Welcome to Week 8

Public Speaking
It was great to see the enthusiasm and hear the expressions of our students presenting at the Year 5/6 Public Speaking finals this morning. The students provided a variety of topics ranging from fencing, Phar Lap and family members. It is very difficult to stand up in front of an audience and well done to all the finalists.

Middle Years
Next week our teaching staff will be attending professional learning of the Middle Years with Margaret Mulcahy. Margaret was the DoE Middle Years state advisor and is currently the Executive Principal at Coonamble High School. This workshop will assist our school with designing and continue to implement Middle Years strategy in our school.

P & C Feedback
A very successful end of year P & C Meeting was held with Christmas cheer on Tuesday night. Planning is underway for 2016 events so keep posted. This is a reminder that becoming part of the P & C enables you to make joint decisions about school community events and fundraising activities for our school, which the end process benefits YOUR child. One of the P & C’s major project for next year is to work together to provide a shade facility over the junior playground. If you have ANY ideas (especially fun ones!) then please join us. 2016 meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays in Week 3 (9 February) and Week 7 (8 March). Thank you to all our members who have joined us throughout the year for your contributions.

Jay Walking
I have been alerted by community members to the number of students who are crossing in the middle of our streets (Finch and Riddell) and not using the school pedestrian crossings. Some students have been witnessed to be leisurely walking across the streets without looking for traffic whilst talking to their friends and using mobile phones. This is extremely dangerous. Students are reminded that they MUST use the pedestrian crossing for their own safety and the safety of drivers.

Beach to Bush
Wow what a great morning K-6 experienced with our vibrant and engaging NSWSLSC officers Andy and Angie on Tuesday. The fun program helped our students learn about surf and water safety. Thank you to Surf Life Saving and ClubsNSW for the sponsorship of this program and hope that it will prepare our students whether at the beach, river, pool or any other swimming environment.
Students who have been nominated for selection in the SRC for 2016 will present a short speech to Years 2 - 12 on Monday 7 December at 11.35am in the school hall. Parents are most welcome. Voting will take place after the speeches. The successful candidates will be announced as soon as the result is known. However, the 2016 Captains and Vice-Captains will be announced at Presentation Night on Monday 14 December 2016.

Members of the SRC will:

- Uphold the code of conduct and playground safety rules of our school.
- Wear their uniform and badge with pride.
- Be cooperative, well mannered and respectful towards all teachers, students, guests and parents.
- Help all students who need their assistance.
- Take pride in our school; setting a good example by keeping the school buildings and environment clean and tidy.
- Encourage all students to care for one another and look after our school and the school environment.
- Be truthful but considerate and caring in all they say.
- Represent the school with pride at all times, seeking our opportunities to bring honour to our school.
- Work to the best of their ability and always pay attention.
- Greet new students with a warm welcome.
- Teach the younger and new students of the school the values and rules of Bingara Central.
- Respect all people for who they are: their cultural backgrounds, beliefs and the contribution they make to our society.
- Be an example for others by living out the values of our school, Respect, Pride and Honesty.

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**Secondary Merit Awards Term 4, Week 8 2015**

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Road Safety
As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, concerns have been raised recently about students that walk to school. A number of students have been observed not using the pedestrian crossings and crossing diagonally through the intersection instead, disregarding their safety and the safety of others. Students are reminded to use the pedestrian crossings provided safely and be aware of the traffic conditions before crossing any roads.

Another issue we have been having is students crossing the road to be picked up at the end of the day. If you have to park on the opposite side of the road from the school, please do so towards the Finch street end of Riddell street as opposed to directly across from the buses. We encourage students to use the crossing to reach this side of the road to be collected.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to all our award recipients today. It’s great to see so many students working hard to achieve the higher merit levels. It is important that students track their progress over the year and plan their way to the higher levels. In our merit system, there are 8 different categories which students can receive merits for, and they must receive a merit for at least 7 of these categories to reach Platinum. Students must receive an attendance and a uniform award to reach this level. This is very easy to do. This information is published in more detail in the school planners.

Platinum Excursion
We are in the process of organising this year’s Platinum Excursion and students will be notified of the details as soon as possible. The school will be paying the travel costs while students will need to pay for the activity chosen.

Transition
Tomorrow will see our first whole school transition day at Bingara Central School. To accommodate the 2016 Kindergarten class coming up for the day from the pre-school, all students from K-11 will move up into the 2016 classes.

Students from Year 6 will be joining the Stage 4 classes, while Year 8 will move up to Stage 5 and Year 10 will move into preparing for Year 11. Students will be doing some introductory lessons including induction of policies and procedures needed before next year. We look forward to working with our students to help transition, particularly for students moving between stages.

Absences
Please ensure that you send a note to school after your child has been absent. This is important for record keeping, as any absence unaccompanied by a note will be marked as unexplained or unjustified. This includes partial attendances such as students who arrive late or leave early.

Fat Cattle Sale
Mr McGowan and some of our Agriculture and Primary Industries students travelled to Inverell on Tuesday to see one of the school’s cattle at the Fat Cattle Sale. The students enjoyed the day and had a great experience learning how the sale works. It was a successful day.

Middle School Report
Students in the leather class have been busy plaiting their leather belts, ready for some great Christmas presents. They are doing an exceptional job and it is good to see the resilience and perseverance being displayed by the students whilst developing their new skills. For the students who are undertaking this elective unit in their second year, they are endeavouring to plait a whip. I would like to thank Mr Greg Johns for giving up his time to help these students develop an all important rural skill from dying out.

Next Monday and Tuesday we are lucky to have an authority on Middle School coming to Bingara to discuss options to expand and strengthen the Middle School program for 2016. We were planning on having an information session for parents this year and an open day to see the Middle School activities in progress. We will know more after next week about how this will work, so keep posted for a date.

Gary Hansen & Scot Crispin
Secondary Head Teachers
Miss Kylie brought a rat, its name is Eddy. His colour was a mixture of brown and black. But I do not know if it’s cuddly because I am allergic. He loves grains, biscuits and fruit but the thing he loves the most is cat biscuits.

Benji Ricardo

On Monday, Miss Kylie brought her pet rat to school. Eddy is brown. Eddy’s favourite food is cat biscuits and chicken bones. He is about the size of a baby rabbit.

Elle-Grace Haley

Miss Kylie brought Eddy to school. Eddy’s got a fuzzy tail. Eddy is black with brown hair and he loves cat biscuits and chicken bones. Eddy loves Miss Kylie.

Max Gillogly

On Monday, Miss Kylie brought her pet rat to school. Eddy is brown. Eddy’s favourite food is cat biscuits and chicken bones. He is about the size of a baby rabbit. His ears are small.

Soffie Butler

Miss Kylie brought her pet rat to school. He is the size of my foot. He likes to eat grain and fruit. He loves hiding in the dark.

Tobie Cover

Eddy is Miss Kylie’s pet rat. He likes to eat cat biscuits.

Lucy Sing
Northern Schools Prime Stock Competition and Inverell Fat Sale

On Wednesday, 18 November members of the Year 11 Primary Industries class and the 9/10 Agriculture class travelled with the school steers to compete in the NSPSC. Both steers participated in the parading competition but as one steer was not ‘milk tooth’ he was not eligible for the carcass competition.

The students and steers had a full two days with ‘Billy’ being placed 2nd in the super heavy weight division after weighing in at 596kg. The students also participated in parading, junior judging and a farmers challenge competition.

Results of the carcass competition will be a couple of weeks away. Our second steer was brought back to school and transported up to Inverell for the weekly fat cattle sale. The students travelled to Inverell on Tuesday to observe the open auction selling system and see our school steer sold.

I commend all students on the behaviour and application on these excursions.

Mark McGowan
Uniform Draw: Congratulations to the following students who have had their names drawn this last week: Sharkiah-Lee Dixon-Toomey, Jed Langan, Addison Dixon, Bella Michell, Clayton Brien, Kiah Seaton, Brock Galvin, Sharnee Barton, Peter McFarland, Annaleise Swan and Toby White.

Sport: Swimming
Year 3 - 6 students will be going to the pool for sport tomorrow. Please ensure that students have their swimmers, towel and money for pool entry.

Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition
Congratulations to the following students who competed at the finals of the Stage 3 Public Speaking this morning:

Sam Perrin, Arabella Munro, Brooke McKinnon, Macey Michell, Sharnee Barton, Thomas Young, Sarah Heaton, Xavier Smith, Phebe Stevenson, Annaleise Swan.

The winners will be announced at Presentation Night on the 14th December. Thank you to Mrs Jan Rose and Mr Sam Smith who were the adjudicators.

Congratulations to all students from Stage 2 who presented their speeches to an audience yesterday. There were a wide variety of topics and the students were well prepared. Well done.

Transition Day
Tomorrow is our final transition day for our 2016 Kindergarten students. As they are here all day, it gives our K-6 students the opportunity to move up to the grade that they will be in next year. Year 6 will spend their day in Secondary.

Platinum Excursion
Those students who are currently on Platinum level will be going on a reward excursion to Copeton Dam Water Park on Wednesday 9th December. Congratulations to the students involved who will receive their information note early next week.

Pool Party
All eligible students from K-6 will be involved in the final reward day for 2015. This will be a pool party on the 16th December. More information will be provided at a later date.

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.

Alison Johnson & Jane Kidman
Assistant Principals

K-2 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
We are running a Christmas Raffle and are asking that every K-2 family bring in a Christmas item for the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on K-2 Presentation Day. All items can be left at the office.

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**Year 3-12 Presentation Night**

**Monday 14 December**

6.30pm

Roxy Theatre

**K-2 Presentation & Christmas Performance**

“What! No Santa?”

**Tuesday 15 December**

12.30pm

Roxy Theatre

All welcome to attend to celebrate our students achievements.