Principal's Message

Today we welcomed Mr Roland Harvey. Roland is an Award winning Australian children's author and illustrator, best known for his use in pen, ink and watercolour art works. 2015 marks thirty years since Roland's first book was published and only this year he held his first art exhibition. We would like to thank the Bland Shire Library for making this opportunity available to our students.

Our 2016 Kindergarten students had their first full day of orientation at 'big school' today. Welcome Lily and Viarna. We are thrilled to have you join our school.

Year 6 students have been asked to bring in a baby photo. These photos will be scanned and returned immediately.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Primary Excursion
Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre

Reminder - Some Father’s Day Stall monies are still outstanding
**Infants News**

Our sound this week in the Kinder class is ‘th’. In Year 1 and 2, the focus sound in spelling list words is ‘z’, ‘zz’, and ‘s’, as in ‘buzz’ and ‘always’. We completed our poetry unit in Literacy last week. It has been wonderful to see the level of engagement and enjoyment as we have explored the structure and language features of poetry. The children have had the opportunity to use rhythm, rhyme, repetition, alliteration and onomatopoeia in their own poems, discovering how it affects the reader, as well how an audience responds to the use of voice. We hope you enjoy reading some of our string poems, included within the newsletter. The children were responsible for drafting, editing and publishing their own poems. This week, we will commence a unit on persuasive writing, focussing on how to identify the point of view in a text and suggest alternative points of view.

Our Math focus for the week is time, in particular, reading analogue clocks to the hour, half past the hour and quarter past and to the hour. The children will be involved in a number of ‘hands on’ activities that encourage mathematical thinking, to determine the correct answers to questions.

In Science last week we conducted a Water Walk where children were provided with hands-on, shared experiences of water use at school.

This week the children will be involved in an experiment so that they can observe what happens to rain falling on different surfaces, observe rain soaking into and running off different surfaces and record and share observations.

**Music - Count Us In**

This Thursday the Infants class and Stage 2 students will be participating in a video conference, joining more than 500,000 other students from across Australia to sing one song simultaneously at 12.30 pm. The song ‘Gold’, co-written and directed by Mrs Marcia Hines, along with Public School students, can be viewed online if you wish to hear the song or students would like to practise at home.

**Primary Class (Year3/4 + Year5/6) News**

Students are continuing to work on text, images and language devices used in powerful advertising. Mathematics focus this fortnight is volume, measuring litres and millilitres.

In History and Geography the students have been involved in mapping, locating and identifying local and international landmarks. In science, we tested our bodies reaction to heat and cold.

**How2Learn**

Our How2Learn focus this term is RESOURCEFULNESS. The learning strategy for this fortnight is Making Links. Strong learners can connect new ideas with ideas that they already know.

**Sun Safe Policy**

In line with our sun safe policy, ALL students are required to wear a hat while playing outside during Term 4.

**Reading for Meaning – QUIZ**

Congratulations Joe Quade was last week’s winner of the quiz. Answer: 28,890 Celsius

**This week’s quiz**

Taylor Swift has insured her legs for $40 million. She is 1.78 m tall. If her legs make up half her height, how much per centimetre is she insuring her legs?

**Primary Excursion**

Next Monday, the Primary class will be leaving for Borambola at 8.00 am. Students have been advised to pack an extra towel and plastic bags for wet or dirty clothing.

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Spiders
Spiders, spiders, spiders
Silly, eating, hairy spiders
Thin, hunting, fat spiders
Scary, slowly, spinning spiders
Spiders, spiders, spiders.

(Ella Hueske)

Spiders
Spiders, spiders, spiders
Hungry, fastly eating spiders
Spinning, scary, rotund spiders
Spiders, spiders, spiders

(Abigael Petrie)

Spiders
Spiders, spider, Spiders
Hungrily, hunting, hairy, spiders
Scary, slow, silly, spiders
Crazily, catching, killing, spiders
Spiders, spiders, spiders

(Joe Quade)
Spiders

Spider spiders, spiders
Eating hungrily, eight-legged spiders.
Hunting, quickly, hairy spiders
Spinning, scarily, arachnid spiders
Spiders, spiders, spiders.

(Jasmine Burns)

Spiders

Spiders, spiders, spiders
Eating hungrily, eight-legged spiders
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(Jake Burns)
Perpetual Trophies
We are asking anyone who took home perpetual trophies at the end of last year to return them to school.

Missing PM Readers
It appears that we are again low in a number of PM readers. This means that readers are not available for other children. Please have a look at home for the following titles:

*Lizard loses his tail
*Jack’s Birthday
*The House on the hill
*Baby Wakes up
*Here we come
*Little Chimp runs away
*The way we go to school
*Big Chimp, Little Chimp

Selective High School Placement Applications
Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2017 are now open and will close on 16 November 2015. Parents of students currently in year 5 who are interested in sending their child to a selective high school in 2017 are asked to apply online. No late applications will be accepted.
Application information can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Last week, the administration office was relocated to the old infant’s classroom. This has allowed for a larger space and much needed additional storage areas for the office. Thank you to Rowena and Mark for the time and assistance in moving the furniture.
VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Sport and Recreation are again holding the **Central West Winter Sport Volunteer Award**. It’s the end of the winter sporting season, but it’s not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities. The Award has separate categories for both open and youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroot sports.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded $250 & $100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs. It’s a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It’s a simple process that won’t take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 6th November 2015.
Squad Training started on Monday 19th October, 2015.

What better way to stay refreshed while exercising the whole body in the heat.

Not sure what squad you would be in? Don’t worry, come down and see the coaches, and we will do a quick assessment and pop you in the right squad program for you.

All squad members will require their own goggles, flippers and kick board for this session. (If you are new, for your first session you will be able to borrow flippers and kickboard) Eyeline merchandise will be available for purchase from the kiosk.

Specific details on squad level are attached in the Flyer.

Looking forward to seeing all our squad members returning for what looks to be a great swimming season.