

# Bundarra

## Central School News



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(Above left) Winners of the SRC "letters day" and (right) Melissa Lowell, volunteering to help Kindergarten and Year 1 students with Art



(Above) Secondary students pictured with Mario Fenech and Nathan Merritt. The NRL Ambassadors visited Bundarra Central School to speak and endorse the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. All students from Kindergarten to Year 12 enjoyed this motivational visit from the ex professional rugby league football players.

All young people deserve opportunities and support to succeed in life.

## Principal's Message

I would like to report on the planning processes for school. Our strategic plan for the next three years must be submitted by the end of this term and reflect the views of our school community.

In this newsletter I am publishing the school vision statement and our strategic directions which have been formed from a number of meetings with the school staff, our Student Representative Council (SRC) and the data from two major surveys conducted which involved extensive parent consultation. The next stage in this process will be the teasing out of the strategic directions adding detail of how we accomplish the objectives we set. The plan is a public document and will be accessible next term.

### **School Vision**

We value individuality, creativity and critical thinking, providing opportunities for all students to maximise their growth academically, vocationally and culturally.

We are committed to providing a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment empowering students to reach their full potential and experience success in life.

We encourage our students to be respectful of others, involved in improving and responsive to change, being responsible users of technology and resources.

As a school community we seek to model lifelong learning, tolerance and high personal expectations encouraging our students to be responsible global citizens and valued contributing members of their community.

### **Strategic Directions**

1. Improving the outcomes for student learning.
2. Developing Leadership in the School Community.
3. Developing and strengthening Community Partnerships.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the strategic plan. All feedback is welcomed and appreciated by me.

Secondly as a part of our school plan I have been reviewing our policy documents. So far the documents reviewed are:

1. Attendance Policy
2. Enrolment Policy
3. Refund Policy
4. Excursion Policy
5. Mobile Phone Policy

These documents can be obtained from the office and will be accessible electronically for the school community soon.

Finally, we are in the final stages of development of a parent portal for the school. This portal will provide you with secure access to school notes, calendar of events and details about your child's attendance (you will only have access to your child's information) and an electronic means for communication with the school providing return of permission notes and attendance notes.

After we have fully tested the portal you will receive either a letter or email with a code to enable you to securely access the portal. I will provide you with further details as we develop this access.

**Mr David Bieler**  
**Principal**



## Secondary News

With the end of week six already upon us it feels as if the term is just flying by!

On Wednesday of this week a large number of students from Secondary took part in the Zone touch football trials held at the Inverell Sporting Complex. The students were well prepared for the day with their coaches Mr Budda-Dean and Mr Henley running training sessions during lunchtimes over the past few weeks. From the trials BCS had five students selected to compete at the regional trials next Tuesday. We wish Kimberley O'Donnell, Zoe Blair, Buddy Morgan, Brent O'Donnell and Brad Hickman all the best as they try to make the North West side.

With autumn upon us, the mornings are beginning to get much cooler. Students are reminded that they need to be wearing the correct bottle green jumpers to school. Representative sport jumpers are to be worn on sport days (Friday) only.

**Mr Jarrod Carter**  
**Teacher, Secondary**

## Primary News

Two huge congratulations to all our K-6 students. Firstly, for the enthusiastic effort everyone put into being part of the S.R.C. "letter" day. Secondly for the community spirit of those who participated with a smile in the Clean Up Australia Day activity last Friday. Two very different activities which reflected on how great our students are. Parents and caregivers have every reason to be proud of their children.

Sarah O'Grady represented our zone at the North West swimming trials at Armidale. Sarah swam in the 50m freestyle. Congratulations on a fantastic swim Sarah.

Last Monday, Mrs Light and Years 3 and 4 travelled to Armidale to visit the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place to view an art exhibition, an Aboriginal garden and edible foods and medicines, tools and dwellings. A very informative day was had by all. More details of this fantastic educational experience will be in our next newsletter.

Years 5 and 6 are having a cake stall outside the Top Shop this Sunday morning to raise funds for their excursion to Canberra later in the year. This is a great opportunity to get some yummy treats while helping Years 5 and 6 on their way!

On Monday 9th March, commencing at 3:00pm there will be a parent meeting in the hall. The

new English and Mathematics syllabus will be explained and any questions in relation to these will be addressed. The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea. All staff look forward to meeting parents and caregivers.

English is the focus learning area for this newsletter. Mrs Blake and Years 2 and 3 present the class page.

**Mrs Pam Doak**  
**Assistant Principal**

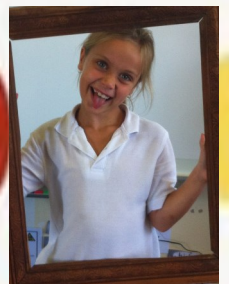
Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 have had a busy term in English. Year 1 students are learning to write descriptions, information reports and narratives about pets. They are inspired by the books we are reading in our Literature unit. Kindergarten students are learning to compose and record simple sentences. Last week Kindergarten students commenced their guided reading lessons. We are proud of the progress they are making.

What a fantastic start to the year for Years 3 and 4 in English. They have been focussing on a set of books about bats and flying foxes. They have experimented with thick and thin questions giving short answers and extended answers. Predicting and visualising are skills that Years 3 and 4 now have a greater understanding of. Some pleasing spelling test results have been exhibited on Friday. All students are trying hard to do their best handwriting. In guided reading students use a bookmark with prompts and strategies showing skills for good readers. They have focussed on adjusting the speed of which they read, looking for keywords and identifying topic sentences.

Years 5 and 6 are absorbing themselves in the memory of ANZAC this term. The English unit focus is a story titled *'Lighthouse Girl'*, which is based on the real life story of Fay Howe. Fay communicates with soldiers heading off to Gallipoli and sends morse code messages home to their loved ones. Our 'teacher read', novel is *'Gallipoli—the diary of Victor March'*. Students are providing thoughtful pieces of writing and studying effective characterisation.

In English, students in Years 2 and 3 have been completing a range of activities based around the book *'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'* by Roald Dahl. In this study, students will be listening to the story read throughout the term. Students have discussed how Charlie's life is different to their own. Students are also completing writing tasks based around descriptions of the characters. In guided reading the children have been reading a range of fairy tale stories and then discussing the hidden meaning through a range of verbal and written tasks.

# Introducing 2/3!



# Bundarra Central School Term 1 Calendar

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 B	2/3 SECONDARY NORTH WEST SWIMMING TRIALS (ARMIDALE)	3/3 IMMUNISATIONS PRIMARY NORTH WEST SWIMMING TRIALS SCHOOL COUNSELLOR	4/3 15'S OPENS BOYS & GIRLS ZONE TOUCH TRIALS (INVERELL)	5/3	6/3 ZONE PRIMARY WINTER TRIALS AT INVERELL
7 A	9/3 K-6 PARENT BRIEFING	10/3 BOYS & GIRLS NORTH WEST TOUCH TRIALS (INVERELL) SCHOOL COUNSELLOR	11/3 PRIMARY ASSEMBLY (YEARS 5 & 6 PUBLIC SPEAKING) GALA 7'S DAY (INVERELL)	12/3 SECONDARY ASSEMBLY	13/3 SECONDARY RUGBY TRIALS (ARMIDALE)
8 B	16/3	17/3 SECONDARY ZONE WINTER TRIALS LEAGUE, SOCCER, NETBALL (INVERELL) SCHOOL COUNSELLOR	18/3	19/3 P&C MEETING (3:15PM)	20/3
9 A	23/3	24/3 SCHOOL COUNSELLOR	25/3	26/3	27/3
10 B	30/3	31/3 SCHOOL COUNSELLOR OPEN TOUCH GALA DAY (INVERELL)	1/4 ZONE BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET TRIALS	2/4 ZONE TOUCH TRIALS	3/4



## NAMING OF THE BRIDGE NEAR BUNDARRA CENTRAL SCHOOL

Uralla Shire Council is proposing to name the bridge next to the Bundarra Central School "The Lone Pine Bridge", following a request from the school's Principal and the Student Representative Council. Council is seeking written comments from the community regarding the proposed name or alternative suggestions..

**Please send your comments to Uralla Shire Council, PO Box 106, URALLA NSW 2358 before 25 March 2015.**





## Inverell & District Soccer 2015 Season Registrations

Registrations are now open for the 2015 Junior Soccer Season. Registration and payment is to be made through [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au) before Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015. No late registrations will be accepted after this date. Age Group divisions are 5-6 \$90 7-8 \$90 9-10 \$100 11-12 \$100 and Youth 13-18 \$110. An information morning is going to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Sporting Complex Soccer Canteen starting at 9.00am. Teams will be advertised in the Inverell Times prior to competition starting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015.

For further information please contact [inverelldistrictsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:inverelldistrictsoccer@gmail.com) or Tammy Cabitza 0427 878 730 or Carl White 0427 774 019.

### Eleven Years of Taste of MacIntyre!

This year we celebrate 11 years of our annual fundraiser. It is a community event that showcases local talent from schools across Inverell. It is an excellent opportunity to see what wonderful talent our local schools have nurtured in their students.

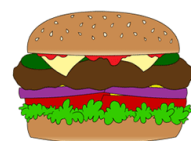
Performances vary from dance and gymnastics to musical items including bands, solo artists and whole school collaborations. This year it is hoped that musical items will include singers, and bands from the local schools and community. Owing to past issues with running two performance venues, this year will see more performances centered on the hall, featuring dance and hopefully gymnastics.

Taste of Macintyre also offers a large variety of 'tastes' from around the world. You can enjoy outdoor dining while soaking in the sounds from the entertainment. This year, the food on offer will include BBQ, sushi, hot dogs, Italian, nachos, spuds, Indian, lamb and gravy rolls, hamburgers, pizza, pavlova, cheesecake and slices. What a great way to end the week, with fabulous food and quality entertainment.

There is no entry charge and meal tickets can be purchased on the night for \$5 per serve or five serves for \$20. For an extra cost, there will be fairy floss, face painting, hair spraying, and a photo booth. For the little ones, at no cost, there will be a jumping castle.

Taste of MacIntyre will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at MacIntyre High School with the entertainment commencing at 6.00pm. This is a fantastic family night out!

So, put the date in your diary, and come join us for a great night of fine food and great entertainment.



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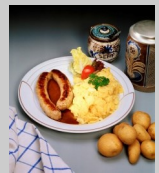
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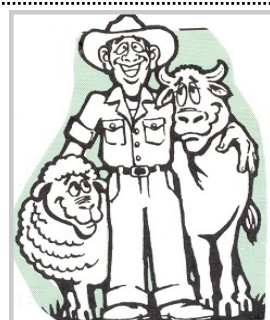
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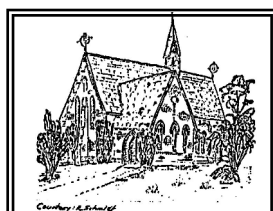


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