Friday 29th August
Primary Regional Athletics
High School Preparation Day 1

Wednesday 3rd September
Smart ‘n’ Drama Night

Week 10
Primary Excursion to Katoomba

REMINDER TO PARENTS
MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL RECORDS
It is imperative that our school records on a child’s medical condition be kept up to date. If your child has been diagnosed with a severe medical condition that could impact on their wellbeing whilst at school then please inform the school admin office immediately so as a suitable response plan can be initiated.

WE ARE A
‘SUNSMART’ SCHOOL
‘NO HAT NO PLAY’

Important Information for the Community
If you are concerned for a child’s well being you may ring the Department of Community Services on 132 111 or the Police on 131 444. Both phone numbers operate 24 hours a day.

Whooping Cough
Health

As the winter lingers, we have had a spike in coughs and colds recently with a large number of staff and students falling victim to these nasty diseases. We would like to alert parents that we have had a report of Whooping cough within the school. Whooping cough is diagnosed by your doctor with a blood test. We strongly urge parents of children with a blocked or runny nose, mild fever and a cough to check with their family doctor for advice. Adults who have been immunised may still contract the disease.

In checking through medical information, we have identified 11 students who have incomplete medical information with regards to immunisation and 42 students who are not immunised or where information has not been provided by parents. We strongly urge parents to check their children’s immunisation history and please be aware that Whooping cough is a particularly nasty disease and for very young, unwell or older people, this can seriously impact on their health and in some cases can be fatal. If we have an outbreak of a serious disease, children who are immunosuppressed or not immunised may be requested by Public Health to remain at home until risk of infection has passed. (Pertussis fact sheet attached to newsletter)

SCHOOL HALL

We have had trouble with the surface of the hall being overly slippery. As we work to address this matter with our cleaning contractor Menzies, there will be periods where we will have to stop using the hall for sports to prevent injury.

All users of the hall in addition to our school staff have been asked to make their own assessment for the suitability of activity in its current state. We are in constant communication with the organisers of the Basketball Competition and the Gymnastics Club, keeping them informed of any changes.
Our big Elm tree in the Infants Primary Quadrangle had a significant trim, removing 7 tonnes from the canopy. The trim was ordered following a comprehensive assessment by leading Arborist who determined which limbs needed to be removed for the safety of all students, staff, visitors and buildings. Much of what was removed was rotten with only a small amount of wood remaining on the outside of the limb.

Our big elm which is over one hundred years old has been assessed as currently sound following the removal of rotten wood, but we were informed that we need to plan for its eventual removal and replacement with a more appropriate species for a school site. Our school will turn 150 years old in 2020 and this may be a good time to have a significant larger tree planted to replace this historic tree. Such a planting could be a central activity of the 150 Years celebration. Wood from the main trunk could be used in a piece of furniture for the school and town to commemorate the presence of this magnificent tree in many of the childhood memories of the people. Suppliers of established trees exist in Canberra and Goulburn and we have begun to gather ideas about costs and suitable species.

One spotted gum and four blue gums were fully removed for safety. These trees have in the past dropped significant limbs and the risk to the safety of students was too great to retain them. Three other trees were trimmed to remove hanging dead timber which was at risk of falling causing injury.

We have kept all mulch from the trees for the gardens and main trunk wood has been retained for use by local businesses.

The arborists and school staff were very impressed with the safe manner with which our students watched the tree removals from safety and we had no reports of unsafe behaviour by students during this time. Well done kids!

**Primary SRC Presentations**

Presentations of badges for SRC will occur next Tuesday 19th August under the Infants COLA. Parents are welcome to attend. The assembly commences at 12.30pm.

**Stage 4 visit to Boorowa River**

This Friday 15th August, Stage 4 students (years 7 & 8) will be taking a mini field trip to the Boorowa River at Pudman, Brial and Scott Streets to perform scientific, geographic and mathematical investigations. Students will be filming their investigation processes and results to contribute to a school entry into the MDBA Basin Champions program in the hope that it may qualify for screening at the 17th International RIVERSymposium being held in Canberra in September. For information on the conference visit riversymposium.com or to see what’s going on with the MDBA Basin Champions visit: www.mdba.gov.au/what-we-do/education/basin-champions.

**What to bring:** Students will be at the park/riverside across periods 3-5 and should bring their own water, lunch, hats, their geography book, pens, pencils (incl 3 colour), a ruler and eraser.

**Primary Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the District Athletics Carnival last Friday at Cowra. The following results were obtained:

- **Amanda Noakes**
  - 1st in 100m and 200m dash
  - 3rd in 800m
  - 3rd in high jump

- **Marlie McIntosh**
  - 2nd in high jump

- **Grace Barker**
  - 3rd in shot put

- **Marnie Halls**
  - 1st in discus

- **Acacia Blom**
  - 3rd in discus

- **Parrish Brown**
  - 2nd in 100m
  - 1st in long jump

- **Nathan Welch**
  - 2nd in shot put

- **Hayden Hewitt**
  - 1st in shot put

- **Joshua Gurney**
  - 2nd in 800m

- **Tobias Piper**
  - 2nd in high jump

**Senior Girl Relay**

2nd (Amanda Noakes, Jasmine Mitchell, Mackella Pye, Marlie McIntosh)

The following students have been selected to attend the Regional Carnival based on qualifying times, heights and distances: **Amanda Noakes, Joshua Gurney, Parrish Brown, Hayden Hewitt Marlie McIntosh, Tobias Piper, Jasmine Mitchell and Mackella Pye.**
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**STARTS OF THE WEEK**

**TERM 3 - WEEK 4 & 5 - PRIMARY/INFANTS AWARDS**

**FIRST STAR CARD**
Marnie Halls  
Annie Dyer  
Max Galvin  
Charlotte Penrose  
Anthony Brown

**SECOND STAR CARD**
Imogen Pye  
Riley Eccles  
David Eastham-Ward

**THIRD STAR CARD**
William Daniels  
Grace Barker

**25 NIGHTS READING**
Audrey Daniels  
Kirstie Trethowan  
Callum Stewart

**50 NIGHTS READING**
Breah Polsen  
Mylee Taylor  
Destiny Hardefeldt

**75 NIGHTS READING**
Nicholas Wilson  
Belle Riles  
Finlay Shore  
Max Galvin  
Breah Polsen  
Tyler Sullivan

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Year 3**

**Kindergarten**  
Name: Belle Riles  
Age: 5  
If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? A T-Rex  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Butterflies, flowers and dinosaurs.  
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? Playing a piano  
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? A ring, a flower that doesn’t die and a funny wig

**Year 1/2**

Name: Leilani Cayfe  
Age: 6  
If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? A T-Rex  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Computers, writing and drawing.  
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? I'll be riding horses  
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? A Pegasus, a toy dragon and new bridle for my horse.

**Year 2/3**

Name: Imogen Pye  
Age: 9  
If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? A Tyrannosaurus Rex.  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Playing, jumping in the pool and friends  
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? I will be teaching.  
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? A horse, a clean room and that everyone in the world is nice.
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The second half day of Kindystart was an enjoyable day not only for our 2015 Kindy students but also for our Principal Ms Jennifer Green and our Deputy Principal Mrs Debbie Valencic. Everyone had a great day of learning.
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Kinder - Year 2 had a visit from Pets in the Community this week educating the children about the responsibilities of owning a pet. They enjoyed meeting 'Ned' the dog and learning about pet care and animal awareness.
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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.

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

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AN INVITATION TO THE BLEEDING DISORDERS COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 27th August 2014
5.30pm for 6.00pm start

Boorowa Ex-Services & Citizens Club
55/59 Pudman St, Boorowa

An evening of information and guest speakers to learn about bleeding disorders in the South West Slopes Community

RSVP for reservations
Walk-ins welcome Ph: 0481 013 323
Email: james.slade@act.gov.au

Common types of Bleeding Disorders
- Von Willibrand Disease
- Haemophilia A
- Haemophilia B
- Platelet disorders
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Keeping Kids in Mind
A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher. Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. The course is designed to:

- assist parents to see through their children’s eyes the experience of parental separation.
- develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation.

The course covers the following topics:
- Grief and loss after separation
- The hidden world of children
- Rebuilding resilience
- Bridging the gap
- Looking back and moving forward

Dates: 28th August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th September, 2014
Venue: Young & District Community Hub, 2c Campbell St, Young.
Time: 10.00am—12.30pm daytime or 6.00pm-8.30pm Evening
Cost: $50 ($10 per session) includes morning tea or supper and all materials including participant workbook.
RSVP Essential: 63826 328 or in person on Monday 25th August. All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in a pre-group interview prior to the course.
Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by experienced parent educators.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING

SUPPORT, MOVING FROM HOME TO UNI, CAMPUS LIFE, HSC SUCCESS, THE ATAR AND MORE......
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Merit Scheme Update

It’s been a phenomenal term so far with secondary students achieving levels in record times and at record levels. A big congratulations to all students who have levelled up over the last terms and keep going—there are 5 weeks left in this year’s trial cycle! We will advise the end of year merit trip as soon as details are available however students should note this is a merit based reward excursion with limited places. This is not a first in best dressed opportunity and as such places in the excursion will be initially offered to the higher merit achieving students.

It’s great to see so many students goal setting and achieving within the scheme. Special recognition this month for achieving outstanding levels of merit go to Amelia Hewitt and Tiffany Campbell for attaining Platinum Level, Lucy Kershaw for Platinum Elite and Tracey Noakes for her second Platinum Elite Extension. These students are certainly walking the talk when it comes to participation, respect and responsibility whilst incorporating our FiSH! principles as they play, make my day, choose your attitude, and be there.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who levelled up...

BLUE LEVEL
Travis Rauchenberger
Mitchell Bonfield
Madalyn Mitchell
Jack Grant
Adam Hinds
Connor Corcoran
Raquel Foti
Hailey Vandertoorn

BRONZE LEVEL
Jade Blomfield
Payten Power
Travis Rauchenberger
Katie Bonfield
Jasmine Wignall
Jack Grant
Shania George
Connor Corcoran
Hannah Trotter

SILVER LEVEL
Tamelia Mitchell
Milli Smith
Dylan Batjer
Bridget Summerfield
Tiffany Campbell
Katie Bonfield
Jack Grant

GOLD LEVEL
Tegan Howarth
Lucy Kershaw
Kiara Shean
Dylan Batjer
Amelia Hewitt
Tiffany Campbell
Stacie Wales

PLATINUM LEVEL
Tracey Noakes
Tegan Howarth
Lucy Kershaw
Amelia Hewitt
Tiffany Campbell

A special word about the following levels...
The following award levels were created to recognise the continued efforts of students working above and beyond within the BCS Secondary Merit Scheme. There is always room for growth and improvement in life and these students are leading by example in our secondary school community. They are certainly not alone and a few students are hot on their heels. The Merit Scheme team look forward to sharing the successes of these students with a special platinum plus hot choccy recess very soon....

Platinum Elite Level
Tracey Noakes
Lucy Kershaw

Platinum Elite Level I
Tracey Noakes

Platinum Elite Level II
Tracey Noakes

Congratulations to all on your ‘level up’!

For new families:
Certificates are presented twice a term. The next issue of certificates will be at the end of the term school assembly. For any inquiries please call the school or see Miss Nicholson during Recess.