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Central School News



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Junior Girls Touch Football team, victorious against Warialda Public School this week winning 6 - 2



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

Principal's Message

What a fantastic term with the staff and students producing incredible achievements academically, sporting and culturally. I constantly receive comments from the community and Principals from other schools on how well our students are doing.

Yesterday was our Year 12 Valedictory Assembly where we had 6 students completing their Year 12. This is a fantastic achievement for our school and I commend the efforts and commitments of our students and teachers on this achievement. I would particularly like to thank Mr Henley for his work with our senior students and all the staff and students who worked on yesterday's celebration. I wish all our Year 12 students the best for the HSC exams and I am looking forward to their formal.

We also had a group of seven students in the Crossing The Divide program travel to Tamworth to complete their qualifications in the use of excavation equipment and their construction White card. The feedback I have received from Tamworth TAFE is that they have been amongst their best students and represented our school to the highest standard. The TAFE is looking to continue and extend the relationship they have with us. I have copied a link to the Northern Daily Leader featuring a story on our students.

<http://www.northerndailyleader.com.au/story/4183461/employees-unearthed/>

It is with very mixed emotions that I need to announce that Mrs McKinnon will be leaving us to teach in Gilgai Public School for next term. While she will be greatly missed I am pleased to announce the feedback I received on her application was that she was outstanding in every area, hardly surprising. Mrs McKinnon has been an invaluable member of staff inspiring her students to achieve their best results. She has coordinated our SRC making numerous contributions to the cultural and physical environments of the school. I will particularly miss the welcome I receive whenever I visit her class. It is quite unique. Ms Sinclair will be moving from the K/1/2 class to take over from Mrs McKinnon. The students will miss Mrs McKinnon but I am sure Term 4 will excite them studying with Ms Sinclair and participating in a transition program headed up by Mr Henley which from the planning I have seen will prove to be a very rewarding experience.

I would like on behalf of the school wish Mrs McKinnon all the best at Gilgai and that she may return to us next year. Thank you Mrs McKinnon for your dedication to our school.

Finally, please have a safe and enjoyable holiday and I am looking forward to learning with all the students next term.

Dave Bieler
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Congratulations to students, staff and the community on a great term. I am particularly proud of our graduating Year 12 students, Kim, Kayla, Jillian, Braidy, Reece and Chris. These students have worked hard to achieve their goals and have been well supported by staff, family and our student body.

We are particularly lucky at Bundarra Central to have the ability to tailor the student's education to suit individual needs. There are very few secondary schools where staff know all the students' names and interests. It is the personal touch supported by strong curricula programs that makes Bundarra students' shine.

Next term we have some big events coming up for our students. Our Kindergarten transition program begins second week back with the students coming to "big school" on Thursdays. We also have our Middle Years program running in Term 4 with a Barwon Bytes STEM day to be held in November. Bundarra Central will be running some exciting project transition programs for the students who will be entering Year 7 at the school and Year 11 will be moving into HSC Year 12 mode. Our K - 8 classes will be attending some field days with a focus on sustainability in Term 4, swim school will be held and our Variety Night will also be held – so all in all great things continue to happen at Bundarra Central.

OPTIMISM
IS THE FAITH
THAT LEADS TO
ACHIEVEMENT.
NOTHING CAN BE DONE
WITHOUT HOPE
AND CONFIDENCE.
- HELEN KELLER

Jennifer Cox
Deputy Principal

Crossing the Divide



For the young and unemployed, getting work in a regional town can be like moving mountains. A group of Bundarra youngsters have put their best foot forward when it comes to moving that impasse, through the Crossing the Divide program.

Emily Hughes, 21, will be one of the program's graduates and admitted she'd be "probably nowhere" without it.

The program targets "disengaged youth" from Bundarra, helping them get reconnected with education and workplace ready.

"At high school, it's theory, theory, theory and the teachers normally focus on the really smart kids," Ms Hughes said.

"I had trouble in school, I had trouble learning, but ever since I came to Crossing the Divide, it helped me out a lot and gave me a different perspective on life."

The program, run in partnership with the Careers Network and TAFE New England, takes a different approach at educating kids who dropped out of school.

"It's way better," Ms Hughes said.

"It is hands-on and practical, and the teachers are just amazing."

Coming out with civil construction qualifications, Ms Hughes has her heart set on becoming a mechanic.

"I've always been interested in it and it's something I love doing," she said.

The graduate still says good work is hard to find for her age bracket in Bundarra and across the region.

"I guess the companies want younger workers," Ms Hughes said.

"[Also] qualified and experienced, which is hard because you're looking for experience but you can't find it."

Ms Hughes was the only female to come through the civil construction course, it may set her a part as a potential employee, but Bundarra Central School Crossing the Divide coordinator, Dru Beaton says its not about gender, it's about people who are ready to work.

"We don't see gender, it's whoever turns up," Mr Beaton said. "So many girls just don't think they're able to do it. They certainly can, some of our best students have been girls, it doesn't really matter."

(extract from the Northern Daily Leader)

Secondary News

Secondary students have been out and about these last few weeks, enjoying work experience, getting their taste of the 'real world'.

Kimberley: Inverell Vet Clinic

Keona: George Street Children's Centre

Jake: Farm Hand

Shanae: Tree Tops (Newcastle)

Bianca: Grace Munro

Grace & Elizabeth: Bundarra Preschool

Logan: Inverell Shire Council

Luke: Gary Lavender Automotive

Geoffrey: Inverell Truck and Auto

Tory: Armidale Hunter New England Health

All students are to be commended for their behaviour and work ethic.

A huge thank you to all businesses for their involvement and support.



Secondary teachers would like to wish Year 12 all the best and good luck with their future endeavours.

Reminders and Notices:

- Due to a clash of dates, the Years 7/8 touch competition has been cancelled.
- School Photographs, Week 1 Friday 14th October
- Kindergarten Transition, Week 2 Thursday 8:45am to 2:50pm



Our vegetable gardens (pictured left) are looking fantastic. They are a credit to Mitch Orchard and the Agriculture students. All students like eating the snow peas and some families have enjoyed fresh green vegetables. Pictured right: some crazy carrots from the garden.



Expression of Interest

Bundarra Central School are calling for volunteers that would be interested in helping to teach students in Years 2 to 6 to swim

Date: 14th November 2016 - 18th November 2016

Location: Uralla Pool

Time: 11am to 1pm

If you are interested, please contact Bundarra Central School on 67237102

Primary News

As Term 3 quickly draws to an end we can look back on a very busy and productive term, in both the classroom and on the sporting field. Congratulations to all students who have participated at assemblies and represented their school in a wide range of curriculum activities. Also a huge congratulations to all students who have given their best in all they have attempted. These children have every reason to be proud of themselves.



On Monday 19th September 2016, 11 girls from Bundarra Central School played the sixth round of the primary girls North West Touch Football Knockout. The girls started with enthusiasm playing in some very wet conditions. All of the girls played well defending much more confidently than in previous weeks. The girls went into half time leading 3-1. In the second half, the girls continued to defend, pass and run

well. The girls ended up winning 6-2 against Warialda. Mr Henley was very proud of their efforts. A huge thanks to Mrs Cole and Warialda for travelling to us. Bundarra now play off against Hillvue Public School in Tamworth on Tuesday 11th October at 11am at the Gipps Street Fields. Good luck girls. Many thanks to our referees Paul and Bradley on a great job. Also thank you to Lindsay Groth for timekeeping and scoring and of course to our parents and friends for your transport and support.

Mrs Pam Doak
Assistant Principal

Primary Awards and Year 2 Public Speaking

Kindergarten:

Sunny Morris
Lane Hosking
Mason Post
Brydee Harper

Year 1:

Phoebe Jukes
Jayden Groth
Harry Kelly
Kadie O'Grady

Year 2:

Kaydee-Maree Turner Smith
Indigo Lowell
Madison Smith
Jessie Gleeson

Year 3:

Summa Campbell
Ethan Webb
Andrew Fox

Year 4:

Dakota Vickery
Joe Goodman
Hayden Hanshaw



Year 5:

Wade Powell
Brianna Groth
Lily Milton
Isabelle Kelly

Year 6:

Tishari Morgan
Chloe Crosland
Erin Webb

Warm Fuzzy Award K/1/2

Jayden Groth

True Blue Mate Award

3/4/5/6

Darcy McLennan

Silver PBL Awards:

Lane Hosking
Sky Campbell
Ella Crosland
Hayden Hanshaw

Congratulations to these students

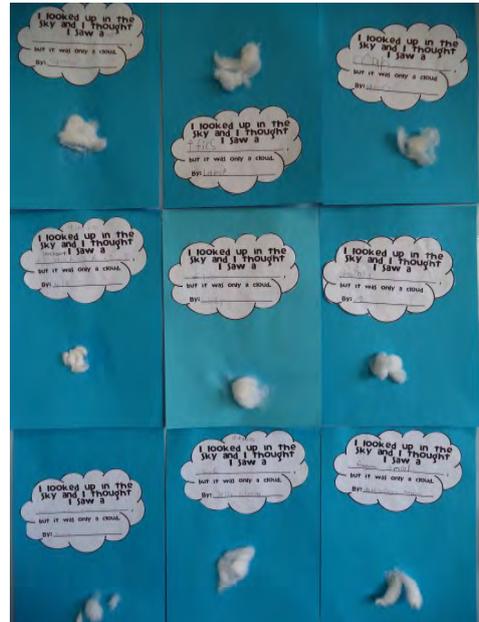


Year 12 Valedictory Assembly



K-1-2 Term 3 in Review

Wow, what a busy term it has been. In Science we have been looking at our changing skies and landscape. As part of this unit we have learnt about different types of clouds and what they mean. We have also been looking at the water cycle. The children found out that because the water is always recycled we could be drinking the same water that the dinosaurs drank millions of years ago. Next, the students used I Motion to make a short presentation of the water cycle and we have now started making dioramas of it. They are starting to come together and are looking great



In History K/1/2 have been learning about the history of Bundarra Central School. We went for a walk around the school looking for features that show us how old they are and also looking at old photos. The students have enjoyed comparing the old photos with what they know now. Students recorded what they found in a pictorial representation on the wall.



In Visual Art, the class have focused on the Gywdir River for their inspiration and have been creating some wonderful art work. Everyone worked as a collaborative team to create a Gywdir River mural in our classroom. We are all very proud of this mural.



In Mathematics students have been learning what great mathematicians do and how to work collaboratively to solve problems.



We have still been tending to

our garden, watering our plants and keeping the garden free from weeds. Our pansies have now flowered and our spinach and spring onions are looking healthy. Our strawberries are getting flowers so we are hoping for some tasty strawberries soon.



Expressions of Interest

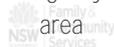
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Suicide Prevention Skills Workshop
Health and Wellbeing program



DATE Thursday, October 20th, 2016
TIME 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
WHERE CWA Meeting Rooms
Court Street, Bundarra NSW

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS WORKSHOP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED
(Gold coin donation to contribute to Gwymac catering costs)

About the Suicide Prevention Skills Workshop (SPSW)

4-hour interactive training program,
an **emphasis on Health and Wellbeing**
gives tips on how to improve health for participants

A **SPSW** gives information on how to **recognise** and **help others** who may be experiencing mental health challenges, or who may be at risk of suicide. **SPSW** focuses on **suicide prevention**.

ALL WELCOME!

RSVP: Please register by 17th October (for catering purposes) by contacting Anya at Gwymac - P: (02) 6721 1241 or E: anya@gwymaclandcare.net.au

For further information contact
Carmel Sullivan, Farm-Link Project Officer: m: 0419 707211 or e: carmel.osullivan@newcastle.edu.au



Good for Kids good for life

SPRING TIME FOR SOME GARDENING

Gardening is a great outdoor activity for the whole family. As well as an opportunity to teach responsibility, it also increases excitement about eating fruit and vegetables!

For improved success it is best to choose veg that are easy to grow;

- Peas
- Zucchini
- Cherry Tomato
- Radishes
- Potatoes
- Kale
- Spring Onion
- Squash



If you live in a rental property a raised garden bed or planter box can be a great alternative to a regular vegie patch.

Why not start small with a couple of herbs or your child's favourite vegetable?

Good for Kids good for life

SEPTEMBER'S FOR CYCLING

Children love cycling. It is a fast, fun, healthy activity that kids will never outgrow. It helps children to develop strength, balance and overall fitness.

Safety is often a concern for cycling so to help find safe bike paths near you the RTA has collated a map of available cycle paths in NSW. This map can be found at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/bicycles/cyclewayfinder/index.html>



Don't forget the gear! Always make sure your child is wearing a helmet and safe shoes when cycling!

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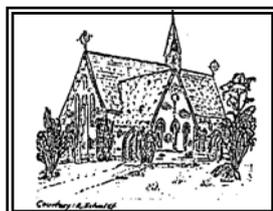
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