Our school students enjoyed being a part of the lovely annual community event yesterday – The Biggest Morning Tea 😊 As always it was a great day of fun for our students with exciting activities and of course great food!! It certainly is a highlight on our calendar.

Yesterday was a big day with our debaters having a tough brain strain morning, being put to the test by preparing their debate with only an hour’s notice! A tough task for anyone, but our debating team rose to the challenge and gave it their best.

Year 5’s attended a GRIP leadership conference on Tuesday in Wagga. Our four students were among more than 250 young leaders from schools across our district at Charles Sturt University. They enjoyed being part of the ‘concert atmosphere’ with music pumping, comedians, inspiring video clips and interactive activities where they met lots of different people. Would you be surprised that three of our four students were selected from the huge audience to participate in various demonstrations on the stage?! Such shy, retiring children ;-) People are often surprised by the confidence and natural leadership skills of students from small schools. They have all returned to school inspired with lots of ideas of ways to lead our school and community – watch this space!

Our Principal Network met on Tuesday afternoon for mandatory training on Teacher Award Initiatives. We were trained in the procedures around Standards based pay for teachers (with all teachers to be accredited at proficiency by 2017), Performance Development Framework, Teacher Accreditation and Teacher Accreditation Authority, new classification structures for principals (based on the complexity of schools, not just size) and Resource Allocation Model. There will be more training to come as responsibility for accreditation is transferred to the principal.

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/.

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.
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.

What’s on next week? Week 7

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Kid’s Corner

Literacy groups- kinder practising word families on the 'slide' and writing them independently by hearing the sounds.

Fruit has seeds in it. Fruit is good for you. My favourite fruit is blueberries. By Max

Some foods are good and bad. Some good foods I like are weetbix, strawberries and crumbed steak. By Charlie

1/2 writing as many words as they can!

We have been learning about ‘everyday’ foods (good) and ‘sometimes’ food (bad). Apples, tomatoes and carrots are some good foods. ‘Sometimes’ foods include chips, chocolate, roll ups and pizza. If we eat better foods we become stronger. By Emily

In class we have been learning about healthy living. Apples are a fruit because every food that has seeds in it means it is a fruit. By Millie R

Year 3 have been learning about healthy living and nutritionally balanced meals

Enjoy a variety of foods every day

By Bailey
By Claire

By Sam

By Leo

By Greer
**Primary debating practice**

First Speaker introduces two arguments:

My second point is... Zoos help animals that can’t be released into the wild, after living in captivity. Not all animals are captured for research or entertainment, some come into zoos because they have been injured or are endangered. For example, reported on the news just this week, a seal had walked 20km from its home in the sea! Totally lost! So how would it survive without help from a zoo? This is why we need zoos around the world... Zoos For Life. *By Luke*

I think there must be zoos in the world. Not only do they teach us, but they also entertain us and a lot of people are interested in them. Who hasn’t wanted to see a monkey climb a tree? How lucky are we to be able to see all the animals of the world in just one spot?! Just think, the only way we would be able to see elephants would be to travel all the way to Africa if we didn’t have zoos... Zoos For Life. *By Sam*

Third speaker summarises:

Our second speaker will inform you on the role that zoos play-entertainment. Zoos hold shows and talk about the animals. Who hasn’t wanted to see a chimpanzee swing tree to tree? Families love to come to the zoo and see seals flip, penguins slide and a lion roar!!! Surely you agree we must keep zoos? Zoos for life - how will we learn about animals of the world and explore their beauty without them? *By Milly B*

Not all zoos are small- sanctuaries are much bigger and better because they are closer to the animal’s natural habitat, and still keep the animal safe. They will have more chance of surviving and even breeding, preventing the species from becoming extinct. For example, there is only one white rhino in the world, and it is in a zoo. *By Harry*

Don’t you want to see a white rhinoceros? Without the protection of the zoo it would definitely become extinct. Zoos for life-protect animals and keep them safe. *By Harry*

**Thought for the week**

Open Day 2015

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 30 May 2015 between 10am and 2pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and chat with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety. Visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) to find your nearest 2015 Open Day participating station and join us on Saturday, 30 May 2015.