Principal’s Message

I am very pleased to be writing this newsletter. Both Ms Fox and Mrs Cooper are on leave and I do hope Mrs Cooper is remembering those of us with cold toes while she has gone to a warmer place! The weather hasn’t stopped us from concentrating on polishing our skills for the athletics carnivals during our daily PE and lunch sessions. Thank you to the leaders for organising the equipment.

As this is a busy time for our school I thought it might be appropriate to spend sometime with the school focusing on taking the time to appreciate the special acts of kindness we see each day at school or at home. We will be having whole school and class discussions and the citizenship award will have this as our focus. I think you would agree that sometimes we all need to spend time reflecting on the positive, good things we encounter to give us a new spring in our step.

K/1/2 had a very special Wednesday last week. It was National Simultaneous Reading day and the class participated in two activities. At 11 o’clock they had the book The Brothers Quibble by Michael Blabbey read to them by the author, along with thousands of students all over Australia. They really enjoyed this event. In the afternoon they had a special treat with a visit from Mrs Marshall the librarian from the upper Hunter Shire Council Murrurundi branch who read them the story and created some beautiful crowns with them.

Last week three students from the primary class represented the Upper Hunter Shire Council at the Youth Forum. Thank you to Kandice, Wil and Charlotte and Mrs Wilson for taking them. Today the year 6 are attending an orientation day at Scone High and next Tuesday those students who have completed their CWA project on Italy will be attending a morning tea at the CWA rooms in Murrurundi. Notes will be given to these students to take home as part of developing their sense of responsibility. Years 5 & 6 are going to participate in the Coal & Allied Upper Hunter Science and Engineering challenge. This will be held in Muswellbrook on Thursday 18th June and travel will be by car. The notes will come out with this newsletter. This is an amazing day!

We are very lucky to have so many opportunities for our students to represent our school at different events. For students to go to these events they need to display in class and in the playground our school motto of Do Our Best. If we always strive to do our best we can be proud of what we have achieved.

The P&C meeting was held last Monday night and it was well attended. I hope everyone is getting their teams together for the Trivia Night which will be on Friday 19th June. I know the staff are looking forward to this. If you are able to help with this event or any other event coming up for the P&C just let Gail or Ruth know.

Do Our Best,
Sandra Coffey
Relieving Principal
Students of the Week

K-2 Bailey – making sensible choices

Archie — excellent effort in story writing

Y3-6 Teegan – showing great enthusiasm for learning in our Italy unit.

Bridie — Excellent effort on her CWA project.

Citizenship Award -

Mac Crowe for displaying the important quality of KINDNESS in the playground.

Cross Country.

Mrs Cooper has given me the results to post for the school cross country.

They are Sub Junior Boys: 1st Archie, 2nd Laurence, 3rd Alec

Sub Junior Girls: 1st Ella, 2nd Jorja, 3rd Lucy

Junior Boys: 1st Oliver, 2nd Angus, 3rd Jack R

Junior Girls: 1st Millie, 2nd Bridie, 3rd Samantha

Senior Boys: 1st Lachlan, 2nd Jack T, 3rd Quinn

Senior Girls: 1st Anekah, 2nd Charlotte, 3rd Kandice

Congratulations to Archie for breaking the record with 3:21:94 which was previously held by Jack R.

Year 5 and Year 6 “Middle Schools Day” St Josephs Aberdeen

An invitation has been sent to any Year 5 or 6 students who are interested in attending a special day on Tuesday 16 June. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Library News

Thank you to Mrs Tuckwell and Mr Dollin for their time getting more new books Ready For Reading. All students are making longer and longer lists of books they have read for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Not only books from the library can be entered but books from home as well as long as a parent has verified they have been read. Some students are up to twenty books!

Belltrees Athletics Carnival

There is an updated role of duties being forwarded to the school and as soon as we know more we will let everyone know. I am looking forward to going to the carnival as it brings back fond memories of going there with my own children and with Mururrundi PS. It is one of those days where we can encourage our children to get involved, make new friends and do their best and we can be good role models, displaying good sportsmanship and enthusiasm. All my children established friendships and connections from being part of this carnival.

Blandford Sports Carnival

Just a reminder that this carnival will be on the 25th June and the students are eager to participate. On the 24th we need helpers to mark out Wilson Oval. Please let us know if you can help.

Gunnedah Horse Sports

Gunnedah South Public School are holding their Horse Sports at Curlewis on Friday, 26th June. If you would like an entry form please call into the office.
Blandford School’s Roving Reporters

Jarna & Bridie’s pictures taken around the playground