We were so excited to welcome all of our community to Binya School this week - Friday is the day to ‘Be in it at Binya’! Bec Rainbird held her weekly **fitness session**, followed by our **Kidz Konnect** group, and of course we hosted the first of our monthly **Community Cuppa** sessions 😊 Our students often express their pride and excitement in having our community involved in our school - which was amazing today!

Our students took opportunity to ask our ‘primary and secondary history sources’ about pioneering times in Binya. Whilst it is not our intention to interrogate each visit, it was timely with our current unit of study. Thank you so much for your support- we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we enjoyed having you. We look forward to see our extended community friends again next month 😊 Please spread the word to ‘old friends’ who may have left the district - it’s a great opportunity to catch up and keep in touch with the Binya community.

Clean up Australia Day -today at Binya School. It was very pleasing to see we don’t have too much rubbish, but it is amazing how much there really is when you gather it all up!

**Parent Meetings** will be available on **Wednesday March 16 from 8.30am**. We hope to meet with all our students’ mums and dads in order to work together in developing learning plans for our children. Mrs Foy and I are currently assessing student learning needs and will welcome parent input. Please call the school office to make an appointment time that will suit you both or complete the booking form attached.

Have a great week 😊 Karen

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Don’t look back, you're not going that way
What’s on Week 7?

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Dates for your Calendar

Monday 7th March – Riverina swimming
Week 8 - March 16th (Wed) - Parent-Student-teacher conferences.
Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March – P6 Peer Support Camp @ Barellan – Year 6

Moving into reading

Activity: World of words

Here are a few ways to create a home rich in words.

What you’ll need:

- Paper
- Pencils, crayons, markers
- Glue
- Newspapers, magazines
- Safety scissors

What to do:

- Hang posters of the alphabet on the bedroom walls or make an alphabet poster with your child. Print the letters in large type.
- Label the things in your child’s pictures. If your child draws a picture of a house, label it with "This is a house." and put it on the refrigerator.
- Have your child watch you write when you make a shopping list or a "to do" list. Say the words aloud and carefully print each letter.
- Let your child make lists, too. Help your child form the letters and spell the words.
- Look at newspapers and magazines with your child. Find an interesting picture and show it to your child as you read the caption aloud.
- Create a scrapbook. Cut out pictures of people and places and label them.
- By exposing your child to words and letters often, your child will begin to recognize the shapes of letters. The world of words will become friendly.
Top Sports

Small Schools’ cricket knock out has been postponed a new day/date TBC.

Congratulations Harry Rowston on being picked in the 24 man squad for Riverina Cricket. He will now attend two training sessions in Wagga and Albury followed by a game in Barooga in September where the final team will be picked. Awesome Effort Harry!

And to top off a great record in sports this week, Harry Rowston was also successful in being selected to represent us in the Narrandera-Leeton-Griffith AFL team and will play in Leeton on the 17th March to trial for the Western Riverina squad.

Riverina Swimming Carnival —Our representatives at the Riverina Carnival on Monday 7th March are Harry in 50m breaststroke and backstroke. Our P6 relay the team consists of Milly, Claire, Leah and Harry. Fingers crossed for them to qualify to represent Riverina at State this year!

Kid’s Corner

K-2 has been using descriptive writing to write a report together about an Australian Emu.

Emu’s are native birds of Australia. They have a small head with googy brown eyes. Their beak is sharp and pointy. Females have boring grey- brown feathers, while males have a brighter blue-grey colour. Emu’s have a long and skinny neck that stretches from their body to their head. Their body is round and lumpy and is full of feathers. They have two thin legs that help them run fast. Emu’s have three black toes that point down when they run. They can’t walk backwards with their two legs.

By Ella, Max, Charlie and Millie R

Gutantag. That’s German for hello. On Tuesday Alina from Germany came to visit and see what it’s like to be in the country and go to a small school. Alina lives near Hamburg and went to a school with around 2000 kids in it!

She taught us all about Germany and even spoiled us with German schokolate (chocolate) and gummibarchen (gummy bears).

Her least favourite Australian food is Vegemite (Yuk!) and her favourite is Tim Tams… too bad she hasn’t tried pavlova!

I want to go Germany one day because it would be nice to see what it’s like. Auf Wiedersehen (Goodbye). By Sam

We farewell Alina and wish her all the best for great travels in Australia for the next 3 months before she settles in university back in Germany.

Howzz that! Goal! Third place!

In the last two weeks I have done a lot of sport including basketball, cricket, swimming, tennis and AFL. I have had a lot of fun at all the trials, meeting new friends and catching up with old friends. I have had so much sport and time away from school that I didn’t have a piece of writing in the newsletter last week. Mrs Conlan thought people might think I was missing!

Even though I love being at sport, I love being at school with my friends and teachers and learning new things too. By Harry

This year in class we have monitors. I’ll tell you who they are…Luke and Sam are fish monitors, Charlie and Milly B are classroom monitors, Emily and Leo are tub monitors, Harry and Max are technology, Millie R and Leah are craft, Bailey and Ella are environment, Harry and Leah are sport, Claire and Emily are library monitors and Claire and I are pencil and posters monitors. We all enjoy being monitors, it keeps the classroom organised. By Greer
Bounce, bounce, bounce. Here comes the ball!

Who would have thought we would dribble at Binya PS? And slam dunk, shoot for the hoops and rally. It is all to do with new sport equipment at Binya.

At Binya we have a new basketball hoop, basketballs and tennis rackets, balls and nets. The basketball hoop is next to the tennis court. Thanks to the P & C sponsors for their donations towards the sporting equipment. Also thank you to Cassandra Evans who transported the back board from GBs to Binya and Mr Argus for installing it.  

By Bailey

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Punctuation, verbs, nouns. How am I going to remember all this stuff?

For the last two weeks 3-6 have been preparing for a writing competition. We have been reading Mrs Druitt’s story. It has helped me with ideas to write my descriptive piece of writing for the competition. I am writing a story about Riverina children in the war time, I have been brainstorming ideas and researching facts. I am working hard to get it finished so I can enter the competition.  

By Emily

Pioneering times were tough for farmers in the olden days. It felt like you got put in an oven because it was so hot and there were no air conditioners. They worked the paddocks by horse and old ploughs. They even cleared the land with two horses pulling a metal chain between them walking backwards very slowly. Their transport was by horse and maybe a cart as well. I think I’ll stick to living in modern life.  

By Leo

Cars filled the car park. People poured through the gates. It was Community Cuppa at Binya School.

People of all ages turned out for event - babies, toddlers, school kids, young and slightly ‘older’. Lots of our mums came too. Everyone chatted and got along altogether. It was a great catch up.

The leaders had to sign our visitors in and then our students asked questions to get to know about how different it was when they were growing up. We were really surprised by some of the information we learnt. We will be writing reports for the newsletter next week.

It was really great to see people from different areas come together, especially those people who haven’t seen each other for a while. We look forward to next month’s catch up.  

By Leah

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Bang! Dust! Clatter! So many committed ladies?!

Danae Conlan, Nerissa Kite, Kelly Forster and of course our hard working staff Mrs Clifford, Mrs van Buuren and Mrs Foy all put a hand in and cleaned out the sport and storage shed. They even made the storage part a Kidz Konnect room. The students helped move the chairs and tables. Thank you to all the helpers we really appreciate your time and support. Now we have a fantastic extra learning space - and it’ll keep our visitors protected from any bad weather 😊  

By Claire

Beep! Beep! Beep! 6:00am and I have to get up! It’s so early compared to normal mornings!

On Sunday Milly Burcham and I went to Sydney with some other schools for a Young Leaders Day. When we got to the accommodation we were all so glad we made it to Sydney! I was in a room with Aiden, Nicholas, Nicholas and Quern. Our room number was 306. It was so confusing with more than one Nicholas!

At the conference the first speaker was Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want. The thing that stood out the most was “Find an inspiration and make your dreams a reality”. My favourite speaker was Scott Tweedie. Scott is off Prank Patrol and he gets to blow things up; he is my favourite TV presenter. Scott also gets to hang out with ninjas!

Only the big things I do will ever make a difference. By Luke

Six o’clock WAKE UP!
No time for make up!
No time for tears,
Lots of time for cheers!
Get on the ‘Leaders bus’,
Forty degrees- No Rush!!
Finally the city,
Looking so pretty.
Up on the Eye Tower,
Feels like we have power.
At Allphones Arena,
Lots of guest speakers.
Author Melanie Lee told us to dream,
Speak your truth, and live life it seems.
Andrew Scipione makes choices well,
Act with integrity, and little things tell.
Ben Austin steps, even small,
Paralympian to rise above all.
Back on the bus,
Two TVs for us!
The movie Ice Age 1,
Number 2 double the fun.
Amazing experiences for you,
And of course for me too!!

By Milly B

K-2 making chocolate truffles for Community Cuppa!

Wendy Anderson with grandson Sam Hunt, Aunty Kirsty Rowston with Holly (Elise Overs daughter)
Binya Public School P&C
Family Movie Fun
At Griffith City Cinemas

Premiere - Kung Fu Panda 3

Thursday 31st March at 6.15pm

Tickets are $15 for children 12 and under
AND
$20 for adults.

Tickets MUST be purchased and paid for before the night so please contact Nenissa 0428 549 165 to book your tickets!

So come and help the Binya Public School P&C raise money for “Kicx Kicxo” who are looking to establish a more organised learning environment for the families and community members by purchasing storage equipment, new tables and chairs suitable for younger children and resources for children to learn new skills.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Wade High School – A Great Choice for 2017

Prospective Parent & Student Evening
Tuesday, March 8: 6 – 7pm

Wade High School Hall - Poole St Entrance

Enquires: Phone 6962 4022

This evening will include a brief presentation, a guided school tour and a Q&A session

COMMUNITY CUPPA

Save the Date

First Friday of the month (during school terms)
10am – 11.30am
1st April
6th May
3rd June
1st July
5th August
2nd September
4th November
2nd December

Binya Public School invites ALL members of the community young and old, local and not-so-local, recent and past to come along and share a cuppa and get to know each other/ catch up.

Please bring a plate to share if you are able :)