Principal's Message

Our happy campers had a great three days at Lake Keepit by all accounts, with the giant swing being the best! Miss Sidney enjoyed her time away with our children and has let us know that their behavior and manners were excellent and commented on by camp leaders Ashleigh, Stewart and James. Well done Blandford!

Most of our students participated in the ANZAC march, with our infants and primary groups also reciting ANZAC themed poems for the large crowd at Murrurundi. Thank you to parents for supporting this event; our children looked their best in spic and span uniforms and showed their best behavior again.

Thanks also to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Bettens for transporting our Year 5 and 6 students to the GRIP Leadership conference in Tamworth this week. Mrs Crowe supervised the fun and learning at this annual event for our leadership team and is welcomed back as a member of our staff.

The new format School Plan for 2015-2017, has been finalised and signed off by our director, Mr Mark Young. Thank you to parents and staff who have had input into this document over the past several months. The plan is available on our school website: www.blandford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Cooper and I have enjoyed speaking with parents this week, discussing the learning needs of our students as well as their progress during first term. Our formal semester reports will be completed and forwarded home during the last week of this term.

Leave:

I am taking four weeks long service leave this term to celebrate the arrival of my first grandchild. I have been told by other grandmas that your first new grandchild is a very special and exciting event and I can hardly wait. So many teddy bears and cute little T-shirts to buy!

Miss Sidney will be teaching Y3-6 and I know my class is looking forward to Miss S coming back to Blandford.

I will be away from 18th May and returning on 15th June.

Cross Country

Best wishes to our team heading to Newcastle this Friday for Regional Cross Country. Good luck to Anehak, Bridie and Millie.

Isabel Fox     Principal
Students of the Week

K-2
Alec – working extremely hard and for excellent behaviour
Zara – terrific sounding out using Jolly Phonics actions

Y3-6
Elinor—working hard in all areas to improve her learning. Well done Elinor
Oliver—good ideas in persuasive writing tasks. Well done Oliver

Citizenship Award
Teegan—Helpful, kind and friendly—thankyou Teegan.

NAPLAN 2015—Year 3 and 5
These tests will be conducted next week. Tuesday 12th—Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday 13th—Reading and Thursday 14th—Numeracy.
Please make sure students are well rested and relaxed. We have been preparing in class, practicing the test format and revising class work. However going into these tests with a relaxed positive attitude and “doing your best” is most important.

Cross Country—Thursday 14th May
Our Cross Country event will be held at Mrs Tanner’s farm on Thursday afternoon 14th May—information attached.

Staff Training
Mrs Cooper has been attending training on some Wednesdays over the past few months in Tamworth. The course is called L3—Language, Learning and Literacy, aimed at improving literacy outcomes for infants students.
Mrs Coffey works with our infants students whilst Mrs Cooper is away for this ongoing year’s course of study.

Year 6 Orientation—Scone High School
The next orientation day for our Year 6 students attending Scone High School in 2016 is set down for Wednesday 3rd June. More information will be forwarded as we receive it.

Cross Country
Cross Country is at Mrs Tanner’s ‘Eyrton’ on Thursday 14th May at 12.30. Families are welcome and please bring a picnic lunch if you would like to. Parents can collect children from school at 12.15. If unable to collect children please advise Ms Fox or Mrs Cooper so that transport arrangements can be made.

PPPSSSSSSSTTTTTTT!!!

Don’t tell Mum. The Mother’s Day stall is on this Thursday. Year 6 will be the shopkeepers. All gifts are $5 including gift bags.

There are always extra gifts available for Grans and Nans after everyone has purchased their gift for Mum.
Upcoming events for your calendar

W3  BPS Cross Country Thursday 14th May
W4  NAPLAN 12th-14th May
W9  Coal & Allied Science Discovery Day Muswellbrook—Y5/6 18th June
W9  Belltrees Sports 19th June
W10 BPS Athletics Carnival Murrurundi 25th June

P & C NEWS
Please return all Mother’s Day raffle tickets tomorrow, sold or unsold. Thank you.

Claiming this date!
Planning is underway for a Trivia, Prawn and Chicken Night at the Murrurundi Bowling Club to be held at 7pm on Friday the 19th of June. We are hoping that all school parents will come and enjoy a fun, social night, and invite family and friends to come along as well. Apart from the trivia and delicious food, there will be great prizes on offer throughout the night.

Our aim is to provide an entertaining community event in an otherwise quiet time of year, and if possible add to our P & C fundraising calendar, to not only diversify but also supplement our Horse Sports income.

Invitations and flyers will be sent out soon with further details.
Gail Brooks

Lake Keepit Camp