Principal’s Message

Even though it is still unseasonably warm, isn't the weather delightful? Our playground is still green and lush with none of the usual freezing winds to send us all inside at morning tea and lunchtime.

Mrs Cooper is supervising training for the Belltrees and Blandford athletics carnivals, with information and notes included today. Please call in to school if you have any queries.

Miss Armstrong from the Tamworth Regional Gallery visited on 29th May for ‘Art in a Suitcase’. Both classes were able to view and discuss a wonderful variety of artworks from the Gallery collection.

Charlotte, Ebony, Jack and Wil enjoyed the Scone Arts and Crafts weekend workshop recently. I also enjoyed the weekend as I was a tutor for the painting workshop. We had fun together making some very intricate artworks which will be displayed at the Arts and Crafts Hall in Kingdon Street Scone this weekend from 10.00—2.00pm. The opening night of the art show is this Friday 13th June from 6.00pm.

Chelsea and Darcy hosted the UHSC Youth Council meeting last Thursday along with Emily and Sam. This was another great opportunity for our school leaders to engage with other leaders from the schools in our region, both public and non-government.

UH Primary Schools’ Science Discovery Day—Coal & Allied—Muswellbrook

The annual Science Discovery day will be held at Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre and Showgrounds next Wednesday 18th June for Year 5 and 6 students.

Attached is the permission note (media permission has already been returned). Mrs Watson and I will be driving students to the venue as there are only 8 children this year. There is no cost for this excursion with a sausage sizzle lunch supplied by the local Rotary Club. Morning tea and water bottles are the only requirements.

Blandford Big Fun Day - Tuesday 24th June 2014

Attached is information and permission notes for our Big Fun Day. Ellerston, Belltrees and Rouchel Public School students will be joining us for the day.

Mrs Cooper is away for the next two days attending a Mental Health and Wellbeing conference in Sydney. Mrs Bettington is working with the K-2 students on their usual learning program.

Next term, for ten weeks, Miss Laura Sidney will be working in the Y3-6 classroom completing her internship from Newcastle University. Miss Sidney will be coming to meet us all on Tuesday 24th June and will be living at Murrulla as a new local resident.

Isabel Fox         Principal
Canberra Excursion

Thankyou for the return of your deposits for this excursion. I can now confirm bookings for accommodation and bus travel.

Completed itinerary and final costings including the P&C subsidy, will be sent home by the end of term.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Students of the Week

K-2

Lucy – great work in Jolly Phonics

Bailey – great work with Jolly Phonics

Y3-6

Bridie—neat bookwork and progress in text type writing (persuasive and narrative texts).

Kandice—interesting comments in class discussion and neat bookwork always.

Brock—improvement in maths and spelling. Keep up the hard work!

Uniforms

As we are heading into the athletics carnival ‘season’ please remember that our sports shoes should be white, that is part of our uniform. Please ensure that white socks cover the ankles (not the low cut tennis socks).

Hats are compulsory. Even though we are into the winter terms, sun burn and sun damage to unprotected skin is still a risk to our student’s health and safety.

Mrs Cooper’s request

Could parents please look for readers that your child has taken home and haven’t returned.

P&C

The next meeting will be held in the Blandford PS library this evening at 6.45pm—Wednesday 11th June.

PLEASE RETURN ALL WOOD RAFFLE TICKETS BY THIS FRIDAY—13TH JUNE.

The wood raffle is being held to assist with costs for the Canberra Excursion.
‘Belltrees’ Upper Hunter Small Schools and NUHSSAAA Athletics Carnival

Friday 20th June 2014

Attached is all relevant information for the Belltrees Carnival. Please note, we have been requested to send two helpers to prepare the grounds on Thursday 19th June.

The canteen roster will be in operation again, as has been the case in the past—please indicate if you are able to help from 10.00-11.00am.

Cakes and slices will be donated from all participating schools for the morning tea stall with all proceeds going into one account to help with costs into the future.

Ellerston and Belltrees P&C members will be running a raffle, again for the mutual benefit of all competing schools. Blandford will organise the raffle when it is our turn on the roster over the coming years.

Please return the permission note for 800m and high jump by this Friday 13th. Ms Fox will be faxing the information to Belltrees PS at lunchtime on Friday.

Blandford Public School—Big Fun Day—Tuesday 24th June 2014

I give permission for my child / children ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

to engage in all activities for the Big Fun Day which will be held at Blandford PS. Activities include:

Jamo Jamo drumming workshop—subsidised by P&C

Newcastle University Science Fun— free

Ms Roxanne Galloway Dance workshop - $5 per child

P&C Lunch pack- $ 5 per child

I enclose $10 per child. My child does / does not have dietary or health requirements as follows.

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Signed ________________________________    Date ___________________________

Mrs Cooper’s Jolly Phonics meeting - Tuesday 17th June, 2.30pm – if enough parents can make it then. Please let her know.

I will/will not be at the Jolly Phonics meeting on Tuesday 17th June at 2.30pm.

Name __________________________________
Relaxing after the cross country.
TRANSPORT NOTE - 11 June 2014

I give permission for my child/children ................................................................. to attend
the UH Primary Schools' Science Discovery Day—Coal & Allied—Muswellbrook on Wednesday,
18th June, 2014.
I understand that transport to and from the venue will be by private vehicle with Mrs Sascha Wat-
son and Ms Fox.

We will be leaving Blandford Public School at 8.45am SHARP and return by 3.30pm.

The day is free.

Just bring morning tea and water—sausage sizzle lunch supplied.

Signed ................................................................. Date ........................................