Principal
Nathan Forbes
Assistant Principal
Hayley O’Connor
Rel Head Teacher
Secondary Studies
Malcolm Banks

SCHOOL TERM
DATE 2015

TERM 3
Tuesday 14th July - Friday 18th Sept 2015.

TERM 4
Tuesday 6th Oct - Wednesday 17th Dec 2015.

G.C.S would like to wish everyone an safe and enjoyable Mid Term Break!!

Newsletter
Thursday 13th August 2015

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Students of the Week

Primary
Kaylarni Lane-Brown
Week 5

Secondary
Kia Coffey
Week 5

Indigenous Games Day 2015

Shirts for sale $20.00 Each

If you would like to purchase one of this years Indigenous Games Day shirts please see the school Front office.

Shirt Sizes: 3XL - 5 Remaining, Medium - 4 Remaining & 5XL - 3 Remaining

Limited in Stock so hurry in and get a great Shirt!
Principal News

Yaama,

Can you believe we only have 15 weeks of school left for 2015! The year seems to have flown by but we will be very busy here at the school to ensure we are cramming as much knowledge into those little heads as we possibly can.

New Executive Positions

Over the past year we have had Mrs Mindy Gibbs relieving as Assistant Principal in the Primary School. She has done an outstanding job since the departure of Miss Sandra Huntley Nott last year. At the start of this term, a selection panel headed by myself interviewed many, high quality applicants to take on the position permanently. At the end of a very long and thorough process I am pleased to announce that Mrs Hayley O’Connor was successful in applying for the position. Mrs O’Connor has many skills she will bring to the position. Most importantly I believe that she has an excellent relationship with the local community, demonstrated success in leading literacy and numeracy initiatives and above all else is passionate about setting high expectations for our students. I am sure you will join with me to congratulate Mrs O’Connor and wish her well in her position.

Mr Malcolm Banks has been relieving as Head Teacher in the High School since the departure of Miss Kate Blunt. I was also able to advertise this position at the start of the Term, however the final decision has been held up by staffing in Sydney. I hope to make an announcement about the successful candidate soon but until then Mr Banks will continue to do the outstanding job he has been doing relieving in the position.

Community Yarn Up

It has been a while since we have had a community meeting. I would like to hold one in the coming week. This will happen at 11:00 AM on Wednesday 19th August. It will be held in school library. Please come along to share in some discussion and decision making.

Dare to Lead

Dare to Lead is an educational consultancy group who specialise in providing support for leadership in schools with high numbers of Aboriginal students. We have asked Dare to Lead to take a “Snap Shot” or “Health Check” to help set the future directions of the school. A team from Dare to Lead (made up of highly experienced Principals) will be here on the 1st and 2nd September to talk with students, staff and community members as part of this process. More information about this process will be distributed in the coming weeks.

As always, if you would like to see me or your child’s teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yaluu,

Nathan Forbes

Principal
5/6 has been very busy fundraising for their Canberra excursion. Thank you to all community members who have being supporting us through purchasing raffle tickets, attending the meat & veggie draw and giving their own time to help out during the organised events.

Also a HUGE thank you goes out to Tom Stanton for donating and delivering the firewood. Lastly our next event will be Meat & Veggie Raffles to be held on Friday, 11th September. Thank you for your continued support!

We have been very busy in the classroom as well!

In science we’re studying the unit: What’s the Matter? We’re having fun learning about solids, liquids and gases. In English we’re reading, writing and talking about the novel Charlotte’s Web by E.B White.

During art we’ve been exploring silhouette design and created our own Charlotte’s Web silhouette pictures.
BARWON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday the 7th August Mrs. Curtis, Kevin Hooper and 5 primary students left school at 7:15am and travelled to Collarenebri to participate in the Barwon Athletics Carnival. It was a great day seeing Braidon Lamb jump his way to second place in the junior boy’s long jump and achieving a 3rd in the junior Shot Put. Marion Waites sprinted away to win her heat and ended up coming 3rd overall in the 11yr girls 100m as well as gaining a 3rd place in the 11yr girls Long Jump. Tylera Cochrane also threw her way to a 3rd place in the 11yr girls discuss.

Mrs Curtis
SECONDARY NEWS

Presently we have our stage 5 and 6 students doing VET courses and achieving passes in all topics. Below is a brief outline of how the VET system works and how it prepares students for transition into the workplace.

Vocational education and training (VET) enables students to acquire workplace skills through nationally recognised training described within an industry developed training package or an accredited course. The achievement of a VET qualification signifies that a student has demonstrated competency against the skills and knowledge required to perform effectively in the workplace. All VET qualifications must be issued by RTOs. Secondary students undertaking VET courses may complete a full VET qualification, or some units of competency from within a qualification. Similarly, students who start a VET qualification may complete it while at school or after they have graduated. The location where VET is delivered may vary in the school, at an external RTO’s premises, in a workplace or even online. Regardless of the location of delivery, the same quality standards apply. Students may also be able to undertake VET through a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, which enables them to combine school studies; paid work and on-the-job learning with an employer; and structured learning and assessment delivered by an RTO. VET delivered to secondary students is regulated by the VET sector, and is identical to VET offered in any other context. This framework therefore uses the term VET, avoiding the confusion and quality concerns created by the term VET in Schools, which led to perceptions that a different standard applied.

Mr Banks

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st Aug - Yr 11/12 HSC Trial Exams
- Thursday 20th August - School Photo’s
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th Aug - TVET Workplacement
**NBSA Get Together**

Boggabilla, Collarenebri and Goodooga Central School students and staff journeyed to Mungindi Central School to be part of the Northern Border Senior Access Program’s 2-day Get Together. They were involved in a busy schedule of information sessions over the two days, but there was still time for some fun to be had.

On Wednesday, the morning’s special guests involved the students in discussions about Mental Health and Well Being, and Drugs and Alcohol. The students found out about mental health, how the brain works, and then how drugs and alcohol can impact upon the brain, including decision making, and how long it takes for alcohol to leave a body.

During the afternoon, the Year 12’s got their first look at information in regards to their upcoming Graduation night in Term 4. There’s lots to be done yet but the excitement level was starting to rise.

The final session on Wednesday was a VC (video conference) with The Wollotuka Institute, based at Newcastle University, where the students were provided information in regards to the support they can receive if they wish to attend university there.

Wednesday night held activities of Banksie’s Rules – a combination of various ball sports – BINGO, all rounded off with a movie before everyone headed for their respective beds.

Thursday saw further VC’s with Murdi Paaki and IProud Training Program in the morning, along with subject selection options being discussed for Year 10’s while the Seniors worked through an assessment task and class work with their teachers. The IProud VC proved to be very popular, as students could talk with the current students of the program and see that there can be other pathways in furthering their education and ultimate goals of what profession they want to follow.

Lunchtime and more Banksie’s Rules, then into the final information session with Ms Liz Taylor, who works with Oorala – University of New England’s Indigenous Support Centre, giving the students further information in regards to options in getting to university & the support they can receive if wanting to go to Armidale.

A final clean up and pack away of resources saw everyone ready to go.

NBSA would like to thank the Mungindi staff who gave incredible assistance to help ensure the days went well, Mr Banks for his game to help keep the students active at a break, and the local businesses who helped us in catering to the students and staff for meals.
Indigenous Games 2015

What a great Day! Firstly I would like to thank all of the hard work that Staff put in to make this day run successfully.

Brigidine (St Ives Sydney) rolled in first with 14 year 10 girls and two Staff members on Tuesday night. On Wednesday they helped out in classes and with any task given to them which was very much appreciated.

Wednesday night bought in Mudgee High School, Bourke High School and Wee Waa High School, who all camped in our classrooms. We had a Disco which was enjoyed by all.

THE BIG DAY- Woke up to a cloudy day and thought OH NO! But luckily it didn’t rain. The following Schools; Lightning Ridge Central School, Wee Waa Primary School, Collarenebri Central School, Weilmoringle Public School, Boggabilla Central School, Brewarrina Central School and Mungindi Central School all arrived except for Bourke Primary who had some bus trouble and very bravely battled it out to make it here for 30 minutes of the games. How dedicated is that? Thanks Bourke. Hope they landed home OK.

The games began with lots of squeals, laughter and determination. Everyone were enjoying themselves and so were our onlookers and visitors. After a full belly of food it was time for the presentation and the winners were as follows:

1st The Balabalaas – Butterflies:
- Ruby Hooper - GCS
- Jazmine Skuthorpe - GCS
- Cohen Driscoll - BHS
- Reuben Barker - BHS
- Holly Prince - CCS
- Isaiah Adams - CCS
- Isabel Bourke - MHS
- Georgia Delarue - MHS
- Rose Karpin - BRIG
- Jack Loiterton - LRCS
- Josie Galagher - WWPS
- James Brookman - BPS
- Karen Vincent - BPS

2nd The Dhuyus – Snakes:
- Lincoln Wood - GCS
- Kiyesha Orcher - GCS
- Trae Hooper - GCS
- Shaquiel Boney - BRCS
- Clay Bennett - BRCS
- Brock O'Brien - MHS
- Ryan Staub - MHS
- Shakira Duncan - BoCS
- Lateisha Doolan - WWHS
- Leslie Cobb - LRCS
- Kyanne Croaker - WWPS
- Lachlan Ross - WWPS
- Jason Peters - CCS

3rd Gubas – Koalas:
- Tyree Lamb - GDC
- Priscilla Barker - GCS
- Macey Orcher - BHS
- Tyrone Sutton - BHS
- Brandon Clarke - CCS
- Tahlia Gallagher - CCS
- Rowan Brown - WPS
- Shayarni Brown - WPS
- Annelise Hall - BRIG
- Makiily Sampson - BoCS
- Sarah Stanfield - WWHS
- Luke White - LRCS
- Dale Barden - CCS
Best & Fairest Team: The Bandaars – Kangaroos
- Jacquilene Hooper - GCS
- Tamika Wood - GCS
- Isaiah Nicholls - BRPS
- Pauline Rose - BRPS
- Jasmine Russell - MHS
- Tim McDonald - MHS
- Kahleb Byno - WPS
- Rebecca Red - WPS
- Madeline Harry - BRIG
- Julie Lohse - LRCS
- Tyanna Gaydon - WWPS
- Kaedon Hamilton - WWPS
- Terri-Lee Murray - CCS

Best & Fairest Member of each team:
- Bandaars – Kangaroos - Madeline Harry Brig
- Burraalgas – Brolgas - Jeriah Witts BHS
- Butterflies – BalabalaaS - Georgia Delarue MHS
- Cockatoos - Muyaay - Raymond Cubby GCS
- Cods - Guduu - Andrew Murray WWPS
- Crayfish - Booglies - Noah Mace WWHS
- Eagles - Malyan - Isla Toomey BRIG
- Echidnas - Bigibila - Krystal Nixon WPS
- Emus - Dhinawan - Christie Edwards BHS
- Frill Necks - Wuulaa - Dylan Smith
- Frogs – Yuwayaa - Ashily Williams WWPS
- Galahs - Gilaa - Grace Atkinson BRIG
- Goannas – Mangan-gaali - Janet Boney BRCS
- Koalas - Guba - Tyrone Sutton BHS
- Possums - Mudhay - Lorina Williams WWPS
- Snakes - Dhuyu- Kiyesha Orcher GCS
- Willy Wagtails - Dhirridhirri - Magdalena Newton MHPS
- Yellow Bellies - Dhagaay - Christopher Bardon CCS

Once again big thank you to the Brigidine and Mudgee Schools as no job was too big or small.
Their help made our jobs so much easier. We hope to see everyone again next year.

Mindy Gibbs
**School/Community News**

**Dhiyan Guumali - Play Group**

Play Group will be operating on **Monday 17th August 2015** the Bre Mobile will be here at the **school @ 10am**

Hope to see everyone there!!

**Education Services Forum**

**supporting Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Agreement**

As part of the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Agreement educational services personnel from the Department of Education invite members of the community to participate in a forum about the Wellbeing Framework.

The forum will give the community an opportunity to hear about the Education Department’s approach to wellbeing and provide an understanding of the behaviour code for students, Suspension and Expulsion of School Students policy and attendance requirements.

The forum will run from **1:00PM to 2:00PM (1 hour)** at Goodooga Central School on **Wednesday 9th September**.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**AECG Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday 1st Sept
- Tuesday 13th Oct
- Tuesday 25th Nov

Starting time is at **11am** for all dates.

**School Photo’s**

Just a reminder to Parents/Carers G.C.S are having their school photo’s on Thursday 20th August 2015. Could you please complete the envelope with money and return them to the front office. Even if your child/children are not getting any photo’s taken. Family Photo’s will be at the school hall at 8.20am to 8.50am. Which you will need to get a Family envelope from the front office.

Thank you!!

**MID TERM BREAK**

**FRIDAY 14th AUGUST 2015** & **MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2015**

School Resumes **TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2015**

**Lunch Orders**

Please ensure your child/children have money in their lunch bag when placing an order and lunch orders must be in by **9.30am. Thank You!!**

**Are your details up to date?**

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any change in your living situation so we contact you if the need arises.
**COMING EVENTS 2015**

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**SCHOOL BELL TIMES.**

**PRIMARY**
- 8.40am - 2.40 pm - School Hours
- 11.00am - 11.40am - Lunch
- 1.40pm - 2.00pm - Recess

**SECONDARY**
- 8.35am - 3.10 pm - School Hours
- 11.00am -11.40am - Lunch
- 1.40pm - 2.00 pm - Recess

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

If your child/children are absent from school could you please contact the school on (02) 682 96257 or send a note with your child to explain absence. This would be appreciated.

**Parents, Caregivers & Community Members**

If you have the need to enter the school grounds for any reason including delivering lunch money etc, could you please sign in at the front office as part of our workplace safety.

Thank you!!

**A Reminder:**

All students are required to wear a hat at school. All students have received hats at school and are encouraged to leave at least one of these hats at school for school use. If students are not wearing a hat they are expected to stay in the undercover sheltered areas in the playground.

We are also encouraging students to drink lots of water at school. Packing sandwiches and fruit for their lunch and recess is highly encouraged to provide students with healthy energy for tackling daily school work.