Week 7 is done already- I cannot believe how quickly time flies!

Miss Mannes, our prac teacher, is enjoying her stay at Binya. Her university lecturer visited yesterday to observe both Acacia and the K-6 setting, which she said she hasn’t had a lot of experience with. She was very impressed with our school grounds and children, as we would expect 😊 And Acacia got to showcase her skills in running a multi-stage K-6 classroom, with clear learning intentions and reflections across all stages of learning. A job well done!

Our P6 network have been looking at Professional learning around improving teaching techniques and strategies by checking our intentions are improving student learning with data collection. We have embraced a structure known as ‘Instructional Rounds’, which have adapted this practice from the medical profession. In medicine the power of social learning is harnessed to develop a culture of shared practice during training at all points in the profession. Groups of doctors observe together, discuss the evidence for diagnosis and after thorough analysis of the evidence, discuss a possible treatment plan. Educational research agrees this model helps us to establish a rich and powerful shared professional practice.

Through the successful application of a leadership grant, our P6 network is committed in implementing this structure across the challenging environment of small, rural, isolated schools. A mentor, Anne-Marie Furney has been seconded (SCHMIC - School Mentoring Improvement and Coaching) to facilitate our knowledge, understanding and skills. We have set our agreed student learning focus and established data to be identified, which we will work in teams next term.

Have a great LONG weekend!
Karen 😊

Sports News

The school received a letter from James Burgess and Jason Hallandale the coach and manager of the Riverina PSSA AFL team commending Harry Rowston for his excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and cooperative behaviour on and off the field, whilst competing at the NSW PSSA Carnival in Blacktown recently. Great work, Harry.

Milly Burcham was successful in making the Small School’s netball team last week. After a tough trial consisting of around 20 eager girls, she made the final team that will now play their first round of the State Knockout at Hay next Thursday. We wish her good luck!!

Riverina Cross Country is on next Thursday in Gundagai - good luck Harry!

CHANGE OF DATE P&C NEWS - Next meeting: AGM Monday 22nd 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 8**

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**Pumpkin Soup Making**

Pumpkin Soup will be available for school lunches next week (while stocks last!). **$1.50 per cup**

**Thankyou to the Geddes family for donating the pumpkins!**

**Kid’s Corner**

*Our debating team was highly successful in the P6 Network Debating Competition against Beckom last week. ‘Computers should replace teachers’ - a challenging topic, however our students argued well and won!*

Good morning Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman, fellow students...

Computers have developed many educational games and information bases. Imagine all those programs that teach us absolutely everything... who needs a teacher? There are so many programs that we already such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics and accelerated reading, just5to name a few. All those kids learning in a class, how easy would it be with catchy music, animated images and cool videos? How long does it take for teachers to come and check your answers, when you can type your answers into a computer and BAM! Right or Wrong?!! Therefore teachers are out- and computers are in. **By Luke**

Teachers should be replaced by computers because computers are cheaper and much more exciting. They have You Tube clips, videos, interactive games, information sources and people’s blogs... all this is just one square box- regularly updated with the latest information, costing only around $1-2000. It costs $80000 for each teacher, each year! Surely this is too expensive? Teachers are out- computers are in. **By Harry**

We strongly believe that...Computers SHOULD replace teachers. This is the way of the future, people are learning faster and better than ever... and cheap at ‘half the price’. Our second speaker surely convinced you that teachers are a way of soaking up millions of dollars; money that could be used to give in other areas of our society, like our desperate hospitals, and deprived charities that help the homeless. Teachers earn almost $500 a day! And they need lots of continuous training to keep up to date. Compared to a computer worth about $2000, and they update themselves overnight, Teachers are out- computers are in! **By Milly B**

**Sam the ‘think tank’ - master of rebuts...**

*Teachers are more fun - No! Computers are more fun than teachers because they have entertaining games and funny videos. And, teachers take sooo long to get to you; the students get very bored waiting... I bet they’d rather be playing a game on the computer rather than waiting for a teacher.*

*Cyber-bullying you say? Cyber-bullying is easily fixed- just tell an adult and they will take care of the rest.*

*Computers can get viruses and not work - computers viruses can be easily fixed at the shop, or easily replaced with a new one ... when a teacher gets a virus, the doctors says ‘go home to bed for a week or so’. Who’s going to teach the class?*

**By Sam**

*Unfortunately our debating team are ALL on detention this week!!! By Mrs C.*
Mason and Andy together make Mandy what?!?!!

Year 5 went to Wagga Wagga last Tuesday 26th May to the GRIP Leadership Conference at CSU. We went there to learn how to be good leaders. The presenters for the day were Rowan, Jen, Mason and Andy. One of the things we did was a loud noise section, where Mason and Andy would make us shout with happiness. We all agree that making happy, loud noises was our favourite. We have all come away with exciting new ways and ideas on how to be a good leader. By Leah

Binya’s Biggest Morning Tea!!

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On Thursday we went to the Biggest Morning Tea. We had games to play like the hot chillies, where you had to guess how many chillies there were. There was a biscuit competition and I won the best Easter bunny. Milly B won three competitions, one for TEAGO, one for guessing the biggest pumpkin and putting a paddle pop stick where you thought the jewels were dropped. We have lots of fun every year we go. By Emily

Wow! There were so many things there- games, food and people. My biscuit was the best flower. We walked to the Binya Hall, mum was already there. We chatted along the way. I enjoyed going to the Biggest Morning Tea. By Millie R

For the Biggest Morning Tea biscuit making competition I made a turtle. It was at the hall. I won the best turtle biscuit because it was the only one there. I had fun because there were games. People who I knew were there, like George (Mr Turner) and my brothers. By Max

At the Biggest Morning Tea I got to have a lucky dip and won a Mario toy. I didn’t have a biscuit for the competition but I still got a prize. Max was there. I had lots of fun. By Charlie

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At the Biggest Morning Tea I won a whistle in the lucky dip. There was a boy box and a girl box. Leo and I did not make biscuits but were still able to get a prize. We played games and Milly B won most of them. It was an enjoyable day. By Greer

The most delicious cakes, sponges, slices and most of all grandma’s delicious biscuits were at the Biggest Morning Tea! There were tables everywhere. You were able to buy or trade items. Grandma, Mum, my baby cousin and my baby sister were all there. It was a great day with my family. By Bailey

Gooey, squishy, slimy and wet in my hand, what is that? At the Biggest Morning Tea we played a game called Pig in a Poke, where we had to guess what things were by feeling them. We also played a lucky dip where I won a dinosaur pad. The Biggest Morning Tea was at the hall. It was a great day with the community. By Leo

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NSW Premier's Reading Challenge
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9.

Kindergarten to Year 2 will read a variety of books at school during terms 2 and 3. When a total of 30 books have been listened to or read, these students will be eligible to receive a NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate.

Students in Year 3 to 6 may participate by reading 20 books within their reading level. The library has a variety of books that have the PRC labels on the spine. The books read may also include books from home and other libraries. Some of their Accelerated Reading (AR) books may fit both criteria. They may enter their reading lists online at the following website:


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For more details about the challenge please refer to the following website:

MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

I would like to congratulate all students around NSW who are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. The Premier’s Reading Challenge allows students to experience a range of exciting stories, and explore issues that can challenge the way one thinks. With thousands of books to choose from, students have the opportunity to embrace subjects that will widen their horizons and expand their vocabularies.

I encourage all participants to be courageous with their reading choices, and to approach the Challenge with great energy and enthusiasm. The world of books is certainly an exciting one, and I wish all students undertaking the Premier’s Reading Challenge a fun, enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

Mike Baird MP
Premier

Helen Foy