Welcome to Week 10 and our last Newsletter for the 2015 school year!

It may be the end of our school year but our new office murals have arrived just in time! The murals have been placed in the front entry and along the office corridor. They look fantastic and certainly brighten the entry to our school. The previous display of trophies, photographs and memorabilia will now be preserved in the Interview Room as an ongoing project in 2016. Our students (and staff) are having fun measuring their height and finding all the different displays that represent our school and community. Call in and see them!

We welcomed Mrs Brooke Wall for a brief visit to our school on Monday. Mrs Wall was very impressed with our school and looks forward to being part of our executive team as the Deputy Principal commencing in Term 2 2016.

VOLUNTEERS
To lead such a unique school has many benefits and an important one is working in a team. Thank you to the teaching and support staff for the constant hard work you have provided this year not only in the classroom but all the traditional extra-curricular activities that Bingara Central School offers. The end of the school year also brings the end to some of our teaching appointments. Thank you to Jeff Lennon, Erin Kendall, Sam Smith and James Corby for your professional contribution and youthful energy to BCS. We hope that you have enjoyed our school as part of your early career experience and best wishes for your future careers!

It has been wonderful to see our 2015 school leaders thrive carrying out their duties in our school throughout the year. Our leaders - Maryellen Honeysett, Shannon McGarrity, Ashley Frewen, Arabella Munro and Macey Michell have all made us proud whether conducting our school assemblies, hosting community events and representing the voice of their fellow students. As part of the leadership process the 2016 nominated school leaders all presented their leadership speeches at an assembly last Monday for leadership positions in 2016. Good luck to all students and we look forward to announcing the 2016 leaders at our Presentation Night next Monday night.

A big thankyou to the Bingara school community for the opportunities to meet or be in contact with you throughout the 2015 school year. Next year will bring more challenges and changes all for the benefit of our staff and students teaching and learning programs.
It was very rewarding to read and sign all of our students Semester 2 report cards this week. It was great to see your child in a big picture of their levels of learning and their social abilities. Year 7 – 12 reports will be mailed to homes today and K-6 reports go home with your child on Friday.

Providing the best culinary care of our staff and students we also say a VERY BIG thank you to Bez Dixon who is the most versatile manager of any school canteen I have ever come across. Bez’s bright personality greets us every day and is always so welcoming to our new families to assist with school uniforms. A great job well done Bez and to the team of school canteen community volunteers – thank you too!

Thank you to all the parents/carers who consistently support their child/ren’s learning. It is so effective when both the school and families support a child’s learning as a team. It has been an enjoyable experience in my first year in the Bingara community and I look forward to returning to the 2016 school year! I hope to see most of our school community at either the Year 3-12 Presentation Night next Monday night or at the K-2 Presentation on Tuesday. Enjoy the festive season and holidays!

Jennifer Bird
Middle school
As we close on another successful year of the Middle School “Horizons” program, we have been actively reviewing ways to strengthen the Middle School program for 2016. Among many changes around the school, we are contemplating creating a specialist area in the school which will become our Middle school classrooms, dedicated to Years 5-8. The classrooms which we are considering as converting to the Middle School, will be the “old” Primary rooms near the library. This physical change will allow Stage 4 students to have a “home” room for their generalist subjects such as English, Maths, HSIE and LOTE, whereas students will still move around and access specialist rooms for practical subject areas. Not only will this help reduce the need for students to move as much between lessons and increase learning time, but will also reduce the amount of equipment that students need to carry with them to different classes. This will allow them to leave some of their resources at school. This physical change is backed up by educational research which has demonstrated that home rooms for Stage 4 students can help them in their transition into Secondary school. This will enable them to improve organisational skills, providing a predictable learning environment that students become connected to and therefore improving learning outcomes.

There are other Middle School initiatives which we are evaluating at the moment, with the goal of further research in 2016, to grow the middle school at Bingara Central into an excellent educational model to improve our student transition, wellbeing and educational delivery into the 21st Century.

We are planning a Middle School meeting for very early Term One 2016, which I would encourage as many parents to attend so that we can discuss the directions of Middle School. If there are any questions, concerns or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school. Looking forward to our next steps.

Middle School - leather and craft
We have had another successful year in leather work for 2015. Students have worked very hard in plaiting their leather belts and Dylan McKinnon and Jake White have progressed from this level of skill, when they chose leather last year, to make a plaited whip with the help and support of Mr Greg Johns. I would like to sincerely thank Mr Johns for giving up his time to help these students develop their skills in leather work. For the belt platers, I am always impressed with their skills development and commitment to create a quality product. Some lucky family members may even get one of these belts for Christmas.

Year 7 Transition
Unfortunately we have run out of time for a transition meeting this year. However, we will combine this with the Middle School meeting in Term One. I will send an information package home with students over the next couple of days which will outline the basic changes for students moving into Year 7 and the equipment requirements for students moving into Stage 4.

The “Horizons” program
The Horizon’s program, which at the moment we consider the Middle School initiative, runs for 1 hour/week on a Wednesday afternoon. This will continue into 2016. This program is for students in Year 5-8 and are in mixed groups over the year. The groups are made up from selections that the students make regarding their elective choices. Each term the groups rotate. The groups are made up of Rock and Water, Civics and Citizenship, elective and Skills for Life (Outdoor education). Over the next couple of days, I will be asking students in Years 4-7 to choose their electives for 2016 and from here I will attempt to create class lists before the end of the year so that students know their Middle School groupings.

Gary Hansen
Head Teacher Secondary Studies
## 2016 SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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**Uniform Draw:** Congratulations to the following students who have had their names drawn this last week: Eve Gasiliauskas, George Rattray, Akylaha Wadley, Indika Gallen, Brody Michell, Sophie Small and Zara Darlington.

**Sport: Swimming**
Primary students will go to the pool for sport this week. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear and money for entry to the pool.

**Presentation Night**
Presentation for students in Years 3-12 will be held on Monday 14th December at the Roxy at 6:30pm. All students are invited to attend. Parents of those students receiving awards will be notified by letter.

**Infants Presentation**
The Infants Presentation and performance will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 12:30pm at the Roxy. The Infants will have a dress rehearsal at the Roxy tomorrow. Years 3-6 and some of the residents of Touriandi will be in the audience.

**Reward Day – Pool Party**
The final reward day for the year will be held at the pool on Wednesday 16th December. Students received a note this week. The permission note needs to be returned ASAP.

**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.

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**SRC 2016**
Congratulations to the following students who were elected on Monday to be our Primary SRC for 2016.

Isaak Johnson
Taylor Lewis
Payton McLachlan
Brooke McKinnon
Thomas Young

The Captain and Vice Captain will be announced at Presentation on Monday evening.

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**Raffle**
Thank you to those people who have donated items for our raffle. We will be accepting items up until the morning of the 15th December. Raffle tickets need to be returned to the front office by Monday 14th December.

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**Alison Johnson & Jane Kidman**
Assistant Principals
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS

Years 3-12 Presentation Night
Monday 14 December 2015
6.30 pm
Roxy Theatre

K-2 Presentation & Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15 December 2015
12.30 pm
Roxy Theatre
PRESENTATION NIGHT
Just a reminder that all our music students, except for the beginner group, will be performing at Presentation Night next Monday.

Hopefully we will have a rehearsal at 2pm in the Roxy so please bring your instruments and music to school on Monday.
Musicians are required to be at the Roxy Theatre no later than 5.45pm on Monday evening to tune up for a 6 pm start to the music performances.

We will wear Bingara Central School uniform.

INSTRUMENT HIRE
It is time to consider whether you would like to hire your instruments again next year. You will need to do one of the following BEFORE the end of the school term please, so that your instrument is not allocated to another students at the start of next year.

1. If you would like to keep your instrument over the holidays and next year please pay $100 (includes $20 band support fee) before the end of the school year to the front office.
2. If you no longer require your instrument or are leaving please return your instrument to your school office and I will pick them up from there.
3. Please contact the Band Support Committee to make arrangements for a payment plan if required. (This may be helpful when we are so close to Christmas!).

Don’t forget the rent to buy scheme is a good one for those wishing to pay off an instrument over time.

Hopefully you will have time in the holidays to play for fun! See me or Wendy for your holiday music.

Mrs Robyn Conway
CANTEEN

DECEMBER
Monday 14  Robin Robertson
Tuesday 15  Michelle Tanner
Wednesday 16 POOL PARTY

Thank you to all the canteen volunteers for your help throughout the year. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DECEMBER
11 School reports sent home
14 Presentation Night 6.30pm
15 K-2 Presentation 12.30pm
16 HSC Results sent out via text message to students
16 Pool Party & last day of school for all students
17 Last day for staff
2016
JANUARY
27 Staff Development Day
28 Students from Years 1 to 12 return to school
FEBRUARY
4 Kindergarten start school

THANK YOU MRS STEIGER AND MRS HONEYSETT
Year 1 thanked Mrs Steiger and Mrs Honeysett for coming into their classroom each week to read with them.
**SWIMMING CLUB NEWS**

There will be no swimming club for two weeks over Christmas and New Year starting from 21/12/15.

Squad will commence and run every day from 4/1/2016 starting at 2.30pm leading up to the Moree Swimming Carnival.

The Moree Swimming Carnival is on 9-10/1/2016. You can post your entries online by going to the ‘Swimming New England & North West’ web page.

Manilla Swimming Carnival is on 20/12/2015. If you are wanting to compete you need to get your entry's in today or tomorrow at the latest. Please contact Nicole Dixon and she can take your entries.

Bingara Swimming Club Facebook page is regularly updated for you to keep in touch with all that is happening.

*Angela Todd*

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**Swim and Survive Programs**

Swim and Survive Programs will run at the Bingara Swimming Pool commencing on Monday 4 January 2016.

This 2 week programme is an initiative of Royal Life Saving.

Classes are as follows:

WONDER (18 months to 3 years) - COURAGE (3 years to 5 years)  
ACTIVE LEVEL 1 - Water Discovery  
ACTIVE LEVEL 2 - Water Awareness  
ACTIVE LEVEL 3 - Water Sense

For further details or an enrolment form please see Glenn Wade at the pool or contact Ellie on 0428 129 157  
These classes are very popular so bookings are essential to avoid disappointment.

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**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

Bingara Library will NOT be open tomorrow, Friday 11th December, due to staff illness.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused.

The library will be open as usual for the final after school program for 2015 on Monday 14 December and we look forward to seeing the children then.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

*Gail Phillpott*  
Library Services Coordinator

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**NO STUDENT BANKING NEXT TUESDAY. BANKING WILL RESUME NEXT YEAR.**
Bingara Christmas Carnival

Thursday 10th December

Carnival from 6.30pm
Christmas tree decorating competition
Juggling, castle and face painting
Food and craft stalls
Santa arrives at 7:30pm
Lighting of the tree at 8:30pm
Lots of fun activities for everyone
Bring a chair
Programs available on the night

Christmas Photos

$20 FOR THE SITTING
AND 3 DIGITAL IMAGES ON A DISK

ADDITIONAL IMAGES
$10 EACH

PRINTS AND CANVASES AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

Located in the Senior Citizens Room from 5pm - 9.30pm during the Bingara Christmas Carnival

Further details will be posted on www.bingara.com.au or facebook.com/BingaraNSW
Christmas Junior Disco
Bingara RSL
Saturday 12th Dec
4.30pm - $3 entry
Santa arrives @ 6pm
Gifts for children 0-12
FREE sausage sizzle for kids

All money raised on the night will go to Bingara MPS fundraising committee to fund a NEW Activities area and Lounge for Aged Care Residents.

Vacation Care
When: Tuesday 22nd December 2015
Where: Bingara Civic Centre
Time: 9am - 3pm
Ages: 5yrs - 12yrs

Parents will need to complete an enrolment form for their child/children and sign them in & out on the day.

Children will need to bring morning tea, lunch and a water bottle.
Bookings are essential as there are limited spaces available.

For all bookings & enquiries please phone Alyse Steiger on 0408454813
Vacation Care

When: 13th - 19th January 2016
(Excluding Weekend)
Where: Bingara Preschool
Time: 9am - 3pm
Ages: 5yrs - 12yrs

Parents will need to complete an enrolment form for their child/children and sign them in & out daily. Children will need to bring morning tea, lunch, a hat and a water bottle. Bookings are essential as there are limited spaces available. Please phone Alyse Steiger on 0408454813 for all bookings & enquiries.

Wednesday 20th January - Movie Day at the Roxy

Thursday 21st January - Excursion to Shake Rattle & Bowl Inverell
Bus will leave at 9:30am from the Bingara Courthouse and return at approx. 2:30pm.
Cost is $15 per person this includes:
1 game of Bowling & ½ 9 inch pizza & medium slushy OR a can of soft drink & entry into the playground.

Bookings must be made by Monday the 21st December 2015.

“A Time to Celebrate”
Sunday, December 20
At 10am
Children are invited to bring their parents, grandparents and friends to this special Christmas Program at Scots Presbyterian Church.
Christmas goodies and morning tea will follow the program! Everyone is welcome so come along and enjoy in an air-conditioned venue.