Grandparents’ Day

and

Year 6 to 7 Transition Day
Preschool Prattle Week 4 Term 4, 2015

Last week at a glance

Last week, we celebrated grandparents’ day with the primary students. We shared why each of our grandparents are special and awarded those grandparents who attended the assembly with their certificates. The children were very excited and extremely proud to have special visitors.

We had lots of fun last week, playing around with shadow puppets, making 2D shapes in sand, building kites, hanging in the garden picking the beans and strawberries. We had lots of interesting projects on the go. Specifically, there was a lot of interest on dinosaurs and the genetically engineered dinosaurs that feature in the latest Jurassic installment. We looked at how they were developed in the movie and how the producers actually create dinosaurs for the movies. Very fascinating, we did a comparison on Tyrannosaurus and Indominus Rex, looking at characteristics, DNA influences and strengths. We worked out that we are very happy to be around today without dinosaurs, as fascinating as they are to explore!

What’s happening this Week

For our Art experiences this week, we are going to be using foil as our painting canvas, using paints with dishwashing liquid. For crafts we are also going to be making some props for our Halloween Day on Thursday - some ghosts, spiders and cut out bats. For maths, we are going to be re-sequecing numbered cubes, matching numerals and creating 2D shapes.

Our text this week is ‘The Coat Hanger Horse’. It would be great if children could bring in an old wire coat hanger if possible on Wednesday, as we will be having a go at creating our own modes of transport from old hangers.
During the week we will be doing a little research on Halloween, looking at origins and traditions associated with Halloween and celebrations around the world. We will look at planning our own Halloween Day for Thursday. Children may dress up in a costume of their choice on Thursday as part of this celebration.

End of Year

Our whole school presentation day is Friday the 11 December. Preschool are required to be there. The children will be presented with an award and will be performing a short drumming piece with Aunty Georgie. Children may go home with parents following the presentation or stay for the day. However, our official end of preschool fun day will be Thursday 10 December. We will be having a special Christmas dinner, water fun day and our own special presentation.

Here are some pictures of our Grandparents Day:
As I mentioned in my last newsletter article, students from K-6 have already started their swimming on Friday afternoons for sport. This will continue until Week 6 (Friday 13 November). Students need to remember to bring their swimmers and a towel to school each Friday.

Preschool students have started their Transition program into Kindergarten for 2016. As part of the transition program, I will also be running some parent information sessions in the school library from 9am-10am as seen below. Parents of students enrolling in Boggabilla Central School in 2016 are welcome to attend.

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Last week also saw the beginning of our Year 6 Transition program for Year 7 in 2016. Toomelah Year 6 students and Uncle Big came to the school and joined in some team building games with Mr Synnott, Aunty Fran, Aunty Louise and our Year 6 students. Here are some photos.
Last week we celebrated Grandparents’ Day at the P-6 Assembly. Thank you too all the parents and grandparents who came along. The students were very excited and many got up at the assembly and spoke about how special their Grandparents are to them. Below are some photos.

Ms Karen Baird
Assistant Principal
Yaama everyone,

Well it’s week 4 already. The school year is quickly coming to an end. As always, it’s very busy at this time of the term.

Next week 5-6 November is Connecting to Country, so BCS staff will be involved.

Each Monday of this term, Yr 7/8 will be going to swimming lessons and on Thursdays, Year 9 will be going to swimming lessons as well. Parents, please encourage your children to come to school every day so they don’t miss out.

Girls Healing Group is still happening every Wednesday and this term they will be learning about Self Awareness and Identity. The girls are really starting to connect with each other as well as us who are involved.

Yarn Up is every second Tuesday, so come along and support us, have a cuppa and a yarn. Everyone is welcome.

Year 6 transition between BCS and Toomelah is every Monday until the end of term from 12.30pm - 1.30pm. The students are starting to connect with each other already, which is fantastic to see.

The 13 November is our NBSA Year 12 Graduation. Congratulations to those students: Quindon McIntosh, Liam McGrady and Haydon McGrady. Well done boys!

Just to let everyone know, the White Ribbon event is on the 12 November between 10am-2pm at the Boggabilla Town and Country Club. All welcome.

Well that’s all from us this week Aunty Louise and Aunty Fran AEO’s.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) CAMP

Last week, some students with an interest in science and maths, from year 5 to year 9 participated in the STEM camp held at Dubbo TAFE. Our students had the opportunity to work with researchers, engineers, mathematicians and scientists. They also had the opportunity to connect with Indigenous academics and community leaders. By attending this program, they gained some insight in many possibilities for future study and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It was a valuable and memorable experience for our students to meet and listen to highly successful Indigenous leaders.
Mrs Elsa Mathews
Science Teacher
Good for Kids good for life

Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own ‘ice cream’ using mashed up bananas (it’s deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!
ATTENDANCE REPORT

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for them to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years. It’s vital that students go to school every day, especially in the early years in order to develop good attendance habits.

Lateness continues to be an issue. Please remember that students are required to be at school by 8.45am. Any later and they will be marked as late. Parents and carers can help the students by getting them up early, having lunch packed and ready, uniforms and shoes out ready to go. Breakfast club continues to run from 8.00am-8.30am in the community room, with big breakfast on a Wednesday morning.

Our whole school attendance target continues to be 85%. We are currently on 64 % for Term 4 so far.

Remember missing school is missing out!

**Week 3 Statistics**

**Whole School:** 70%

Primary: 83%

- K/1/2: 77%
- 2/3/4: 83%
- 4/5/6: 86%

Secondary: 58%

- 7/8: 81%
- 9: 48%
- 10: 42%
- 11/12: 48%

*How green is your grid? [Image of a grid]*

*Make sure your child is in School every day.* [Image of a grid with stars and text]
Attendance Rewards Day

**What:** Moree Pools *(Water slide, Spas, Water Park and Water Balls)*

**Where:** Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre

**When:** Tuesday, 15 December

**Who:** Years K-12 with 80% or higher attendance

How green is your grid?
SWIMMING IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term, students from years 7-10 are participating in aquatic lessons at Goondiwindi Pool. Years 7 and 8 students are learning about and demonstrating water safety skills. Years 9 and 10 are participating in a range of aquatic games. Below are some photos of stage four developing their survival strokes and rescue techniques and stage five playing volley ball.
Next year, Boggabilla Central School will be involved in and participating in knockouts and gala days for the following sports: Basketball, Touch Football, Rugby League and Netball. Students will be eligible based on their behaviour and attendance.
BOGGABILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL
BIGGEST EVER
SCHOOL DISCO

GOLD COIN DONATION
PIZZA HOTDOGS PIE SAUSAGE ROLLS CHIPS
POPPERS & FRUIT
PRIZES FOR BEST DANCER
HALLOWEEN THEME PRIZES FOR BEST DRESS UP

30TH OCTOBER 2015
BOGGABILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM
DISCO: 6PM—9 PM

Glow Sticks will be available
JOB LINK BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP & DROPS OFF
News from the Remote School Attendance Strategy Team

A Yarn with Isabel Talbot – School Attendance Officer

What do you enjoy most about your job?
Working with the children and the local community

Have you seen a change in school attendance since starting with RSAS?
Yes I have seen a major change in school attendance with students making more of an effort to attend.

What advice would you like to give to the students in regards to education?
Attend school every day and make something of your life.

Don’t forget about after school activities every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Children are advised to meet at the Tennis Court at the back of Boggabilla Central School.

The Remote School Attendance Team will be holding their first ever School DISCO this Friday, 30 October. Keep an eye out for the flyer. We hope to see you all there.

Don’t forget we have ‘Big Breakfast’ every Wednesday in the Pink House from 8am. Bacon and Eggs! It will be a good feed, so we hope to see you all there.

DID YOU KNOW?

Benn Harradine is the Australian and Commonwealth discus champion, and the first Australian male to reach the Olympics final in this discipline. At the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, Harradine became the first Aboriginal athlete to represent Australia in a field event and in 2010 the first Aboriginal Australian to win a gold field medal.

School is your future! Don’t miss out! Don’t miss a day! A good Education is the greatest gift you can give yourself or anyone else.
MIRRI ATTENDERS WEEK 1

The following students have attended school every day in week 3.

Congratulations on 100% attendance……

Sheena-Lee
Kahliah
Owen
Denver
Maddison
Darrell
Keleisha
Daryl
Chloe
Isaiah
Kirsty
Tyson
Danyelle
Mia
Theresa
Jamey
Shannon
Jared
Debra
Madeline
Daniel
Rexiarna
Deborah
Jordan and Henry
Below are photos of our Mirri Class attenders. This is awarded to the class with the highest attendance rate in Primary and Secondary.

**MIRRI CLASS ATTENDERS 4/5/6**

**MIRRI CLASS ATTENDERS YEAR 7/8**
Free!

Parent2Parent
Boggabilla

Every second Wednesday at the Moree Plains Shire Council Northern Area Office, 134 Merriwa St Boggabilla. Starting at 10.30am.
The FREE Parenting Support group will enable you to engage with other parents or carers and their children in a safe and supportive environment. These groups will run weekly and include fun activities for you and your children.

Term 4 Dates:
14 October
28 October
11 November
25 November
9 December

For more information please phone Lisa or Nicole on 6750 8500 or ask us how we can support your family!

Rural Parenting Resilience Program
Supporting parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years

An Australian Government Initiative
Boggabilla Central School Breaks the Silence around Violence against Women. Colin Clarence and Malcolm Peckham raise awareness by hosting a White Ribbon event with the male students of secondary school.

Colin Clarence and Malcolm Peckham have organised an event to help raise awareness to support White Ribbon Australia’s work to end men’s violence against women.

During Periods 1–3 on Monday 2nd November, Colin and Malcolm will meet with all male students in Secondary to discuss violence against women and what role men have in bringing this scourge of society to an end. In an effort to encourage the young men to talk and open up about violence against women, the meeting will take place at the Yarning Circle.

As a prelude to the White Ribbon Day community march that will happen on November 12, the students will make individual placards depicting their views and opinions on Women’s violence and proudly display them as they march from Merriwa Street to the Boggabilla Town and Country where they will take a pledge and declare “I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women….this is my oath”.

“Violence against women is at epidemic proportions. Devastatingly, over 12 months, on average, one woman is killed every week in Australia as a result of intimate partner violence,” Colin Clarence said.

“Murder is at the pointy end of a broad spectrum of violence against women. A spectrum that encompasses financial, verbal, emotional, psychological, physical and sexual abuse, as well as workplace harassment. They all form part of a devastating cycle of violence.

“And the women lost are not just statistics – they are wives, mothers, daughters, grand-daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, friends and colleagues. Most importantly, they are people, and the impact of the violence perpetrated against them is widespread and long-standing.

“Violence against women is never a private issue. We are holding this event to help break the silence around violence, to raise awareness of the issue as well as continuing to support work to bring violence against women to an end.

“We want people to know that violence against women is unacceptable, it is never the victim’s fault, help is always available and if you see something you should definitely say something. People need to know that they can make a difference; bringing an end to men’s violence against women will take a whole of community approach.”
Boggabilla

Held in the Preschool Building
Every Friday 9am - 12pm

Gold coin donation and bring morning tea and a hat

Only a Gold Coin donation
Bring Morning Tea and a Hat!
YOUTH HUT

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

FREE ACTIVITIES AND PIZZA

PICK UP POINTS
4.30PM—TOOMELAH CLINIC
4.30PM—BOGGABILLA CLINIC, BOGGABILLA SHOP
TRANSPORT DEPARTS PCYC @ 7.30PM

NSW Health
NSW Hunter New England Local Health District
BOGGABILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL
Drug Arm
Moree Plains Shire
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