**Education Week** is a time to celebrate our achievements across the entire public school network. The commitment and dedication of our principals, teachers, SAS staff, and state and regional office staff ensures that public schools provide quality education in NSW. As educators it is our job to inspire and excel in public education. I am proud of what we have all achieved and take the opportunity this week to acknowledge your valuable contributions. I know you all work tirelessly in your respective roles each day – with the common goal to constantly improve the education we offer to our students in NSW. I hope that you take the time this week to celebrate public education and share your successes with the community.

**An extract from**
*Dr Michele Bruniges AM*
*Secretary, Department of Education*

Our students have certainly been actively showcasing their talents in various forums for Education Week! Our **Small School’s Athletics Carnival** was held in much better weather on Monday. Students competed enthusiastically and achieved some very good personal results.

We also took the opportunity to perform at Griffith Central Plaza as part of the **Griffith Community of School’s Public Education Week**. Our students sang solo/duo and choral, danced, performed percussion, narrated and ‘signed’ our way through the historical Journey of Australia through music. We were supported by our proud parents, grandparents and siblings, fellow student and neighbouring schools, along with the Senior Citizens who attended the day. We were certainly well-received by our audience 😊 Thank you to all our avid supporters who were able to attend.

A display of samples of our work including art work, writing and photos were also a part of the continuing promotion throughout Education week.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate **Mr Kevin Amery for his community award** that recognised his contribution to Public Education through his incredible ground maintenance at Binya PS, Whitton/Murrami PS and Gralee SSP. Mr Amery received his award at the Leeton Service yesterday with Mrs Foy attending to show our acknowledgement and gratitude for all that he does here!

In closing reflections of Education Week, the amazing education we offer our children is a result of so many of you being committed to ensuring maximum opportunities for our young people to engage in their learning, their personal, social and physical growth and involvement in their communities. For all your involvements, no matter how big or seemingly small, we acknowledge and thank you. Binya community is aptly reflected in our school motto - Learning Together. Congratulations on your role in nurturing our fabulous school in the heart of your amazing, passionate community... Together we have it all 😊 Karen
SCHOOLS ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF LEARNING...
What type of learner are you?

Do you find learning new things exciting and challenging or do you back away from the unknown?

Why does this matter when it comes to learning?
There has been much research conducted about the way different people approach new learning – Do they avoid risk? Are they OK about making mistakes? Can they congratulate others?

Carol Dweck has written a book called ‘Mindset – The NSW Psychology of Success’ which explores the premise that there are two types of mindsets when it comes to learning. She calls these two distinct types the fixed mindset and the growth mindset.

You would recognise both types of learners in any setting...

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**BUCKET THINKING**
Learning is limited. A bucket can be filled – it is self-limiting

**MUSCLE THINKING**
Learning is boundless and like a muscle only continues to strengthen the more it is used.

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Sees effort as fruitless and worth avoiding

Sees effort as the path to mastery

Ignores useful negative feedback

Learns from criticism

Feels threatened by success of others

Finds lessons and inspiration in the success of others.

Failures/Mistakes are bad

Failures/Mistakes are useful

People in this mindset will actually pass up important opportunities to learn and grow if there is a risk of unmasking weakness. and maintaining excellent organisations in the face of constant challenges.

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Read the statements below. How would you rate yourself?
I know I can master new things if I try.
I am up for something new.
I know what to do when I get stuck.
I like working on what I’ve done to improve it.
I get lots of creative ideas when I’m learning.
I like working with others to figure things out.
I don’t mind if I make mistakes.
I can tell you lots about how I help myself learn.
I’m ready to take feedback and advice.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What’s on next week? Week 4

**Monday 3rd August**

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P&C NEWS - Next meeting: Monday 31st August @ 7pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.
All agenda items to Kirsty Rowston, one week prior to each meeting.

Sports Report
Athletics Carnival Results by Milly B, Harry and Leah

Leah Boyd – 11 yrs Girls Champion
1st - discus, long jump, high jump, shot put, 100m, 200m.
2nd - 800m.

Harry Rowston – 1st – Discus, high jump
2nd - 800m, shot put
3rd – 100m, 200m, long jump.

Amelia Burcham – 2nd – discus
Claire Burcham- 5th – 100m final
Sam Conlan – 4th – 100m final

Bailey Drinkwater – 5th 100m final

PP6 Relay - Leah, Harry, Sam and Milly B - 2nd.
Junior Girls Relay -Millie R, Claire, Greer and Emily - 5th.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in all events available to them. We had a fabulous day and are looking forward to the Zone carnival next Friday.

Kid’s Corner

K-2 have been learning about recount writing. We have studied techniques used in the book ‘My Mob Going to the Beach’. Here are some of our samples:

In winter we went to the snow. We needed skis, jackets and a nice warm scarf.
We jumped in the car to get to the airport by 12 O’clock. We flew to the snow in a mini plane. It could only carry five people. By Charlie

A while ago I played football- Barellan versus the Hawks and we won by 90 points.
That morning I got my Guernsey, footy and dirty footy boots on and off we went! I like playing footy with my Barellan mates. By Max

On the weekend I screamed with my team as we played netball in the rain!
Mum had said, ‘You need a good breakfast, get dressed and let’s go!’ before we headed off into a big storm near Wagga.
Even though it rained we still played. We didn’t get cold because we were running around. I played lots of positions.
My cousin Cleo had asked me to join her West Wyalong team. At the end of the day we all celebrated with chocolate! By Millie R

Two months ago Luke and I screamed with excitement as we were going to Australia Zoo.
We had to take a hat, water bottle and lunch was already there.
We saw elephants. They were squirting water on their backs- it was cool!
The turtles were spectacular! Their shell was enormous and they walked really slowly.
We went on to see lions, tigers and koalas... but my favourite part was the crocodile show. By Emily

Our Class Reports

On Monday Binya PS went to the Small Schools Athletics carnival at West End Oval. It was supposed to be on Friday but the weather was bad so we had to go back to school.
It was a good day, although it was a bit windy I did not care, I just wanted to get on with it. At one stage, the tent nearly blew away!
Everyone had a great day, especially Leah coming first in all her events and winning the champion award. I placed in every event. Milly came 2nd in discus. The PP6 relay qualified to go to Albury-Leah, Sam, Milly and I.
In the end everyone had a great day Leah, Milly and I are all very happy to be going to the next carnival. Hope we all do well. By Harry
**Central performance**

My knees were shaking, I had butterflies in my belly, and my mind was racing at 100 miles an hour. How many people are there? Do I know anyone? I need to go to the bathroom!!

On Tuesday Binya P.S did a performance at Griffith Central. Our play was based on time periods in Australian history. Our first song was ‘I am Australian’. This represented aboriginal times. We then sang and danced to ‘Oh Wouldn’t It Be Lovely’ to represents the overcrowded and chaotic state that England was in. They needed to find new settlements. The next song was ‘Chain around the Ankle’ which displays the English coming to Sydney Cove and claiming the Australian land. These next periods of times are the bushranger and the war; we sang ‘Big Bad Bushranger’ and ‘The Band Played Waltzing Matilda’. We then did, ‘Oh I Wish I was a Punk Rocker’- this was my solo and it shows the change of mood after the war. The last song was ‘I am Australian’ but this time it was the whole song to represent the development of multi-cultural Australia. The play was worth all the blood, sweat and tears that Mrs Conlan went through. We all had so much fun!!!!!

By Milly B

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**Maths Card Games**

Today we played Maths card games. Our aim was to practice quick maths skills – in your head. We all also tried using the most efficient maths strategy. I learnt that if you want to get the biggest number out of 3 cards, you have to plus the two small numbers together then times the biggest number with the smaller number. I learnt a lot. By Bailey

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**Lunch at Subway**

On Tuesday for lunch everyone got subway. I had a white sub with toasted ham, a choc chip cookie and water. It was yummy :). By Greer

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On Tuesday we went to Subway, I had the kid’s pack – you could get a sub and put whatever you want on it. It was the yummiest day of my life. By Leo

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**Show Don’t Tell - Descriptive Writing**

**Dog Takes On Man**

The dog was resting lazily in the moonlight. He twitched his ears. Hearing an unfamiliar sound, he slowly rose to his feet, curious to find out what the noise was. He narrowed his eyes and saw it! A strange man walking towards the house. He began to bark. He growled and yelped. He launched through the shadows but was forced back by the choking pull of the chain. The stranger was coming closer and the dog was ready to pounce...

The 80 year old man cautiously opened his creepy old door and peered out. Opening it a little more he crept out, still in his dressing gown. He walked towards the stranger. Nervously he whispered “Who are you?” Then the stranger forgot about the dog and fixed his gaze on the man...

He held something above his head-a gleaming knife strong enough to cut through iron-. The stranger brought down the knife! A sound of snapping metal filled the air but it was the stranger who screamed...The dog was clinging onto the stranger's leg and sinking his teeth into his flesh! He dropped the knife. The old man called the cops.

When they handcuffed him everyone gasped- it was serial killer Henry Mullins! After the police left with Henry he was interviewed. All he said was “I can’t believe that meddling mutt brought me down!”

By Sam

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**The Little Chihuahua**

The little Chihuahua pranced around the garden, as happy as can be. The woman clip-clopped into the backyard, the Chihuahua’s tail wagged, he ran in circles chasing it! He could smell the delicious T-bone for dinner!

By Luke

Bella’s ear pricked up, one eye opened – what’s the crunching sound on the gravel? A low growl warns the house-hold of an intruder. The lights get closer and closer. Bella sprang to her feet, raced to the door and barked, begging for the people to come out...

The elderly couple awoke from their early snooze, they heard a weird sound. Who could be coming at this late hour? The old man stumbled to the door and said in a low voice, “Who’s out there? “The man peered out the side window. He heard a giggle. It was their grandchildren, playing tag in the dark! By Claire