WELCOME TO WEEK 6

We share the news of the permanent appointment (pending formal staffing processes) of Ms Jennifer Bird as our new Principal to Bingara Central School. Congratulations Ms Bird, we look forward to continuing to work with you as the first female Principal in 153 years of our school’s history.

Share the Care

Mental health issues are a growing problem in our society and can affect many of our school community members. School Link - NSW Health which is based within the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Inverell, coordinates a mental health program Share the Care. The program is designed to encourage parents to engage with the support resources of a school when a student has had a problem with their mental health. Share the Care is about the wrap around support children and adolescents need, from a variety of sources including parents, schools and health providers. Further information about the program can be found in the flyer included in this Newsletter.

Applications for Year 7 entry to a selective high School

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

A reminder to parents/carers that ALL students in Kindergarten to Year 11 are required to attend school until Wednesday 16 December, the last day of teaching for Term 4 2015. Prior to this date, students in all year groups will be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements.

If parents are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of time, the current Exemption from School - Procedures should be used. These procedures were updated in Term 1, 2015.

The staff and I look forward to farewelling our 2015 Year 12 students at their formal dinner on Friday night. Family members and students are reminded that as this is a school celebration, we appreciate that no alcohol is to be taken in the dining area until the formalities of the evening are complete. Students will at all times be the responsibility of their parent/carers. Good luck Year 12!

Jennifer Bird
Far Out Science
A group of 13 students travelled to UNE in Armidale to attend the Far Out Science program. Students took part in a range of activities in the fields of Psychology, Pharmacy, Nursing and Chemistry. Congratulations Madison Williams, who won an iPad Mini on the day and Lachlan Butlter, who won a gift voucher for Big W. All students had a great day and were a pleasure to spend the day with. We look forward to next year!

Merits
Congratulations to our students who achieved merit awards and any other awards during the whole school assembly today. We have a few students who are approaching the Platinum level, which is great to see.

Reports
Student reports are currently in the process of being written. Students need to make sure they are still working to the best of their ability and that all assessment tasks are complete in order for teachers to be able to properly assess student achievement. Reports will be sent to families in Week 9.

Work Experience
Mrs Gasson is currently working with students in Stage 5 to organise another week of work experience. Please ensure that any paperwork sent home regarding this is completed and returned as soon as possible to make sure planning runs smoothly.

Scot Crispin, Rel. Head Teacher

Coffee course
Students in Stage 6 attended a coffee course at the Roxy Trade Training Centre on Monday. Students learnt how to make a range of coffees using specialised equipment. Apart from a few technical difficulties, the day was very successful.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS
Please remember to check your child’s bag each afternoon for notes. All notes home will also be on the Bingara Central School website (under student notes). All upcoming events are on the Newsletter and the school’s facebook page. You do not need to join facebook to visit the school facebook page. It is important that you send notes back to school with payment (if necessary) so that your child can be included.

Website: http://www.bingara-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/BingaraCentralSchool

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or need to change your child’s emergency contact, it is extremely important that you let the office know. It is vital that we keep all contact details up to date so we have someone contactable in the event of an emergency.

Thank you
Uniform Draw: Congratulations to the following students who have had their names drawn this week: Chloe Drysdale, Matilda Hansen, Angus Marshall, Matthew Thomas, Tayah Bancroft, Charli Mack, Kaylee Neal, Ben Perrin and Isabelle Butler.

School Buses
Students have been reminded that the expected Positive Behaviours at School are to continue when travelling to and from school. Students catching buses should also adhere to the rules on the bus to remain safe at all times. All bus students must now line up under the Primary COLA each afternoon where a teacher will walk them down to meet the buses.

Fundraising
Bingara Central School wristbands are available for purchase for $3.00 each. All money raised will go toward resources to support learning in the primary school.

Sport: Swimming
Primary students will be going to swimming for sport as usual this week.

Leadership Evening
Eleven Year 5 students were involved in the leadership workshop last night with Mrs Craddock and Mrs K Johnson. The students enjoyed the team building activities and discussing ‘What makes a good leader?’ All students who wish to nominate for the 2016 SRC will be taken through the Code of Conduct and the expectations of being an SRC member with Mrs Craddock next Monday.

Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition
Students in Year 5 and 6 will all participate in a Public Speaking competition. Round one will commence with class competitions on Tuesday 17th November at 9:15am. All students need to have speeches prepared for assessment purposes on this day. Students will have the opportunity to be selected to participate in the finals competition in Week 8. Parents are welcome!

Alison Johnson & Jane Kidman
Assistant Principals
CANTEEN

NOVEMBER
Friday 13  Tanya Neal  Helen Seage
Monday 16  Elizabeth Swan
Tuesday 17  Wendy Wearne
Wednesday 18  Norma Honeysett
Thursday 19  Jo Munro  Krissy Grant

IS LAWN BOWLS ABOUT TO TURN TRENDY IN BINGARA....
Lawn bowls for children started last weekend at the Bingara Sporting Club. If anyone is interested in learning how to play please feel free to come along on Sunday 22 November at 9am to have a go. You may be surprised at how much fun you will have!

BANDLINK
Please remember that the Narrabri Bandlink will be held at the end of November. I have booked 5 rooms at the Nandewar Motel for Gwydir. Once again, please let me know if you would like a room. Parents most welcome.

Billets can also be arranged for those wanting a cheaper option.

This is a great opportunity and it would be wonderful if we could get most of the Gwydir Band in attendance. This workshop is for all instrumental players of all ages and experience. Instruments involved are piccolo, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, bassoon, trombone, French horn, tuba, drums, percussionists (or piano players with fluent reading skills) of all standards.

Cost is $70 per student. Cheques can accompany the application form which will be sent to Di Hall. Cost includes all music workshops, concerts and supply of music.

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 9th November 2015.

What to bring: instrument, music stand, pencil, casual clothes, black and white clothes for public performance.

Queries for Bandlink to Di Hall on 0411 704 654
Or email di.c.hall@det.nsw.edu.au

So we have a busy term ahead, but I am very excited about our progress so far this year and look forward to seeing where we end up at the end of the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries.

Robyn Conway
Music Teacher
Term 4, 2015

Welcome to the final School Link newsletter for 2015! October was Mental Health Month, a time to celebrate mental wellbeing in schools and the wider community. One highlight was we were fortunate enough to secure a MHM grant to run a wellbeing day at Wallahwallow Public School in collaboration with the University Department of Rural Health.

School Link is a state wide initiative of NSW Health. The coordinator’s position is based within the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMS) which locally has teams in Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree, Narrabri and Gunnedah.

IndigKool and Starting School

As the year draws to an end schools and parents naturally turn their minds to the year ahead and especially to what that will mean for children starting “big school” for the first time.

Kids Matter provides some excellent resources to help parents with this. “Starting school is not just about the first day” they say. “It’s a process that begins when children and families start to prepare in the year before, and continues as children experience their first days, weeks and months of school.”

They note that the transition to school is a huge milestone in a child’s life. That some will find the change exciting and fun – the prospect of making new friends and learning new things, while others will find it harder, even overwhelming.

Knowing this the Glen Innes Community of Schools ran a special IndigKool event in October at The Glen Innes Showground. It was a giant celebration of learning, school and Aboriginal culture and a terrific demonstration of so many things that make for great wellbeing - engagement with school and culture, exercise and laughter, music and good food, a positive community, acts of kindness and social connection.

Organiser Leonie Pettit said, “We put this day together to show that we are passionate about working with parents to educate children so that they can reach their full potential while at the same time recognising and celebrating their culture.”

The day came about after the Community of Schools successfully applied for funding to improve school engagement and readiness for school amongst Aboriginal students.

I was there to support the day along with hundreds of students and community members. I also had a big stash of transition resources from Kids Matter which quickly disappeared into the hands of eager parents.

Activities across the day included Aboriginal dance and music, face painting, games, environmental displays with National Parks rangers and the chance to hop in a fire truck. It was the best and most positive day of this kind that I have seen anywhere and a credit to everyone involved.

For more on starting school + videos see: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/starting-school

Photo: community at its best. Lunch for Red Range PS students courtesy of the Glen Innes Men’s Shed.