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A small school with big hearts and bigger opportunities.



Up & Coming:

3-7/9/18 - Automotive work placement

3-7/9/18 - Biology Excursion Years 11 & 12

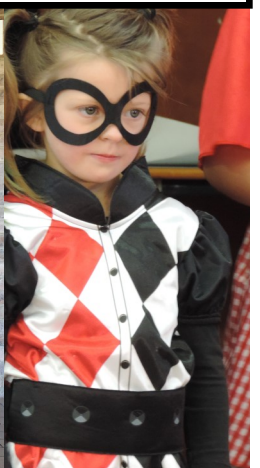
5/9/18 - Kindy Transition

10/9/18 - Year 7 Immunisations & 11/12 Catch up

11/9/18 - K-6 Good for Kids School visit

12/9/18 - Kindy Transition

13/9/18 - Future of Work Expo - Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre



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

Principal's Message

Learning never
exhausts the mind.

— Leonardo da Vinci

One of life's great pleasure is to escape into a book.

Last week at Bundarra Central School books came alive as the students transformed into characters they had met in books. The book fair was a great success with many students buying books to be treasured for many years to come.



August brings Ag Quip and our Stage 5 and Stage 6 students enjoyed their excursion to build their knowledge about an industry that is vital to our community. I believe that a few very tasty steak sandwiches were sampled along the way too!

Questacon came to Bundarra to fill our Stage 3 to Stage 6 students inquisitive minds with science challenges. Building knowledge

around the science areas in such an engaging way ensures new learning that will stay with our students for life. Next week, our Biology students will be in Sydney to boost their knowledge in this area as they approach the HSC.



The NECOM Trio visit once again enabled students to enjoy classical music and learn more about the arts. This year our Music community group is exploring various instruments and musical styles.

Ellie Smith, Sarah O'Grady and Abbey McLennan represented the school in the North West Touch Football Team at the State Carnival in Cronulla. Congratulations girls we are so very proud of you!

Woo hoo – Bundarra Central School are once again the State winners of the Girls U16 and the Open Touch Football competition. Congratulations to all the girls and to our super coach Mr Henley. Thank you also to all the staff who kept the classes running at school by picking up additional loads and being flexible with various class configurations – a team effort.

Thank you to the P&C for their continued support of the school. This week the Father's Day stall has enabled many students to purchase something special for Sunday. Happy Father's Day to our Dads, Step-Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and the special men in our lives.

Mrs Jennifer Cox
Principal

Secondary News

Year 11 and 12

Term 3 is always exciting, although Year 11 and 12 may have a different view, given that they are sitting and preparing for examinations. It is vital that students act on feedback provided by their teachers and to make use of HSC past papers found on the NESA website. Year 11 students need to be ensuring they prepare and revise for their end of course examinations in Week 8 (commencing Monday 10th September).

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones in schools has been frequently discussed in the media and other arenas. The NSW Government's recent decision to review the use of smartphones in schools with a view to a possible ban in primary schools has been welcomed by many.

It's important to educate children to live well in their time, and their time is technology-rich. We are also committed to helping students develop the digital maturity and integrity they will need in the workplace. Mobile phones are ubiquitous; pretending they don't exist within the school gates is not preparing young people for the society in which they will live.

Communication

Parents of high school students frequently find that it is very challenging to establish who should be approached to discuss an aspect of their child's learning. It is important that students make use of teaching staff if there is an issue of any kind. I have listed a range of enquiries that myself and Mrs McWhirter have responded to this term.

- Student progress in a subject
- Student conduct and general progress
- Assistance with your child's behavioural or adjustment problems
- A question regarding school organisation
- A question about Year 11-12 Curriculum patterns for 2019

I encourage this dialogue and I consider it vital to enable effective support for our students.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the girls in the U16's and Open touch football sides who performed so well in Dubbo. Mr Henley, parents and caregivers also need to be acknowledged for their support and inspiration to get there.

Upcoming Events

Biology Excursion to Sydney – Monday 3rd September to Thursday 6th September

Year 11 Examinations - Monday 10th September-14th September

UNE – Future of Work Presentation at Tamworth TRECC (Year 9-Year 11) Thursday 13th September

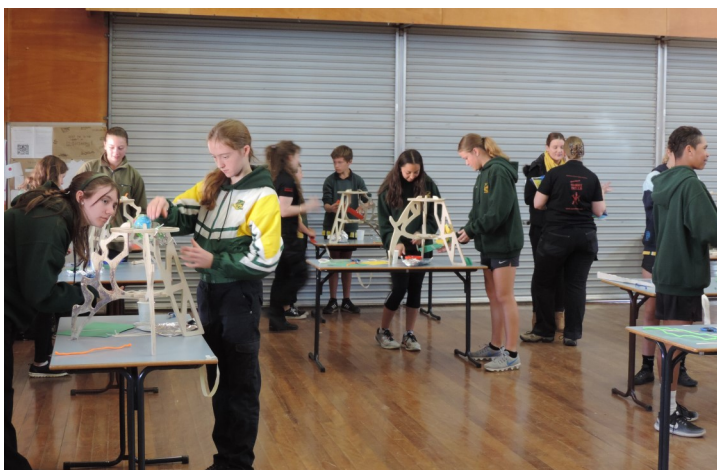
Years 7/8 All Schools Touch event – Tuesday 18th September

Girls Resilience Workshop Inverell – Friday 21st September

Valedictory Assembly - 27th September

Mr Richard Sowden

Head Teacher Teaching and Learning



Secondary News

Year 9 and 10 have been busy contemplating their subject selections for 2019. There has been much discussion about Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects in comparison to the Category A subjects for Year 11 and 12. VET courses provide a pathway into wide range of occupations. Studying a VET course at school can even make it easier to get that all important part time job to help you get through your university study. VET programs in schools are laying foundation for the workforce of tomorrow, developing skilled and adaptable employees for the future. VET courses are delivered by teachers that have been trained in the course and also have industrial experience in that field of expertise.



Traditionally students who are wanting an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) in order to attend University do not study VET subjects. To gain an ATAR students need to study a minimum of 10 units (most subjects are worth 2 units) of examinable subjects in Year 12 (they study a minimum of 12 units in Year 11). VET subjects are examinable if the student requests to sit the exam but only 2 units of VET can count towards an ATAR. A student who is going for an ATAR can still study 2 VET subjects (4 units) if they wish.

Although VET courses are generally run in Year 11 and 12, students can commence the course in Year 10 if their school decides to offer this option. The advantage of starting in Year 10 is that it allows the student to focus more on their other subjects in Year 12. Currently we have a number of Year 10 students doing VET Automotive. This week I spoke to the Year 9 and 10 students about VET and the possibility of running VET courses in Year 10 2019. If you have a child in Year 9 or 10 I encourage you to start the conversation with them about senior schooling. If you have any questions about VET courses or subject selection in general please contact me.

The VET courses being offered at Bundarra Central School in 2019 are-

- Certificate II in Agriculture (Primary Industries)
- Certificate II in Business (Business Services)
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Hospitality (Food and Beverage)
- Delivered by TAFE - Certificate II in Automotive

Notes went home this week for two great opportunities. Girls in year 7 to 10 have received notes for the Girls Resilience Workshop on Friday 21st September. Students in Year 9 to 11 have received notes for the UNE 'Future of Work' expo on Thursday 13th September. Both of these events have limited spots so get your notes in quickly.



Upcoming events this term for Secondary students-

- Automotive work placement for selected students- 3rd to 7th September
- Dubbo Distance Education Hospitality and Metals and Engineering teachers visiting Year 12 students- 10th to 12th September
- UNE- The 'Future of Work' event- Thursday 13th September
- Girls Resilience Workshop- Friday 21st September
- Year 12 Valedictory Assembly- Thursday 27th September

Mrs Donna McWhirter
Head Teacher Secondary (Rel)

Secondary News

THE FUTURE OF WORK

13 SEP 2018 - TRECC

Presented By University of New England

A FREE PRESENTATION BY GOOGLE'S GLOBAL EDUCATION EVANGELIST, JAIME CASAP DIRECT FROM THE U.S.A.

What will the Future of our workforce look like?

The world of work is transforming rapidly. Digitization, automation, and globalization have already been transforming the workplace for many years. A new wave of change is arriving now with technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics and genomics expected to fundamentally change the workplace. This change is expected to significantly impact industries such as medicine, health, business, agriculture and education for decades to come.

In an Australian first Google's Global Education Evangelist, *Mr Jaime Casap*, will visit Tamworth direct from the U.S.A. and speak on how we need to think about careers in this different and exciting world of work.

Program of Events

10am - Free Tertiary Studies Expo

Tertiary Studies Expo provides students with the opportunity to talk directly to academic staff and ask questions regarding studies through UNE and TAFE.

11am - Keynote Address

Keynote address by *Jaime Casap* followed by a Q&A chaired by host of the ABC's *New Inventors*, *James O'Loughlin*.



1pm - Free Tertiary Studies Expo continues

Tertiary Studies Expo provides students with the opportunity to talk directly to academic staff and ask questions regarding studies through UNE and TAFE.

Primary News

We have had a very eventful few weeks in Primary and we are now over half way through the term. On the 17th of August we had a special visit from a music trio from the New England Conservatorium of Music. The trio played the students a range of compositions from Peter and the Wold, Carnival of Animals and the Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra. The students enjoyed guessing the different animals that were portrayed by the cello, flute and electric piano. On the 17th August a number of our primary students attended the Zone athletics carnival which was held at Varley Oval, congratulations to them all for their effort and their involvement in the community. Some students were successful in making it to the North West Carnival which will be held on Friday the 21st of September.

Last Tuesday to celebrate Book Week, we had our school book parade. The students all looked wonderful in their pirate and various other book character costumes. Thank you to our parents and carers for all the efforts you put into the costumes.



On Wednesday our year 5 and 6 students were amongst the thousands of students across regional NSW who participated in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. This was a challenging competition aimed at developing the students numeracy and problem solving skills. The students will receive their test results in the next few weeks.

The students are all looking forward to their visit to Armidale on Wednesday the 19th and Wednesday the 26th of September to attend the Gymnastics centre for two sessions. Students have received a permission notes today and we ask for it be returned to the office by Wednesday the 12 of September.

Congratulations to the K, 1, 2 class for hosting an excellent assembly yesterday. The year one speeches on bike riding, pigging, leopards, mind craft and dinosaurs were all very interesting. Well done to the students who received a PBL certificate, you should feel very proud of your achievements.

Mrs Emma Johnson
5/6 Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal



BOOK WEEK 2018

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who supported their child/children during Book Week. Our students became very aware of the importance of sharing their "literature treasures" with their families and friends. As we had read many of the books short listed by The Childrens' Book Council of Australia, or discussed the covers and blurbs of many others, we were all eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winners. The students had a mixture of voting results, however it was a worthwhile exercise discussing why they thought certain books were finally chosen as the CBCA Award 2018 winners. The winning books were; 'Take Three Girls' by Cath Crowley, Fiona Wood and Simmone Howell, 'How To Bee' by Bren MacDibble, 'Rodney Loses It' by Michael Gerard Bauer, 'A Walk In The Bush' by Gwyn Prkins and 'Do Not lick This Book' by Idan Ben-Barak. The overall favourite for the students was 'Rodney Loses It'. Although an early childhood book it was a fun read with lots of laughs.

Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the costume and writing exercise participation awards: Dakota Vickery, Hayden Hanshaw, Chayce Riley, Jakyah Jerrard, Amba Gibson, Indianna Bayes, Phoebe Jukes, Asha Bradbery, Kadie O'Grady, Tink Lowell, Dustin Gleeson, Nate Reynolds, Ada Lawton, Marcus Azzopardi, Hugh Hamilton, Mya Gibson and Cooper Kruger.

I hope you enjoy encouraging your child/children to keep reading.

Pam Doak
Librarian



Sustainable Living Projects

Keep it Clean, Keep it Green!

Well done to all students that participated in the Sustainable Living Poster Competition. Ella Crosland, Nattasha Gibson, Jeorgia Bell-McKean, Ellie Smith and Charlette Gibson did a fantastic job raising awareness for environmental sustainability and keeping our world 'clean and green'. These posters will be displayed throughout our school. Special congratulations to our winner Charlette Gibson for her poster on pollution. She will receive bees wax wraps (an environmentally friendly glad wrap) that students have made as a prize. These are easy to make at home! We recommend using these as an alternative to glad wrap."

How to make Bees Wax Wrap

Materials needed:

Beeswax – grated

Fabric

Scissors (to cut the paper

Baking Paper

Baking pan

Brush of some sort (optional)

Instructions:

1. Pre-heat the oven to its lowest setting (or 200F).
2. Using scissors, cut your fabric into the shapes you want.
3. Cover the baking pan with baking paper lay your fabric down, and sprinkle the fabric with beeswax. Put it in the oven and let it melt for 5-10 minutes.
4. Once it looks like all the wax has melted, use the brush to sweep the wax around and ensure all edges and corners have also been saturated.
5. Then peel the fabric up, wave it around in the air for a few seconds for the wax to harden (be mildly careful, although it shouldn't burn you), and then hang it over the back of a chair or something to wait for it to fully dry. Then do it all again!





Bundarra Preschool is a community based not for profit centre. We cater for children aged between 3 -5 years. Open from 8:20am to 3:50pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays of the school term.

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What's been happening at preschool...

"Science Week"

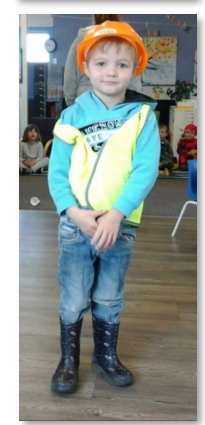
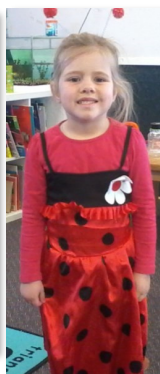


During "Science Week" preschool children participated in a variety of science experiments and activities; from colour changing celery, walking colour mixing, volcano making, fizz inflator, lava lamps, raising water experiment and much more.

Children enjoyed making predictions on what was going to happen before each experiment.



"Book Week"



Children enjoyed dressing up, re-enacting fairy tales and reading new books for "Book Week".

Dannielle Miller CEO and Co-Founder of multi award winning business, Enlighten Education, author of numerous books, TV presenter and Australian of the Year nominee, is coming to Inverell to conduct a workshop for teen girls in year 7-10 on Friday September 21st. Female students from across our region are invited to participate in these workshops to be held at the Inverell Public School. Our Bundarra Central Students will be attending the 9:15am to 11:45am session.

Enlighten Education is Australia's leading provider of in-school workshops for teen girls on body image, self-esteem and empowerment. Enlighten was founded in 2003 and works with more than 20,000 girls each year across Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia.

Enlighten Education's programs help teenage girls decode the mixed messages they receive and help them develop self-esteem and confidence. Enlighten encourages girls to reach their own conclusions and to know their own minds, rather than telling girls what to do, focus on informing, inspiring and empowering them. The workshop encourages girls to be discerning consumers and critical thinkers and to find their own voice and power in a complex world.

This event is hosted by the Country Women's Association (CWA) Inverell Branch and the Department of Education with generous donations from the Inverell community. The CWA is also holding a High Tea event for the community on September 22nd at the Inverell Club with Danielle as the guest speaker. Tickets are available from the Inverell Tourist Information centre and you can call Pam on 0401 214 744 for more information.

Permission notes for the school event with the \$5 payment are to be returned to the school by Monday the 17th September.

Dannielle Miller, CEO, Enlighten Education.

"When working with teenagers, it is important to engage them emotionally; if you can capture their hearts, their minds will follow. I am incredibly proud of the work we do and passionate about acting as a catalyst for change."

Testimonial:

Dannielle Miller is the best girls' educator and advocate in the country. Her advice is always wise, well-researched, and empowering. Frankly, her in-school programs and workshops are life-changing. I cannot recommend her work more highly.

Tracey Spicer Journalist and author



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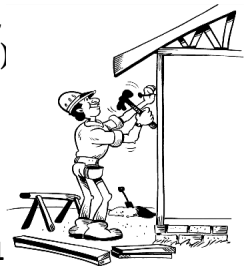
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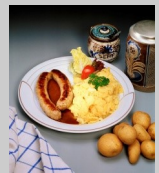
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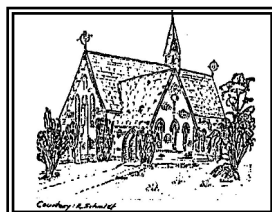
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