I was privileged again on Tuesday to be able to address assembled parents, grandparents, friends and students on the occasion of our celebration of the 60th Education Week. The focus of my speech was on the importance of the place of public education in our society.

I was recently visiting a social media site, where someone had posted a photo on which were the words, "what if the secret to the cure for cancer was trapped inside the head of someone who could not afford an education? " For so many of the people who have gone on to forge great careers in our society, had public education not been available, they may not have been able to achieve the successful careers they have gone on to enjoy.

A high quality education should not just be available to the children of those parents with the capacity to pay. Every child, no matter what his or her background, level of support, level of parental education, deserves the education that will set them up so that they can grab onto any opportunity and run with it, knowing that they have been equipped with the skills to not only cope, but thrive. I believe that this is what the NSW government system does for the children in its care. In the words of the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir, herself a product of public schools, ”education is the greatest right, the greatest gift and the most empowering acquisition".

I appreciate the contributions of many people to the success of our assembly. Thank you to all the parents who sent so many of our children dressed in costume to celebrate Book Week. Finally, thanks to all the members of our wider school community who attended the assembly.

I was not able to attend the Spelling Bee on Tuesday, which was a new initiative held this year for Education Week. From all accounts it was lots of fun and very well organised. We hope to hold such a competition again in the future.

Also on Tuesday, Mr Simpson and our indigenous language group provided cultural awareness activities for our infants and primary school students. These activities were highly appreciated by the students.

Arborists are currently at the school, tending to some of the large trees in the primary area to ensure that they continue to be an attractive, shady and above all safe part of our playground.

Mrs Valencic
Primary Excursion to Katoomba
Students participating in the Katoomba excursion have recently received the final information and permission note. Please ask your child if it has not been presented to you. Enquiries can be directed to Ms Tammie Wales.

Primary Athletics Carnival
A reminder that the carnival commences at 9.00am sharp in the morning. The bus will leave the school bus stop at 7.30am. In the event of wet weather the carnival will be postponed and a notice will be announced on 2GZ (105.1), 2LF (1350AM) and ABC (549AM). Best wishes to the following competitors: Grace and Jackson Barker, Holly and Acacia Blom, Byron Campbell, Jacob Cayfe, Fleur Corcoran, Riley Eccles, Katlyn Edwards, Caleb Emerton, Harvey Gay, Dominic Grocott, Aydien and Josh Gurney, Max Hagar, Marnie Halls, Hayden Hewitt, Claire Howlett, Talia Karaitiarna-Halls, Marlie McIntosh, Lily McKinley, Logan Mears, Jasmine Mitchell, Amanda Noakes, Tobias Piper, Imogen and Mackella Pye, Tristan Summerfield and Nathan Welch.

Boorowa Touch/Netball Carnival
This date is set for Friday week 2 of term 4, 17th October. Students are currently being placed into teams. We are asking for parent/community members/high school students who are willing to volunteer their time at lunchtime for training. Thank you to parents who have already offered to assist. If you are willing can you please contact Ms Mahoney? Thank you.

A Perfect Day of Celebration
Students and staff had the perfect day to celebrate Education Week/Book Week and NAIDOC last Tuesday. Primary and Infants students were treated to Aboriginal Art, Dance and Dreaming Stories that were led by Mr Ron Simpson and delivered by secondary students.

Years 3-6 staged their first Spelling Bee in the Library. Three students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were selected to represent their year group. They were extremely nervous and were disappointed when they rushed a word but all students and staff were proud of their efforts and congratulate them for ‘having a go’. The overall winner was Logan Mears who survived seven rounds and took home the trophy. Competitors included: Natasha Hagar, Harvey Gay, Ellie McMahon, Dijana Shemon, Talia Karaitiarna-Halls, Grace Barker, Marlie McIntosh, Josh Gurney, Jasmine Mitchell, Fleur Corcoran and Byron Campbell.

Special thanks are extended to Mrs Carolyn Harpley for initiating and organising this event with Ms Sascha Maley who made all the words.

Following lunch K-12 held an assembly. Mrs Valencic delivered an inspiring and passionate speech that highlighted the significant impact that Public Education has on children and the opportunities it presents. Infant students performed 2 excellent songs that pleased the audience. Mr Walker spoke proudly about his published novel to students and provided an insight into the processes and challenges presented when he was writing his book. He also acknowledged that anyone can write a story if they really want to. It was wonderful to hear from Hayley Saunders who spoke about her experience of a recent visit to Parliament House. Hayley indicated that she enjoyed this opportunity and feels she has developed confidence from this. Miss Baumann asked staff to provide her with a novel that they greatly enjoyed or inspired them. She took to the stage and read several to the audience. Finally, all students and staff who dressed up in their favourite character costume paraded the hall.

As the assembly concluded with the National Anthem it was spine tingling to hear and see our school community standing united and celebrating what we are all here for – Educating the whole child.

Queanbeyan Arts Festival
Last week a number of students from Years 3, 4, 5, 6 participated in the Queanbeyan Arts Festival at the Canberra Theatre. The students absolutely loved the experience of being on stage and performing. An evaluation from the students indicated that it was an extremely positive experience that they would like to do again. Mrs Harpley was impressed with the students’ behaviour and also agreed that the whole experience for the children was beneficial. Mrs Harpley extends a big thank you to all parents who supported their children in this activity.

Boorowa Central School—NAIDOC
Week 3 high school students attended a NAIDOC assembly with guest speaker Chaplin Ivan Grant. Ivan spoke of his childhood, growing up and then working as a news camera man and eventually turning to the ministry. He is currently the chief instructor at A.D.F. Chaplin School in Canberra. Ivan was very impressed with Boorowa Central School students behaviour and respect. He was also happy to hear Jonathon Morgan lead the Language group in acknowledging of Country and Kimberly and Kirsty’s presentation of a gift in Ivan’s native language Wiradjuri and was proud of the language class doing a tradition clearing dance.

Tuesday 5th August saw the infants and primary doing a range of activities, plaiting, face painting, art, dreaming stories and dance. Much fun was had by all and I would like to express my appreciation to the language group who ran the activities and gave the primary and infants a great time.

Ron Simpson Language Group C0-Ordinator

My First Speech Competition
The House of Representatives has announced a national My First Speech competition for years 10—12 students across Australia. Three talented students are present to their speech live on the floor of parliament and take part in an education program at Parliament House. The competition asks Years 10—12 students to consider what they would say if they were a newly elected Member of the House of Rep-
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Another yummy recipe from the Hospitality kitchen
Chicken & Vegetable Curry

Ingredients
- 2 chicken thigh fillets
- ½ onion
- 1 large potato
- 1 Tab oil
- 6 spinach leaves
- Any other vegetables you have
- 1T curry paste
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 100ml cream

Method
- Dice chicken.
- Dice onion.
- Dice potato.
- Shred spinach leaves
- Prepare any other vegetables
- Heat oil on a medium heat
- Add in the potato, chicken, and onion, and stir for 2 minutes.
- Add in the curry paste and stir for a further minute.
- Pour in the diced tomatoes and any other vegetables. Do not add the spinach.
- Cook until the potato is soft. You may need to add a little more water (no more than ¼ cup).
- When the potato is soft, stir in the spinach and cream. Cook for 1 minute more to allow the spinach to wilt.
- Serve.

Nut Aware
The school would like to remind students and parents that our school is a nut aware school. Please be mindful of foods that contain and may contain nuts and refrain from packing them for recess and lunch. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Writing Workshop for Reluctant Boys with Paul Stafford, author and literacy consultant
On Tuesday, August 12th, boys in Years 7 and 8 will participate in workshop sessions with Paul Stafford, an author and literacy consultant who has had great success in encouraging boys to enjoy, and to succeed in, creative writing. Paul will be at the school all day. There will be three 90 minute sessions, and boys in Years 7 and 8 will be participating in one session with their year group and one session with both years combined at the end of the day. This is the first of two special days planned to encourage and engage boys in imaginative and successful writing and promises to be a fun and rewarding day. An information note to parents of boys in these years is also being sent home today. You can read about Paul Stafford and his approach to great writing on his website: http://www.paulstaffordliteracy.com/contact/

Once in a lifetime opportunity
2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the landing of the first ANZACS at Gallipoli. In commemorating this important event, the NSW Government has announced a ballot to enable 100 students in years 10, 11 and 12 to participate in a tour of Turkey in April next year. The students along with 28 teachers will represent NSW at the 2015 Gallipoli Dawn Service.

Boorowa Central School will be entering the ballot. If we are successful four students and one teacher will be selected on the merits of a piece of writing or artwork around the theme of the Centenary of Anzac.

Successful students will need to pay only for their passport, vaccinations and any spending money they wish for souvenirs. All other costs including travel, visas, accommodation, meals, entrance fees, travel insurance and all transfers will be covered by the NSW Government.

Students currently in years 9, 10 and 11, are able to find out more about this amazing once in a lifetime opportunity from either Ms Green or Mr Eldred.

Entries for the competition close at 5.00pm on 12th September, 2014.

For more information please contact the Australian Parliament’s Community Relations Office on freecall 1800 139 299 or email comps.reps@aph.gov.au

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Kindergarten Visit to Rugby Public School
On Monday Kindergarten travelled to Rugby Public School to view a performance of “The Windy Farm” a shortlisted children’s story book in 2014. We had a wonderful morning watching the performance in the Rugby Hall with students from Rye Park and Rugby Public Schools. We then stayed and had morning Tea and a play with the Rugby Public students who were very hospitable. We had a wonderful morning and look forward to doing some follow up work on this story and the hidden messages inside the story that were brought to life in a play. We would also like to thank Rugby and Rye Park Public Schools for inviting us to be part of this wonderful performance!

RUGBY SCHOOL VISIT AND ‘THE WINDY FARM PERFORMANCE’
Last Friday we welcomed our Kindergarten students for 2015 and their parents to Boorowa Central School. The parents and students had a tour of the school facilities and Primary classrooms. They were most impressed with how independently students were working in each classroom. The K students 2015 then played quietly in our lovely K-4 Library area while Mrs Gay went through the Transition to school packs with parents. Parents from K 2014 and staff shared a lovely lunch and cuppa with our parents while the new kindies had a play in the playground. The day finished with K-2 welcoming the new students and parents with 2 songs “Let it Shine and “Let it Go”. This Friday sees the commencement of our Kindy Start Program with four half day sessions taking place in the Kindergarten classroom over the next four weeks. With around 20 students starting Kindergarten in 2015 we are all very excited about making their transition to school as smooth as possible.

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QUEANBEYAN ARTS FESTIVAL

DVD’s are available for purchase at a cost of $25.00. If you wish to place an order please have your order to the school office by Friday 15th August together with the $25.00. Orders will not be accepted without the inclusion of the $25.00.

EDUCATION WEEK SPELLING BEE

Logan Mears winner of the Spelling Bee
Athletes Shine at Western Carnival

Boorowa Central School secondary students travelled to Bathurst on Friday 25th July for the Western Region Athletics Trials. The morning started with light rain, which made conditions slippery for the athletes. Despite this, many athletes produced their best performances and narrowly missed out on the opportunity to represent at State level by placing third. The top two competitors progress to the next level.

The first event represented was the 16 years 4 x 100m relay and was a great start to the day with the team placing first (Molly Stephens, Charlee Griffiths, Morgan Liddle and Tracey Noakes). The girls head to Homebush for the State Athletics Carnival heats on the 4th September. They are extremely excited as there have been few athletes from the school over the years to make the State carnival for athletics.

Jade Blomfield placed 7th in discus and a credible 3rd in shot put with an 8.22m result. Travis Gault and Joshua Howarth enjoyed their field event but did not gain personal bests. Milly Smith placed well in third position in discus but did not perform her best in high jump. Jessie Piper and Hailey Vandertoom were content with 4th place in their age divisions in shot put and Bradley Wales was very pleased he gained 3rd in 16 years shot put. Jakob Piper and Jody Liddle felt a little disappointed with their field event performances.

Molly Stephens was ecstatic with her overall performance for the day by placing 5th in the 16 years 100m final, being a member of the relay team and gaining 3rd in long jump. She was only 3cm from second place in long jump and increased her PB by almost a metre. Charlee Griffiths came away disappointed with her 3rd place in her 15 years 100m dash because she was so close to representing her school in this event but is elated that she is a member of the relay team. Jack Hinds created excitement among the spectators, who like Charlee, gained 3rd place in the 100m dash and narrowly missed second place by a ‘blink of the eye’. Jack also placed 4th in the 200m final. He was a very strong competitor on the day and is unlucky not to be heading to State with others.

The last event was 16 years high jump, which saw Maddie Edwards being eligible to move to State level for this event. Tracey Noakes and Morgan Liddle are part of the relay team progressing to Sydney and are feeling extremely proud of their run and are looking forward to practising baton changes to increase their time. The school is proud of all athletes’ performances and wish the relay team and Maddie all the best for when they compete at Homebush.
### Western Region Athletics Trials Student Results 2014

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**Western Area Secondary Boys Tennis Trials**

Congratulations to Jacob Carmody who was successful in the boys Secondary Western Tennis Trials. He was ranked number 4 and will be competing at State in October.
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### FUNDRAISER 2014

**WHAT:** “Joker Draw”

**WHERE:** Courthouse Hotel Boorowa

**WHEN:** “Friday night 8th August, 6.30pm—7.30pm”

**JACKPOT:** $2300

The Joker Draw at the Courthouse Hotel this Friday night. Bring the family and come along for a fun night out and buy some tickets in the “Joker Draw.” All proceeds will go to Boorowa Central School P&C, St Joseph’s P&F & the Rugby Club.

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**Canteen Roster**

**TERM 3 WEEK 5 2014**

- **Monday 11/08/14** Sharon Hinds
- **Tuesday 12/08/14** Janine Hagar
- **Wednesday 13/08/14** Kristy Friend
- **Thursday 14/08/14** Kerry Edwards
- **Friday 15/08/14** Gail Grimson