Principal’s Message

I am very proud of students from our school who “have a go” at a wide range of activities. These could be academic, sporting, social or community based. Our students are “having a go” representing our school, as well as demonstrating their personal best and participating in opportunities that are available to them.

Congratulations for having a go and doing your best to:

Millie—21st at the State Cross Country event on 17th July—and fastest runner in the Hunter Region—8-9 year girls. Extra well done!

Members of our newly formed Upper Hunter Small Schools Choir—performing at the Wollemi and Upper Hunter Community of Schools Education Week Reception tomorrow evening at Scone High School. Well done!

Kandice—co presenter with school leaders from other local schools at the above event. Again- well done!

Members of our school team competing at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Scone this Friday. Good luck and do your best!

BPS entrants in the Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition at Singleton Heights PS, & Belltrees PS Public Speaking Competition over the next two weeks. Good luck and enjoy these events!

Students who have entered the NSW University ICAS academic competitions over the past few months. Well done to you for having a go!

Congratulations also to students here at school who are always doing the right thing as young community members. Helping out your classmates and teachers, being kind friends, doing your best in class work and enjoying new games and activities. Good on you all!

Lastly, congratulations to our parents and community members who help our school by organizing, planning and working together to raise funds for the benefit of our children, as well as volunteering their time to assist with reading and maths groups, sports training and driving to activities and events. Well done and a big pat of the back to all!

Small schools are great schools!

Blandford Public School is a WONDERFUL small school!

Enjoy your week.

Isabel Fox

Principal
Students of the Week

K-2  Ella – great improvement in reading, sounds and giving answers in discussions. Well done!

   Rory – a well-built earthworm viewer (a homework activity)

   Amina – great work in her ‘tricky words’ spelling test.

Y3-6  Brock—hard work and a positive outlook in all areas of school life.

   Camilla—good effort writing an information report on seals!

Citizenship Award  -  Hayden—always willing to lend a hand in class and in the playground.

Zone Athletics Carnival—White Park Scone Friday 31st August

Mrs Joh Teague will be the manager of the small schools group on Friday. Mrs Belinda Teague is our school team manager. If there are any queries please take them to Joh to pass on to the recorder’s desk.

Best wishes and good luck to our competitors.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

Belltrees PS Public Speaking Competition—Tuesday 4th August 2015

If there are any parents attending the Belltrees competition who would like a “special” lunch, the ladies from BTPS are cooking quiche and warm vegetable salad for the adults.

   $7.00 per head.

   Please send a note to the office with your money if you wish to order “big people’s” lunch.

Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition 2015

Singleton Heights Public School

Reminder for arrangements for this public speaking competition.

   Attached for participating students—last information sheets

   Stage 1 and Stage 3 - Wednesday 12th August

   S3  9.10am  S1  11.35am

   Early Stage 1 and Stage 2—Thursday 13th August

   S2  9.10am  ES1  11.35am

   Please ask at the front desk of SH PS for directions to the school hall.

Celebration Day—Thursday 30th July 2015

Thank you to our P&C and Mrs Roser for organizing hot beef rolls and a popper for lunch. This is very much appreciated.
**Update on requirements for parent transport of students**

Further to ongoing conversations about the legal requirements for parents transporting students to school activities that we have been having for some time.

Legal Branch of Dept of Education has given us their ruling on this matter which has had many variations and interpretations in all schools over many years.

Copy of current licence.

Copy of current registration for vehicle - no requirement for comprehensive insurance documentation.

Current working with children check. PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM FOR OUR RECORDS TO SAVE ASKING AGAIN DURING THE YEAR.

Thank you for your input and discussion around this—your thoughts are always welcome as my door is always open. Ms F
K,1,2 and Mrs Cooper collected the too-short pencils and the spares that had accumulated in their classroom. Mrs Cooper took 2 big bags of pencils with her to Bali recently. A friend then took them to an orphanage where they were happily and gratefully received. Well done K,1,2.

Robert’s giant snow ball.

View from the school—snow on the mountains.