Welcome to Week 6

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Information in regards to booking your child/ren’s interview with teachers went home on Tuesday. Further information can also be found in this Newsletter. Interviews will be held next Tuesday 8 March [3:30pm – 5.00pm] and Wednesday 9 March [3:30pm – 6.00pm]. This is the first time that you can now make easy bookings online at home, at school using our computers (student can book with written permission from their parent/carer) or by contacting our office to take your bookings. It is important that you make your appointments AS SOON AS POSSIBLE before your available time is taken. If you can’t manage those times, please call the school to arrange an alternative appointment time.
At the time of printing this Newsletter, already 41 parents had made 83 bookings with 20 of our teachers so hurry to book in a suitable time before your preferred time/s.

Why it’s worth going to parent-teacher interviews
Parent-teacher interviews give you a great opportunity to:
- learn more about your child’s academic, emotional and social development
- meet and get to know your child’s teachers
- help your child’s teachers understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how we can work together to support your child
- build a relationship with your child’s school.

If you don’t have any particular concerns, you might wonder whether it’s worth going to parent-teacher interviews. But going along is one way to show your child that you’re interested in their learning needs and what’s happening for them at school.

Students working part-time
Whilst our school promotes students’ independent skills, it is very important that part-time work does not impose on a student’s learning. It is recommended that students SHOULD NOT be working during school hours to ensure that students attain their regulation hours for the HSC and more importantly that they receive the academic tuition and resources necessary to complete their courses.
Shake Up Your Wake Up With Breakfast
It’s the most important meal of the day – but one in four children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits.

I am guessing that some parent/carers do not know what some of our secondary students buy along the way to school for their breakfast. Cakes, pies and fizzy drinks are not a healthy start to eat for the day.

Breakfast is an excellent occasion to eat together as a family when possible. Having trouble eating breakfast? Then set the alarm for 10 minutes earlier to fit in breakfast at home. Establishing good breakfast habits in childhood and maintaining them throughout adolescence may be an important factor in reducing the prevalence of breakfast skipping and developing good eating habits that last a lifetime.

So, breakfast really is the most important meal of the day!

Jennifer Bird

GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA

Thursday 24th March 2016

11.00am-11.30am

$2 for a Cuppa & Cake

School Hall

You are invited to stay and watch the K-2 Easter Hat Parade which will follow the morning tea.
This year Bingara Central School will be participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. This Challenge is open to all students from Kinder to Year 9.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

All students in K-2 will compete in the challenge at school with their classroom teacher. If you would still like to do the challenge with your child at home, please let Shelley Turnbull know, so we don't add you to the class list.

To participate in this challenge, students can collect a record sheet from Mrs Turnbull and hand it to her regularly to fill in books read OR students can log into the website themselves from home and fill in books read. Going to the website yourself is a much easier option, as there is no worry of losing papers.

How to log into the Premiers Reading Challenge;
A link to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website can be found in the Student Portal under the Learning section. Students are also able to add a link to the PRC in the My Link List section to make the PRC easier to find. The URL to use is http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc.

Public school students can also log in directly to the PRC website using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password. These are the same details a student would use to access the Student Portal and the computer network at school.

Rules
1. The Challenge opens on 7 March 2016. **You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 19 August 2016 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.**

2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:
Wow! We are half way through the term already, time is certainly flying by! We continue to commend the students on their great behaviour and work ethics. A reminder to all students if you are away for any reason, it is your responsibility to catch up on the work you have missed. This also includes any assessments or homework that may have been given out while you are absent.

We would also like to remind students and parents that mobile phones are not to be used in classrooms unless it is for educational purposes. Please do not text your child during class time. If you need to get in contact with them, please do so via the front office or at recess (11.05am – 11.25am) or lunch time (1.25pm – 2.05pm). Students who are caught using their mobile phones in class will first be given a warning to put it away and then will have their phones confiscated until the end of the day.

All students should be working out of their correct books and have all necessary equipment for each subject. Please make sure your child is organised for each school day. Your child may miss out on quality practical lessons if they do not wear the correct footwear. Due to WHS, all students must wear closed in leather shoes in all industrial rooms and labs.

Don’t forget parent meetings are on next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for parents to see how their child is going in their various subject areas. To book an appointment with one or all of your child’s teachers, just head to the website; School Interviews at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code daa3y and then follow the three steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select appointment times that suit your family best.

When you are finished your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

Don’t forget SRC are organising a Super Hero day for Thursday 10 March! All students are able to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero to raise money for the SRC. It is asked that your child brings a gold coin donation on the day if they dress up.

Middle School students need to remember to return notes to be able to participate in a range of activities, especially those that involve travel.

Thank you to all students who tried out for parts for the Phantom of the Roxy Musical. It was great to see so many enthusiastic students. It is looking to be a great cast!

Shelley Turnbull & Annette Mavin
Rel. Head Teacher

HEADLICE
There have been quite a few cases of headlice over the last few weeks. Could you PLEASE check your child’s hair, both Primary and Secondary. Would be much appreciated if you could take the time to read the attached information sheet on how to treat headlice.

Thank you
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.

Mathletics
All students should have now received a username and password from their classroom teacher/ Year advisor to use Mathletics at school and at home. If not, could students please see Miss McIntyre. Mathletics is a wonderful program that supports student learning in Mathematics. It can be accessed at www.mathletics.com

School Sport
All students from Years 3-12 have been given the opportunity to attend swimming at the Bingara Swimming Pool on Fridays for sport. This will continue for 1 more week. Students who qualified for the Regional Swimming are encouraged to attend as the Swimming coach will be available to help improve or correct strokes. The note can also be found on our website www.bingara-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Regional Swimming Carnival
All primary students who have qualified for the Regional Swimming Carnival have received their race qualifications on the permission note. The Carnival will be held at the Monckton Aquatics Centre, Dumaresq St Armidale from 9:00am on Monday 7 March. Transport to the event will be by private transport, any students unable to be transported need to see Miss McIntyre. There will be adequate teacher supervision at the pool from 9:00am.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Parent Teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 March. All students received a note with instructions on how to book an appointment online with teachers. A laptop is available at the front office for bookings or you can call for a booking time. We look forward to see all of our parents for an interview.

Whole School Assembly
A Whole School Assembly will be held in week 8, Thursday 17 March. We look forward to see many families and friends attending. Kindergarten will be presenting some work they have completed so far this term.

Up Coming Events
Mufti Day
Come dressed as a Super Hero, Thursday 10 March. Bring a gold coin donation to go towards the SRC to help provide school resources.

Easter Hat Parade
Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will have their Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March.

Deadly Australians
The Youngest students in each family should have received a permission note for ‘Deadly Australians’ on Friday 1 April. The cost is $5.50 per student or $11.00 per family.

Alison Johnson & Simone McIntyre
Assistant Principals
**BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL**

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**NO ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT**

*Staff will notify you when your order is ready to be picked up.*

**ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY MONDAY 21ST MARCH**
Superheroes Unite!

Mufty Day

Come as your favourite superhero

Thursday 10th March
Gold coin donation for the SRC
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