Education Week Open Day

On Friday we had amazing weather for a fun filled Open Day! The students had a fantastic time learning about weird and wonderful bugs during the Travel Bugs incursion. I would like to thank Jacqui from Travel Bugs for an incredibly interesting presentation. The students were very engaged and demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the diverse species of bugs we have in our local area. This presentation was followed by a class talk and hands on experience with Jacqui. Greg Bourke entertained the students with a very informative presentation on carnivorous plants. The students were able to see a variety of unusual plants and the creatures they had digested. Thank you Greg for giving up your time to provide such a valuable learning experience for the students. The last activity the students participated in was a bug survey. Students searched various areas of the school grounds to see what creatures live amongst the leaf litter and the first layer of soil. All students greatly enjoyed the different learning experiences throughout the day.

After open classrooms and a tasty BBQ lunch, our students showcased their talents for their parents, grandparents and community members. Kinder/Yr 1, the Choir and the Dance group provided excellent entertainment and our Multicultural Competition speakers presented their speeches eloquently and with great confidence. We are very proud of the efforts of all of our students.

Congratulations to the Tadrosse family for winning the meat raffle! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets on the day to help us raise money for our chook pen.

Many thanks to the staff for their hard work in organising such a successful day and to all of the families who were able to come along to support their children. The staff greatly appreciate your interest in the school and your child’s education.

Choir Performance

After a bumpy start to the day, the choir performed beautifully at Richmond Marketplace Shopping Centre on Wednesday 29th July. On the way to the Marketplace the bus met with technical difficulties which resulted in the students having to disembark the bus. I would like to thank Mrs Oram and Mrs McGowan for their wonderful efforts in guiding the students to safety.

I would also like to commend the students for the mature and sensible manner in which they conducted themselves during this time. We are very proud of you boys and girls.

PULSE

Next Thursday 13th August, students in 4/5/6 and Ariarn in Year 2 will be performing at the Sydney Opera House as part of the PULSE Creative and Performing Arts Concert.

We will be catching the train into the city, to arrive in time for our rehearsal at 12.00. There will be a break from 4pm-6.30pm, where the students will have time to have dinner and relax. The performance will begin at 7pm and should finish by 9.30pm. Members of the PULSE choir will receive a note shortly with all of the final details. Thank you to the girls for all of your hard work rehearsing, good luck and have fun!

Dance Audition

I would like to congratulate the Dance Group for being accepted to perform at the Hawkesbury Dance Festival in Term 4! A fantastic effort! Costume and ticketing details will be sent home shortly.

Notes and Monies to be Returned

Years 4/5/6 Bathurst/Dubbo excursion
Middle Childhood Survey - Year 6 only
Kindergarten Enrolments 2016 - 2018 survey

If you have misplaced notes that have been sent home for completion, a copy of most notes can be found on the school webpage. We do our best to keep it up to date.

P & C Meeting

4th August 2015
The Staff Room 3.30pm

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

President Darryl Carle 4567 1018 Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss
Vice President Angie Pirie 4567 7469
Treasurer Nicole McEvoy 4567 1351
Secretary Nikki Wheen 4567 1154
CPR Awareness

Today all students completed a program where skills such as recognising dangerous situations, checking responses for injured people, dialling 000 and talking to an operator, determining whether an injured person is breathing, were learnt. Student in Years 3-6 also participated in hands on CPR training with manikins.

I would like to thank the P & C for generously covering the cost of this program for all students, allowing them to learn very important life saving skills.

Cyber Bullying Talk

On Tuesday 18th August, students in Years 3 - 6 will attend a cyber bullying talk conducted in the library by Constable Haynes, the Police Youth Liaison Officer from Hawkesbury Local Area Command.

The talk will provide students with information about cyber safety, social media and cyber bullying. In current times where the internet is readily accessible and where information is accessed instantaneously, it is important for our students to be aware of the risks associated with the web.

A permission note will be sent home prior to this in-school visit.

A Parent Information session will be held at Kurmond Public School at 6pm on Tuesday 18th August. Any interested parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Assembly

This Wednesday is a parent assembly, beginning at 2:45pm. Students who will be receiving Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards will receive a letter before Wednesday. We hope you can join us on Wednesday.

Book Fair

Only 1 more week until our Book Fair! I hope you have your costumes all organised, don’t forget they can be anything sea related (either over or under the sea!)

Colouring competition entries are due back at school by Tuesday 11th August and the winners will be announced at the Book Fair. Just hand them in to your teacher or to Mrs Carroll.

The guessing competition will take place on the day with $1 a guess for the number of bookworms in a jar. Books will be on sale before school so come along as every book you buy allows us to purchase books for the school.

See you there!

Premier’s Reading Challenge - Mrs Carroll

We are continuing to count down to the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. So keep up the good work reading and don’t forget to bring in your folders so that I can update the database with the books that you have read.

Remember the final day is 21st August!

Yr 4 - 6 Bathurst Dubbo Excursion

Attached to the newsletter is the information sheet, itinerary, clothing requirements, prescribed medication form and permission/payment information for the Yr 4 - 6 Bathurst Dubbo Excursion. The final cost of the excursion has been confirmed at $240 per student and part payments can be made to assist families. The confirmed price is more than we anticipated due to the final number of students attending the excursion. The final payment must be received before Friday 11th September. Please return the completed permission note and information sheets before Friday 21st August as venues need to be notified 3 weeks in advance and the prescribed medication form before 11th September.

Students will need to be at school on Tuesday 15th September no later than 6.45am and parents will need to collect their children at 5.00pm on Wednesday 16th September.

If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Chapman in the school office.

2015 Athletic Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have been named as 2015 Athletic Champions:-

Juvenile Girl Champion - Abby T
Juvenile Boy Champion - Samuel P
Junior Girl Champion - Mali G
Junior Boy Champion - Jack H
11 Yrs Girl Champion - Laura W
11 Yrs Boy Champion - Kaid P
Snr Girl Champion - 
Snr Boy Champion - Jack I
House Champions - Wallabies

Canteen

Just a reminder for the parents who have volunteered for the canteen roster for the month:-

Thursday 6th August - Nicole McEvoy
Monday 10th August - Cristina Robshaw and Louise Saarinen
Thursday 13th August - Michelle Leer
Monday 17th August - Rebecca Tadrosse and Margaret Tadrosse
Thursday 20th August - Michelle Leer
Monday 24th August - VACANT
Thursday 27th August - VACANT

We have five more dates that are vacant. If you are able to assist the canteen on Thursday 3rd September, Monday 7th September, Thursday 10th September and 17th September, please phone Angie Prie on 4567 7469. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that the canteen is out of beef burgers till further notice.

Happy Birthday

A very happy birthday wish for Ben Jones (6 yrs old), Zane (7 yrs old), Beau (10 yrs old) and Maya (9 yrs old) who will be celebrating their birthdays in August.
CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 News - Mrs Oram & Mrs McCloy

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the Open Day last week. The K/1 class played the Glockenspiels beautifully at the assembly and tried very hard to listen to everyone around them to make sure they sounded just like a real band!

We hope everyone is starting to feel better after all of the horrible bugs that are going around. If your child is away and you would like them to do some extra reading, please ring the school or come and chat to us for some work you can take home.

Thank you again to all of the parents/grandparents/big brothers and sisters who have come to help with reading groups. We really love the help and hope that we will continue to see you all this term.

Homework - Please ensure your child is bringing back their home readers when they have finished, so they can swap it for a new one.
In science, we have started our new topic, ‘Spot the Difference’. We are exploring different solids and liquids to see how they can change if they are melted or frozen.

Class 2/3 News - Mrs Mackie

Thank you to the students who returned their home readers on Friday. New books will come home today. All students are up to Unit 24 in their Mentals Book.

Reading groups are underway and are running from 10:45 until 11:25am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. We thank those of you who are able to come and assist with reading in 2/3 and 4/5/6.

We have begun our new HSIE unit ‘Australia You’re Standing In It’. Students will learn about numerous natural and man made landmarks found in Australia as well as facts about each state and territory. Students will receive a speech for homework next week where they will need to research a famous Australian landmark.

It was wonderful to see so many 2/3 parents at Open Day last week. Thank you for coming!

Class 4/5/6 News - Mr Hynds

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to our Open Day activities and visit our classroom to view the great work the students are doing. We hope you enjoyed it.

Thank you to those parents who have been assisting their children by listening to them read each week. It is very beneficial. Students need to return their folders and will be given a new book for the next two weeks.

In Maths we will be covering a wide amount of topics over the next fortnight including equivalent fractions, number patterns, addition and subtraction of 6 digit numbers, multiplying decimals, using coordinates and making maps and time.

I look forward to seeing parents at our award assembly this week for students receiving their bronze and silver awards.
Open Day
Special Moments