Principal’s Message

Thank you for all of the good wishes and hugs I have received on my return to Blandford this week. Whilst on leave I have been busy visiting my family in Sydney, Melbourne and of course Bathurst where my dear little Henry lives with his mum and dad. There is nothing like a new little one in the family!

A big thank you also to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Coffey, Miss Sidney and Mrs Crowe who have been teaching our children and managing our school during my absence. Our supportive and friendly parents, staff and community members continue to help provide a great place to educate and mentor our children with a wide range of opportunities for their learning and success.

Congratulations to our Upper Hunter Small Schools Belltrees athletics carnival winners and grinners. I hear that everyone had a wonderful day of good sportsmanship, catch-ups with friends and lots of ribbons and trophies! Blandford White took out the Champion School on the day & the March past.

Well done to these young athletes:

- **Anekah & Bridie**—Grand Champions
- **Lachlan**—11 year old Champion & broke the high jump record
- **Anekah**—11 year old Champion
- **Bridie**—Junior girl Champion
- **Ella**—Daphne Carter Award
- **Jorja**—Encouragement Award

**Newcastle Uni & Coal & Allied Science Day—Muswellbrook—18.6.15**

Thanks to Ms Bettens and Mrs Wilson who will be transporting our Year 5 and 6 students to this excellent hands on science investigation day tomorrow. Please be at school by 8.40.

Full winter uniform (hats not needed), morning tea and water bottle—sausage sandwich lunch is provided including a drink. The activities usually finish at 2.30 with a return to school time of 3.15—3.20.

**CWA—Italy Country of Study project**

Congratulations to our prize winners for their projects on the culture, food and geography of Italy. Well done children and thank you for your work and interest. Miss Sidney reported excellent behaviour and good manners from our Y3-6 students as well as the usual delicious CWA ladies’ morning tea and lolly bags.

**Oliver 1st, Samantha 2nd, Jack, Mac, Anekah & Angus**—Highly Commended

**School Photos**

Photo packs were sent out with children today. Please call in to the office if there are any problems or omissions from your order. I was very pleased with the quality and presentation and would welcome feedback.

Welcome back to Mrs Cooper who will be returning from her leave this Thursday.

I hope this light, steady rain has fallen on your paddocks and topped up your tanks.

*Isabel Fox  Principal*
Students of the Week

K-2
Jensen—for his great contribution to our rainforest
Laurie—for always doing his best

Y3-6
Fezaan—Improvement in text type story writing and excellent spelling. Well done!
Lachlan—Neat handwriting, improvement in text type writing and sensible behaviour always. Great work!

Citizenship Award
Ella—showing Kindness

Mark the Oval for Carnival—Wednesday 24th June—Murrurundi Oval
I have organised with P&C members from Murrurundi PS to mark out the oval together with our P&C folks for both our athletics carnivals next week.

It would be very much appreciated if parents could meet at the oval next Wednesday 24th June at 12.00 to organise this job. Many hands should make this quick and easy (crossed fingers).

Please send the attached note back if you would be available for an hour or two next Wednesday 24th June. Many thanks in anticipation.

BPS Athletics Carnival—Thursday 25th June—Murrurundi Oval
9am for a 9.15 start at Wilson Memorial Oval.

REMEMBER
Emus please return your red sports shirts to Ms Bettens as soon as possible. These will need to be washed and dried for next week’s carnival. Thanks to those who have already returned their shirts.

Upcoming events for your calendar
W9 Coal & Allied Science Discovery Day Muswellbrook—Y5/6 18th June
W 10 BPS Athletics Carnival Murrurundi—Thursday 25th June
Mark the Oval for Carnival—Wednesday 24th June—Murrurundi Oval

I am available to help with marking out the oval at Murrurundi on Wednesday 24th June from 12.00-2.30.

I understand BPS parents will be working together with MPS parents to prepare the grounds as the UHSC no longer offers this service to our schools.

Name__________________________________________ Date______________________

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY THIS WEEK—THANKS