Principal’s Message

Some very good rain fell in our district over the weekend, hopefully topping up tanks and replenishing paddocks and pasture for everyone.

This week is the 60th anniversary of Education Week celebrations in NSW with Blandford Public School continuing to provide excellence in academic, sporting, social and community programs over these years, and into the future.

Our Celebration Day will be held next Tuesday 5th August, incorporating Education Week, Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week and NAIDOC week. More information as you read on.

Congratulations to Millie who ran well in very cold conditions at the State PSSA Cross Country event at Eastern Creek. Millie ran 44th out of 78 runners which was a wonderful result for a young 8 year old running with 9 year olds. See you there next year Millie!

A short report from our Year 6 School Leaders who represented BPS at the John Holland lunch last Friday is on page 3. Our leaders cut the cake and spoke confidently to a large audience of 100 plus workers. Well done children.

Congratulations also to our Education Week award winners at the Wollemi Upper Hunter ceremony held at Aberdeen PS yesterday evening.

Chelsea Speck—student excellence
Mrs Coffey—teaching excellence
Our Learning and Support Team—School achievement
Mrs Jodi Wilson—Community member
Mrs Tuckwell—non teaching staff excellence

Our parent interviews have concluded with a very positive response from the Y3-6 class who were involved in the three-way conversations. I also enjoyed this process and plan to continue with students speaking about their learning goals for the future. Thank you to all parents who made time to attend these valuable sessions with Mrs Cooper and myself.

Scone High School is beginning a Gifted and Talented outreach program for students in Years 4-6 from the local primary and outlying small schools.

The first of these days will be held on Wednesday 13th August, with a full day of science and maths activities. Two students from each school will attend and permission notes will be sent home when more information is available.

The final date for orders for Year 6 School Leader photographs is Friday 8th August. Please return envelopes and payment by this date. Photos may be viewed in the front office.

Information is attached for our Y3-6 excursion to Canberra in Week 8. Ellerston PS will be coming with us and accompanying teachers are Miss Sidney, Mr Leayr and Ms Fox.

Good luck to our athletes for this Friday’s Zone Carnival!

Isabel Fox          Principal
Zone Athletics Carnival

All arrangements are in place for the Zone carnival this Friday August 1st at Alroy Oval in Singleton Heights. Our team members have been training during lunchtime over the past week to be in peak condition for the competition. Thank you to Mrs Teague and Mrs Bramley for their help training the BPS relay team.

Good luck everyone and enjoy the games!

Students of the Week

K-2
Archie—a terrific start to Term 3
Jacob—Terrific effort in handwriting

Y3-6
Oliver—for always being on task and always working hard. Well done Oliver!
Wil—Great start, researching and writing a biography on Bob Hawke.

Celebration Day - Tuesday 5th August 2014

Parents, family and friends are invited to join us for our Celebration Day next week. Our Education Week celebrations will be combined as usual with Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week and NAIDOC Week as a fun family day. We will work through the day in rotating groups from 9.30 to 1.00. Afternoon activities are awaiting confirmation but could involve joggers.

The P&C will provide a lunch pack of hot beef or chicken rolls and a drink for $5.00 per head. Please return the order form by Friday this week to enable Mrs Roser to plan catering. Children should bring morning tea, hats and drink bottles as usual.

Canberra Excursion 1st-5th September 2014
Medical notes, packing list and itinerary are attached. Please return at your earliest convenience.

Youth Council Movie Night Friday 8th August 2014
Scone Public School
5.45-7.45pm
The Great Turkey Movie of All Time—rated G
$8.00—includes drink, chips or popcorn and some lollies

Please see the attached flier

Please let Ms Fox know if you are attending this fun night by Wednesday 6th August. The attendance list for catering needs to be sent to Mrs Mary Spora, Youth Council manager.
Attached is an information pack for the Canberra excursion.

Blandford Public School— Year 3-6 Golf for Sport

Unfortunately, the clinic day was postponed. We are waiting for an alternative date.

Thank you for returning permission notes

Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August and 12th September for sport afternoons.

Leave school by 1.40 for a 2.00pm start – returning by 3.15pm

Would parents who have offered to provide transport please indicate which days are suitable.

I will help with transport on Friday..............................................................................................................................................................................(please advise).

I will provide copies of my licence and insurance for DEC requirements/records.

Signed ___________________________________    Date ___________________________

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Celebration Day - Tuesday 5th August 2014

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

Lunch Order

Family Name __________________________________________________________

Total meal packs required _____________Beef _________Chicken__________

Please note any dietary issues __________________________________________

Enclosed total payment @ $5.00 per head ______________________

Signed ___________________________________    Date ___________________________
Horse Sports

Carinya Horse Sports is held on 23rd August, entries close 15th August

Aberdeen Horse Sports is held on 29th August

Wallabadah Horse Sports is held 1st September, entries close 18th August

Quirindi Horse Sports is held on 13th October, entries close 12th September

Belltrees Horse Sports is held 24th October, entries close 8th September

Werris Creek Horse Sports is held on 24th October, entries close October

If you need entry forms for any of these events they are at the office.

Book Man

We have books and other miscellaneous items that The Book Man drops off each fortnight. If you would like to have a browse through them they are in the kitchen along with the order form.

Crab Fundraising

It is the Kindergarten families turn to provide goodies for morning tea on Monday 3rd, August 2014. If other children could buy goodies for 50c a piece K,1,2 would be very grateful.

So far everyone, we have raised $82. Thankyou

Canberra Fundraising

Years 3,4, 5and 6 will be fundraising on Mondays starting with Year 3-Week 5, Year 4-Week 6 and Year 5/6 in week 7. They are to bring cakes and slices to sell for 50c.

REMINDER:
Scone High School, 50 years reunion
Bookings for activities have to be in by 19th September.

Don’t forget the Basil Fawlty Production this coming weekend. Last year’s performance and supper were fantastic. No doubt this year’s will be also. Come along either Friday or Saturday evening or for the matinee on Saturday afternoon.

P&C

The next P&C meeting is held tomorrow, 31st July 2014 at 2pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone who doesn’t receive the minutes for the P&C meetings and would like them emailed please request to Gail Brooks yellowgully@bigpond.com
Millie at State PSSA Cross Country

Scone Arts & Crafts ‘The Banool Art Competition’