Principal’s Message

130 students from Murrurundi, Ellerston, Belltrees and Blandford met at Murrurundi PS last Friday for a great day of learning. Students were separated into stage groups working on rotating activities. These included the Newcastle Uni Science workshop, visual art and sports.

All of the children interacted very positively, meeting old friends and making new ones. It was also a great experience for our senior students to play sports with a team of the “same size”. Whilst small schools are a wonderful place to learn and grow up, it is always fun to work in a more stage-based group.

Staff also enjoyed a chance to meet with colleagues as we don’t often have the chance to see and work alongside them with our children.

Mayor for a Day

Congratulations to Brady for his time as “Mayor” of the UHSC on Monday afternoon. Brady was the overall winner of the Mayor for a Day writing competition which is open to all primary schools in the UHSC area. Brady wrote a convincing persuasive text to describe the ways in which he would improve our town if he was the Mayor.

This is the second overall win that Blandford PS students have achieved in the past 4 years. (Tyler won in 2013.) Congratulations again Brady and Blandford PS!

Year 6 Leaders

Year 6 students who will be attending Scone High School in Year 7, attended the Term 3 orientation day last Wednesday reporting that a great day was had by all.

Congratulations to Anekah, Kandice, Teegan and Brock who represented BPS at the Vietnam Remembrance Ceremony held at MPS last Tuesday. Teegan read a poem “Morning Stand-To”, whilst Brock and Anekah assisted with the wreath-laying. This was a joint ceremony with Murrurundi students and another example of the focus we maintain on community connections.

Good luck to our regional team who will be competing at Newcastle this Friday.

Chess Club

Mr Dollin has been working with our Chess Team in preparation for the chess competition at Tamworth on Friday 4th September. Our team members are: Macarthur, Camilla, Wil, Kandice, Mac and Millie. Good luck everyone.

Staff professional learning

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Coffey and I will be away from school next Friday 4th September attending a training day in Maitland. This professional learning will assist with plotting our students on the PLAN continuum of learning which is similar to the Best Start, Kindergarten program.

Mrs Bettington and Mrs Crowe will be working with our children on their usual programs.

Enjoy your week.
Students of the Week

K-2  Bailey – great behaviour and excellent attitude to all school activities
    Robert – terrific reading behaviours and strategies
    Jorja – excellent progress in reading

Y3-6  Mac—improving neatness and completing all tasks. Well done!
    Wil—improvement in persuasive text writing—“Should Antarctica be
    mined?”

Citizenship Award  - Quinn—helping and mentoring younger students in
    the playground as well as consistent work habits and assisting
    classmates during class time. Thanks and well done Quinn.

Capers Concert 2015—Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre.

Mr Leayr from Ellerston PS had proposed a bus trip to the Schools Spectacular concert in Sydney on Friday 27th November. Unfortunately there has been insufficient interest for this trip to go ahead.

Mr Leayr is now attempting to organise a bus trip to the Capers 2015 Concert at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre on 6th November 2015. This excursion would be for the Y3-6 class and add to the Creative and Practical Arts curriculum—responding to and appreciating music and drama performance.

The concert begins at 10.30 am and goes for 3 hours with a short 15 minute interval. The cost is $6.00 per head with travel arrangements to be organised closer to the day. As tickets are on a “first-come, first-served” basis, Mr Leayr needs confirmation of numbers by the end of Week 9—11th September. Please return the expression of interest.

Gymnastics

Mrs Lisa Mackenzie, our gymnastics instructor, will unfortunately not be available this Friday.

Our weekly lessons have been rescheduled for tomorrow—Thursday 27th August.

    PLEASE WEAR SPORTS UNIFORMS TOMORROW


The costs for this activity have been subsidised by school. Cost per child per week—$2.00. It is helpful if you are able to pay up front, but by-the-week is also fine.
Scone Arts and Crafts Art competition—entries

Please hand entries for this competition to Ms Fox by this Friday 28th August.

Fathers Day Stall

Our Year 6 Leaders will be opening the Fathers Day Stall next Thursday 3rd September during first and second breaks. All gifts are $5 including wrapping.

Please send money on the day in a purse or wallet so children are able to do their own shopping. This is always a much anticipated and enjoyable experience for our children, who may not otherwise have the opportunity to buy a gift for dad.

There will be extra gifts available for grandads after everyone has first bought for dad.

Mid Term Formal Assembly

Our mid term assembly will be held in the primary classroom tomorrow afternoon beginning at 2.45pm.

The UHSC Mayor, Councillor Wayne Bedggood will be visiting our school to present the 3 prize winners from our school for the Mayor for a Day writing competition.

Families and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Rep Touch Footy Trials

Scone Touch footy rep trials will be on Tuesday 8th September at 4pm, at Scone Sports Complex (Bill Rose).

If you know in advance that you will not be able to make it, but are keen to play please email Nicky Western at nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call on 0414-806074.

Training for most teams will be on Tuesday afternoons at 4-5.15pm. Carnivals that they will be attending this year are:

Scone – 1st November

Gosford – probably 13th December

Nelson Bay – Feb 6 & 7th

Junior State Cup – Port Macquarie 19/20/21st Feb (U12 boys and girls only at this stage)
**K,1,2 excursion**

The infants class will be travelling to the Australian Reptile Park on Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} September as a culmination to our unit ‘Australian Animals’. We have invited Murrurundi Public Schools’ K,1,2 to accompany us. Children will be participating in a show called *Feathers, Fur & Scales* as well as learning more about the resident unique Australian animals. Sports uniform is to be worn (children will be more visible!) and must bring all snacks, food and drink for the day. A HAT MUST BE BROUGHT ALSO PLEASE. Spending money will **not** be needed.

We will stop at Singleton on the way down and back for a comfort stop. We will depart from Blandford Public School at 6.30am, leave Somersby at 2.30pm and hope to arrive back at around 6pm.

Entry into the Australian Reptile Park, including the workshop, is $10.00 and the bus fare will be $15.00 a total cost of $25.00 per child. Parents may begin paying instalments now if they would like.
It’s coming...

The Croods

movie night hosted by the Scone Neighbourhood Centre. Shown on our 6 metre outdoor screen!

Saturday 19th September

At Scone Park, Hill Street, Scone.

$15 family of 4.
$5 extra per additional child.

Expected time of start: 7pm

For more info contact 6545 2562.

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Capers Concert 2015—Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre.

My children ____________________________________________________ are interested in attending the Capers 2015 concert in Tamworth on Friday November 6th 2015.

I understand that tickets will be purchased at $6.00 each.

Signed ________________________________   Date _____________________