Principal’s Message
What a wonderful day we had last Thursday for our annual Grandparents’ Day celebrations. Our children worked in family groups with their special grandies building some amazing animals, vehicles and crazy monsters. Mrs Cooper had an interesting new connector system called “Makedo”. These were plastic washers and pins and hinges which held the cardboard and junk recycling bits and pieces securely together.

Our morning finished as usual with a delicious home cooked Blandford morning tea. Thankyou to all of our grandparents and parents for your attendance and play with your children.

Mrs Coffey has organised the Scholastic Book Fair shop in the library. Children would have brought home their “wish list” with book titles and prices. They can still purchase tomorrow before school and at lunchtime. Our library earns free books from this fun activity. Parents are welcome to purchase books as well.

Crowe Family Farewell Picnic
Great warm weather with the promise of storms was the order of the day at the Timor Tennis Club last Sunday afternoon. A large gathering of school families, Timor residents and friends of Peter and Anita, Bridget, Eliza, Mac and Alec came to farewell our friends and classmates.

The Crowes are heading to Launceston in Tasmania to start the next chapter in their lives. We fondly farewell them with our best wishes and good luck for the future as well as our thanks for their hard work and friendship at Blandford Public School over the past eight years.

Our state swimming team: Emily, Chelsea, Kandice and Brady, have been training solidly over the past few weeks for the State PSSA Championships at Homebush Aquatic Centre on 9th-10th April. Thanks for parents who have been regularly taking the team to Scone for training in the 50m pool. We are very proud and excited about Blandford PS competing at state for the third time in two years. Small Schools really are great!

I hope your dams are filling with this good rain.

Isabel Fox  Principal
Students of the Week

K-2  Rachel—great progress in reading and spelling
     Jacob—great progress in reading

Y3-6  Eliza—interesting well written persuasive text
     Emily—eye catching poster for persuasive text multi media task

UHSC & Kia Ora Youth Music Camp

Kandice and Charlotte have begun their three days of music camp today. The girls will enjoy learning lots of new dance, choir and instrumental skills as well as being part of the combined concert on Friday evening at the Scone High School CPU. Tickets should be purchased beforehand from UHSC offices in Scone.

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country this Friday 28th March 2014 will be run at the Muswellbrook track in Karoola Park.

Ms Jenny Bettens is the team manager and competitors should report to Jenny before the start time of 9am. Thanks Jenny for your work with our children.

LONG JUMP PIT RENOVATIONS

We would be very glad of help with a tidy-up of the long jump pit here at school before the holidays.

Mrs Cooper has arranged for Scott Westcott to run our annual Little Athletics skills workshop day on Friday 2nd May—Week 1 of Term 2. We will need the long jump pit in full operation as Scott gives our children exact and explicit skills knowledge.

This day is always fun and is an important part of our sports skill development program at Blandford PS.

** Children, please let Mrs Cooper know if your dad or mum is available to help.

Car Park Safety

Thankyou to parents who collect children in the afternoon for parking rear to the fence. There are many vehicles in this small space each afternoon with a high proportion of 4WDs. The safety of our students is of paramount importance and your help is appreciated.

If you are collecting Infants children (K-2) would you please come to the gate to collect them in person and walk them to your car.

Cooking

Y3-6 had a great day of cooking last week and K-2 made popcorn this week. Our new kitchen works very well as a learning space and a comfortable, safe food preparation area.

Y3-6 cooked dishes from around the world as part of our HSIE unit “Living in Communities”
Year 6 Easter Raffle

John Holland Constructions have donated three large Easter baskets for our students to raffle.

Message from Year 6

This Easter Yr6 students are holding an Easter raffle. It is 50c per ticket and you can purchase them from year 6 in the morning and lunch time.

The money raised will go towards sports equipment for the school. Darcy Yr 6 Leader

REMINDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photographer will be at school on Thursday 1st May 2014 (Term 2 Week 1). Order envelopes were sent home last week. If you would like a yellow family photo envelope as well they are at the office.

Please return your orders by Wednesday 9th April so we can collate the money and orders for the photographers when they arrive. If you are not ordering photos please return the envelope also.

We will be wearing winter uniform on the day. Please remember navy socks for the girls winter uniform.

Upper Hunter 20-20 Cricket Gala Day in Scone—T20 School Blast

Cricket NSW is organising a T20 School Blast Gala Day at the Bill Rose Sports Complex on Wednesday 9th April. This day is for Y5-6 students, however several of our seniors will be at the State Swimming Carnival.

Some Year 4 students may be interested in attending this day. Please send back the expression of interest form attached, by this Friday 28th March so that I can complete the nomination forms by next week.

All gear is supplied but students may bring their own bat if they wish. This is a modified game of 8-a-side using soft compound balls. Children will play multiple games throughout the day. This is open to girls and boys and is planned as a fun, inclusive learning day with no previous experience of cricket necessary.

REMINDER

P&C AGM this evening 6.30pm in the school library followed by an ordinary meeting and supper.

Please note the change in time which may help more families to send a representative.

We have some nominations in hand for the executive positions with nominations at the meeting also welcome. The catering coordinator position is open for nomination with full support for the new person from the outgoing catering officer. Please consider this fun P&C job.
Infants doing maths with marshmallows.

Relay Team that are going to State for swimming.

Grandparents’ Day!

Year 3-6 Cooking dishes from around the world.
T20 Blast Cricket Gala Day
Wednesday 9th April 2014—Bill Rose Complex Scone
Y 4,5 & 6

My child/children ________________________________ are interested in playing cricket at the T20 Gala Day.

My child/children ________________________________ are not interested in playing cricket.

Signed ______________________________ Date _____________________