hard for you some days, but I really appreciate it. Love Luke x

Dear Mum,
Thankyou for taking me to swimming, cooking tea every night and taking me on holidays. I know you are busy and tired, but I really appreciate it. Thankyou for putting me first.
Love Leah x

Dear Mum,
I love going into town and going shopping with you. I love you very much. You help me do my garden jobs. You love me, so that’s why I love you.
Love Greer x

Dear Mum,
I am so grateful that you always care for me. I know it must be hard because you are organising a million other things at once. You are the best mum ever and you always do an amazing job! Love Sam x

Dear Mum,
Thankyou for taking me to all my sport and caring for me 24/7. You are such a good, hardworking mum. I know you are tired and busy. Thanks for putting me first. Love Harry x

Dear Mum,
Thankyou for taking me to soccer and for always caring for me. I love going to the park with you.
I love you Leo x

Thankyou for taking me down town and also for taking me to acrodance and netball – it’s not easy. Thanks for always putting me first. You’re the best mum! Love Claire x

Dear Mum,
Have the best Mother’s day ever. I’m spending $84 for a present for you mum. I hope you want to go to the Leagues Club.
Thankyou mum for helping and caring for me when I get hurt and thanks mum for organising me for sport. I love you watching me play NRL and AFL.
Love Bailey x

Thought for the week

NOTHING IS LOST UNTIL YOUR MOTHER CAN’T FIND IT.

www.aprilmothersday.com