Life continues to be very busy as we head towards the end of term.

Our **P6 network** engaged in the observation/data collection stage of our project this week. On Tuesday Mrs Foy and I travelled to Tallimba and Weethalle as part of the observation team to collect data around **students’ use of reflection strategies**. Their teachers then reciprocated on Wednesday, observing our students in their reflective practices. The collaboration process was very powerful as we considered the actual evidence of what is happening in our classrooms, which can sometimes be difficult to see when one is directly involved. We will now reflect on our findings and form directions of where to next.

**Co-curricular activities** provide fantastic learning opportunities to consolidate learning extend our students to question and reason in new settings. Rich activities provide experiences to broaden their language, social networks, and life experiences to apply to future understandings. Our students are very fortunate to be able to access excursions and video-conferencing to support their learning. Some programs offer extension for gifted areas to be explored further. Milly, Harry, Leah and Sam represented our school at the Riverina Athletics on Monday. They certainly did our school proud and achieved well. Year 5 attended a Science leadership day at the Wagga Environmental Centre during the week. Students also entered artwork and school displays in the Barellan Show. Next week our students will participate in Happy Harold Life Education Program and later attend the ‘sacred’ Rankin Springs Round Robin ;-) You can read our students reports of their learning throughout our weekly newsletters.

Our **Regional District Guidance counsellor** will be attending our school and available for appointments in the upcoming weeks. If you would like to speak with her about any areas of concern, support or guidance please contact the school to make an appointment. Mrs Heath is a wonderful resource for our school community, please feel welcome to come and chat.

Thankyou Alex Forster for picking up the Life Education Van on Monday.

Happy Father’s day to all our dads out there in the community… may you have a lovely time with your family – I know our students are very excited to share their fantastic creations with you on Sunday. And I acknowledge Mrs Calabria and Mrs Clifford on their creativity and dedication to help make memories for your family 🌟

Have a lovely week.

Karen

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Happy Father’s Day**

This world has many heroes, some you’d know by name.

They give their best at what they do, so they deserve their fame.

But among all of the heroes this world has ever had, There is not one admired more than the guy that I call Dad.

Perhaps not like the others, he doesn’t look for praise. He’s heroic in his special way, in his thoughtful and caring ways.

Perhaps he’s not as famous as the others that you see. But he’s everything and so much more heroes ought to be.

He keeps his word, it’s good as gold, on this you can depend.

He’s honest and he’s loyal too, he’s also a true friend.

When I hear about a hero, and the great things he has done, It reminds me of my father, he is the greatest one....
What’s on next week? **Week 9**

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**P&C NEWS – Next meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

**Kid’s Corner**

At the Barellan Show I went on the Cha-Cha seven times! When we got off Toby felt sick. Then we raced over to the jumping castle to have a big jump. Toby, Tom and I went on the swings. I had ‘goo, it went into Toby’s mouth! **By Max**

On Saturday I went to the Barellan Show and I played with Max. Max and I had fun on the jumping castle. We tackled the bags. It was an awesome day. **By Charlie**

Today we did a ‘Snake Challenge’ in Maths. Leo and Bailey won so they had a ‘Snake Off’ to see who’s snake went the furthest- Bailey’s won with 48.5cm. Leo’s snake snapped! **By Millie R**

**An extract from Milly’s ‘Write 4 Fun’ competition entry...** Dark clouds filled the sky. A crack of thunder shook the boat. Suddenly rain started pelting down on the rattling windows. The waves got bigger and bigger, choppier and choppier. Maddie felt fear take over any other thought. The little wooden boat see-sawed on the huge waves. Maddie’s tummy twisted in a knot as the boat was launched up into the air. The boat hit the water; she felt like they landed on rock-hard cement. Maddie desperately gazed out of the tiny window for land but all she saw was the vast, never ending deep, dangerous and dark blue sea. The boat was thrown out of the sea like a rocket launching off to Mars. **By Milly B**

**Bailey’s speech writing...** Cock-a-doodle-do

Here chook, chook, chook...

Chooks make the best pets because they are fun, friendly and make you feel good. They are very clever because they find their own food, so all you have to do is let them out of the pen and they will return by 6.30pm. I know this because I have 28!!!

Chooks give you fresh eggs every day- we all know fresh is best! If you have chooks in your backyard you’ll get a fresh supply of eggs for baking! Who knows how long the eggs from the supermarket have been on the shelf? Chooks are so good for the environment because they eat all the nasty bugs out of the garden and they dig up the weeds for you. This means they are very handy to have around.

You can also make money by selling your eggs! You can save up money yourself and don’t need to ask mum all the time- you make your own pocket money.

Chooks come in all different colours so there will be one that suits everyone.

I believe chooks are the best pets because they are very helpful in so many different ways.

**By Bailey**

**A postcard letter**

Dear Nan and Pop,

Guess where we’re at? Sydney harbour! We’re watching the brilliant fireworks; you should see all the glowing colours bursting in the air! Billy’s getting grumpy because it’s past midnight! The reflections on the water we are amazing. EXPLOSION of the colours filled the air.

We are unpacking our picnic; Billy is asleep on mums lap. With every new fire work the crowd screams with excitement. We saw many ferries and lots of boats the harbour.

We’re enjoying our delicious fries, soft drink and chicken drum sticks. Luke ate his fries in one minute.

Happy New Year Nan and Pop!

From Grace! **By Claire**
Athletics Report
On Monday 31st of August Milly, Leah, Sam and I went to Albury for the Riverina athletics carnival.
First Leah had long jump. As she ran up for her final jump, she hit the board and she went flying. They shouted out ‘4.17’. The Binya people cheered. Then it was my turn for high jump, I jumped 120cm and got out on 125cm. Then we did the relay and came 3rd in the heat and fifth overall. I did discus and missed out on third place by 10cm. Leah came 4th in 100m. Well done to all. It was a super day! By Harry

State Athletics- here I come!
Last Monday mum and dad took me to Albury to compete in the Riverina Athletics Carnival. My first event was the long jump- with 18 other people! I was shaking! I thought I had no chance of making it through to Sydney, but then I finished in the top 6, one last chance! I jumped 4.17m and finished 2nd… I could not believe it!
My stomach churned with butterflies… I was shaking like a leaf as I faced the 100m. I was happy with the way I raced, especially the fact that I made the final. I came 4th overall. The 200m was called last for me – 28 competitors! I ran as hard as I could and was proud to come 2nd! Off to Sydney for long jump and 200m… watch out Sydney, here I come! By Leah

Mystery Boat
A boy about 9 years old woke up on the floor of a strange, unfamiliar yacht. He quickly figured out what his surroundings were, but how did he get here? He soon realised he had bigger things to worry about - the sky darkened, and rain pelted the roof, fierce thunder made him jump! There was something eerie about this yacht.
The boy’s mind was racing, was he going to die here? A flash of lightning darted down towards the small boat and made a direct hit on the mast! The boy gasped in horror as the crackling timber plunged into the water… the boy was afraid he was next… By Sam

It was storming. The boat was in the waves. The waves were big, deadly and strong. Bob thought that the big waves were going to kill him. The storm was fierce! Bob held on as hard as he could, stuck outside and getting wetter and wetter. The boat see-sawed up and was drenched. The storm was strong and powerful. Bob was freezing and soaked because of the cold water. He had to get inside and wait until the storm passed. It felt like hours. By Greer

Mitchell was holding on. He slipped. He ran to the door, “Captain, it’s raining harder than a snow storm in the Arctic!” complained Mitchell. It all stopped. A black fin came out of the water. “It’s a killer whale!” screamed the captain. BANG!!! There was a really big dent in the motor. “Get to the safety boat!” bellowed the captain. Mitchell saw a horrific wound on the whale’s fin. He rang the local zoo and in a split second they saw a helicopter and the animal rescue team. They took the whale to the zoo and he was all safe. Meanwhile, 5 hours later...“Yes! Land at last!” yelled the captain. In the nick of time they were at home. By Leo

The Balloon Race
“Cockadoodle doo!”
“Ahh time to get up,” yawned John. “MUM! The balloon race is on today!” At the beautiful base of Binya hills, I began to fill my hot air balloon and as it slowly took shape. I launched my balloon, into the bright sky. As it rose I gazed over my basket and looked out at the golden wattle. “Wow! I’m so high! It’s going to be a long way from Binya Hills to Mt Everest.” Suddenly I hear a buzzing sound! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! I looked up to see a cloud of black swarming bees, bursting my balloon!
What am I going to do?! “My parachute! That’ll do! AHHH!” Whoosh!
“That was too close!! I’m going home to bed” John said gratefully. By Luke

On Saturday we went to the Barellan show. The Cha Cha was there, jumpy castles, trampolines and the swinging. My favourite ride was the trampolines; you could do back flips and front flips too.
When I went on the swings I felt sick and after them I ran to the toilets but fortunately I was not going to be sick...I went to get a snow cone instead! Luke and I got a pink one.
When we went home Max and Sam come for a sleep over. We watched two movies and stayed up until 11.30pm. We tried to stay up til midnight but failed. Sam and I fell asleep at the same time.
For breakfast we had pancakes! I had a pancake with maple syrup and apricots, Sam had three pancakes with golden syrup, Luke two pancakes with maple syrup and Max had one normal pancake. It was the best weekend ever 😊 By Emily.
Remember to keep collecting Earn and Learn stickers. They can be sent into the school or placed in the box at Woolworths in Griffith. Last year we purchased valuable resources for Science and Maths.

Barellan United Football & Netball Club Invites you to their Junior Presentation Day

Where: Binya Hills Picnic Area
Time: 11.00 am Sunday, 13th September

Join us as we celebrate the success of our junior club members. Families and sibling are more than welcome to attend! Award Presentation, BBQ lunch & Games 😊

😊 Bring your chairs and drinks. Don’t forget the sunscreen and a hat.

We do need to know if you are coming, so give us a call.

A great day is planned to mix & mingle 😊

Invitation Open. RSVP Below with numbers. Thanks
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