THOMSON CUP

WINNING HOUSE: FRASER

WINNER OF THE MARCHING: LAVER

AGE CHAMPIONS
Jnr Primary Boy: Brody Michell
Jnr Primary Girl: Madeline Standerwick
11yr Primary Boy: Peter McFarland
11yr Primary Girl: Brooke McKinnon
Snr Primary Boy: Sam Perrin
Snr Primary Girl: Macey Michell
Jnr Secondary Boy: Thomas Honeysett
Jnr Secondary Girl: Jacqueline Coombes
Snr Secondary Boy: Lachlan Butler
Snr Secondary Girl: Chloe Butler
Open Secondary Boy: Jack Walton
Open Secondary Girl: Maryellen Honeysett

Student participation was a highlight of the 2015 Thomson Cup. With a 90% attendance rate and almost all students participating in a range of events, few other schools would see this level of commitment from their students. The traditional march up the main street was again a feature of the day with Laver continuing their strong tradition and winning the shield. An indication of the importance students place on this tradition was shown by Gabby Rampling who left school last year but took time off work to help the current Laver students to be awarded first place in the march.

A day of strong competition followed with the age champions being awarded their pennants for their achievements.

A special mention to Jack Walton and Maryellen Honeysett who broke records in the Opens division and to the Fraser team who narrowly won the day in a very close finish.

Congratulations to all students who displayed pride, respect and good sportsmanship throughout the day. We would like to thank the council for the use of the grounds, the wonderful ladies who helped Bez in the canteen - Tiffany, Lorraine, Nelp, Michelle and Tanya. Also our esteemed marching judges Mr Robert Northcott and Mr Tim Cox and all parents who attended the carnival. We look forward to next year's carnival.
Uniform
Students have been looking very good in their uniforms over the last two weeks. Most students now have a school jacket purchased from the canteen and they look fantastic.
All secondary students were given school caps on Monday, generously donated to them from the school P&C as well as the school. This hat is now the only hat to be worn at school and it must be worn on all occasions students will be outside. If your child was absent and did not receive a cap, they can pick one up from the front office.
Any caps that are misplaced will need to be replaced at the family’s expense and can be purchased at the front office for $15.

Shoes have been looking good lately with very few students missing practical lessons due to incorrect footwear.

Welcome Mr Smith
We welcome Mr Smith to the secondary staff. He will be teaching Stage 4 and 5 History and English as well as Year 11 English. We thank students for being very welcoming to Mr Smith.

Film Crew
Selected students worked with Mr Corby on Tuesday and they will continue to work together to create a video for this year’s North West Film Festival. The video is about mental health and will involve some community members. We look forward to seeing the final result and hope that the students will enjoy the experience.

School Photos
School photos were distributed on Monday. If you did not receive your photos, please contact the school.

No Phone Zone
Just a reminder that mobile phones are not accepted in our classrooms. Please remind your child that if they have a mobile phone it is not to be used in class. If you need to contact your child, please do so by contacting the school. Students are also permitted to use the school phones to contact home if needed.

Hospitality
Students in Stage 6 Hospitality will be cooking with Mrs Elliot in the Trade Training Centre as part of their assessment next week. We hope they enjoy their time and refine the skills they have been developing over the year.

Football
Congratulations to the students who played football in Inverell last week. From what we have heard, students had a great time and played very well. Thank you to Mr McGowan for organising the day and taking the Stage 4 boys on a very cold Friday.

Thomson Cup
It was fantastic to see so many secondary students attend the Thomson Cup and we thank them for being great leaders and role models. A fantastic day was had by all.

ICAS Competitions – English and Mathematics
Please add the following competitions to the calendar for those students participating in the English and Mathematics. Next Tuesday is the English competition and the Mathematics competition is on Tuesday of Week 5 (11th August).

If students would like to complete a practice test, they can go to the following link; www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

This link can be used for all paper types, and although they try and sell you the practice questions, if you go down to the 3rd point (download sample questions) in the list, it actually takes you to practice papers, and students can select their paper letter based on their year group (there is a conversion table to help with this).
Year 10 Work Experience and White Card Training
Work Experience has been scheduled for Week 7 for students in Stage 5. Mrs Gasson has been very busy organising employers as well as organising training through the Community College for students to undertake their White Card training. The training has been scheduled for next Wednesday, however students need to have indicated their intentions by this Friday. This training is mandatory for students to have completed, in order to participate in some work sites. Mrs Gasson has been able to secure a good price for the students, and there is a payment plan if needed through the college. For more information please contact Mrs Gasson. I encourage all students to take up this offer, as it is much more expensive to access the course elsewhere.

Regional Athletics
A reminder that secondary regional athletics is on Friday. Students who are catching the bus with the Warialda students will be leaving BCS at 7.00am. The cost is $20.00. Mr Hampton from Warialda will kindly supervise the students.

Stage 6 Subject Selection
We have scheduled the Year 10 to 11 subject selections for Wednesday of Week 4 (5th August) at 5.30 in the school library. All parents of Year 10 students should try and make this meeting so that they can gain a good understanding of the requirements of the senior school in order to support their children in both making decisions which affect their career pathways, as well as understanding the requirements of the school and the Board of Studies. We will be discussing the courses on offer, including the TAFE options available.

Stage 4 Science
Stage 4 Science have been learning about micro-organisms and on Monday they completed their topic with an investigation to see whether yeast affects bread quality. Last week they designed their experiment to see how to test this question, and on Friday they made their dough, with the yeast quantity being the variable for the investigation. We left the dough to rise over the weekend and then cooked it on Monday. Most students commented on the smell of the dough before cooking due to the yeast fermentation, and after cooking, those loaves with the higher yeast percentage apparently tasted like beer. (I am not too sure how they knew this!). It was great that students were able to draw the parallels between bread making and the fermentation process used to make other foods and beverages.

USI - Unique Student Identifier
As of this year the Government is providing a unique student number to anyone who accesses TAFE or Vocational Education under the Smart and Skilled Program. This number is very important and must be kept safe. Students in Stage 5 are currently applying for this number in Work Education, so that they can access their White Card training. Students in Year 11 and 12 who are currently studying a VET course (Business Studies, Retail Services, Fitness or Primary Industries) also need to have a USI. I will be giving out the paperwork to collect this number from students very soon, so that I can pass it on to our district RTO, so that students can get their subject credentials. When this paperwork comes home, please get it back to school ASAP, otherwise students may risk not receiving their VET qualifications.

Gary Hansen
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Scot Crispin
Rel. Head Teacher Secondary Studies
Uniform Draw: Congratulations to the following students who have had their names drawn out this week: Chloe Drysdale, Grace Young, Aylah Mounter, Lucy Sing, Clayton Brien, Blaire Johnson, Kaylee Neal, Digby Munro, Harry Newnham and Xavier Smith.

A big THANK YOU to
- Students in Years 3 to 6 that participated in Thomson Cup. Students showed great sportsmanship and enthusiastically participated in events.
- Parents and community members that watched the march past and attended Thomson Cup to support our students.
Your support for our school is greatly appreciated.

Stage 2 Excursion to Dubbo
In Term 4, Year 3 and 4 will attend an overnight camp to Dubbo. The first instalment for this camp is due on the 24th July 2015. Payment on or before this date will determine numbers for the excursion. Please let the classroom teacher know if your child is attending and if you are making a payment at a later date.

Stage 3 Excursion to Lake Ainsworth
A reminder that the final payment for this excursion is due Friday 7th August 2015.

Band News
Band students will be performing at the Warialda High School Open Day on Monday 27th July, 2015 from 3.15pm-5.00pm

Zone Athletics
Students will receive a note in the coming days to inform them of qualification through to Zone Athletics. It will be held on the 7th August 2015 in Inverell.

Bike Riders
Students who ride their bikes to school - could you please hop off and push your bike across the pedestrian crossing. Please do not ride your bike across the pedestrian crossing.

As part of the Personal Development/Health and Physical Education curriculum, students in Stage 1 and 2 will participate in Child Protection lessons. The lessons are aimed at each child’s level of maturity and will assist them to develop skills in recognising and responding to unsafe situations as well as establishing and maintaining positive relationships. The child Protection lessons have been developed and endorsed by the Department of Education.
Please contact Miss McIntyre if you would NOT like your child to participate in these lessons.

Alison Johnson & Simone McIntyre
Assistant Principals
GWYDIR CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCES

Warialda High School’s Open Day is on Monday Week 3, the 27th July. The band will be performing in the Warialda High School music shed in normal band rehearsal time from 3.30-4.45pm. Parents and supporters are all encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a BBQ at 5.00-5.30pm and a concert by Warialda High School vocalists and instrumentalists at 5.30pm. Bingara musicians may either go home as per normal Monday arrangements at 5.00pm, or stay and enjoy the free BBQ and concert and then return home with parents.

NEW GROUP

This term we would like to start a new group of instrumentalists. Today, our current musicians will be demonstrating their instruments to Year 3/4 students and interested students will be asked to return notes to the office if they are interested. There are a limited number of instruments available for hire from the Bingara Band Support Committee and these will be allocated in the order the notes and money are returned. Parents of any students from other classes who are interested may contact me for information.

CONTACT

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries. I am at Bingara Central School on Thursdays (67241606) and Warialda High School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (67291000). It may be easier for you to contact me by email and I will get back to you as soon as possible:

robyn.conway@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to all our wonderful families and the Bingara Band Committee for your support and encouragement of the Gwydir Band Program.

Robyn Conway
Music Teacher

MUSIC NOTES

RUGBY LEAGUE SEVENS

On Friday the 14 years and Opens seven-a-side rugby league teams travelled to Inverell to play in the Central Schools Competition. Sleat, rain and cold winds made ideal conditions for football and the boys took full advantage of this. Although the 14 years didn’t win a game Jayden Booth scored two great tries. Campbell Bond, Lachlan Starr, Dylan McKinnon and Jake White ran it well all day. Matthew Blakey was great in defence.

In the opens Jack Walton and Nathan Butler combined with Ashford to play some great football. Nathan scored a great try in the last game to complete a successful day.

Mark McGowan
Junior Mayor Competition
Be Mayor for the Day!

Name ____________________________
Age ____________ School ____________________________
What town do you live in? ____________________________
What do you love about our shire? ____________________________
Why do you want to be Mayor? ____________________________
If you were Mayor what changes would you make, or programs would you implement to make our shire a greater place to live? ____________________________
How do you think we can attract and retain young people and families to our shire? ____________________________

Please return your entry to the Bingara or Warralda Council Offices or email to mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 5th August.
Canteen

JULY
Friday 24       Tanya Neal
Monday 27       Kylie Johnson
Tuesday 28      Liz Kakoschke
Wednesday 29    Julie Drysdale
Thursday 30     Jo Munro       Krissy Grant

Minor League
This weekend Bingara play at home against Inverell Wests. Game times will be as follows:

- Under 8’s       10am
- Jnr Girls League tag       10am
- Under 10’s      10.50am
- Under 12’s      11.40am

There will be no senior girls league tag as Inverell Wests don’t have a team.

Team photos are this Saturday, 25th July, at 9am sharp. This will be the only opportunity for photos. Please can all players wear their Bingara Minor League footy shorts and socks. They will wear their playing jerseys for the photos. If you took jerseys home on the weekend to wash, please can you return them at training on Thursday so we are not waiting around on Saturday for the jerseys.

Presentation will definitely be on Saturday 19th September at the Bingara RSL Club. All players and their families are encouraged to attend. Details of the presentation to follow but please keep that date free in your diary.

See you all at training on Thursday.

Nedine Young

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools.
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. It will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

We are interested in your views on the delivery of Special Religious Education (SRE, commonly known as "scripture") and also Special Education in Ethics (SEE or "ethics") based on your experience as parents and caregivers.

The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers. The review is not being conducted to determine whether SRE or SEE should be offered in NSW public schools.

Parents and carers can have a say until 31 July 2015 via an online contributions portal, located at: http://artd.com.au/sre-see-review.