



Bundarra Central School News

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Up & Coming:

Wednesday 29th

- Regent Honeyeater Workshop
- Pop-Up Café
- P&C AGM

Thursday 30th

- The big vegie Crunch

Friday 31st

- School Photos
- Pop-Up Café

Tuesday 4th

- Ride to Give

Wednesday 5th

- Whole school Assembly
- Parent Portal App information
- Easter Hat Parade
- Student Café
- Pop-Up Café

Thursday 6th

- Last day of Term 1

Students Return on Wednesday
26th April



HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



A small school with big hearts and bigger opportunities

Principal's Message

It has been a jam packed Term with many successes in both our classroom learning, sport, art and extra curricula activities across the school. I would like to congratulate all the staff and the students ensuring we are taking on all opportunities presented with high expectations.

I would like to acknowledge that Miss K. O'Brien has been appointed to Bundarra Central School on a permanent basis. Miss O'Brien has achieved some great results in her short time at the school and she will be a valuable asset to this school.

Our new Behaviour Policy will be out at the start of Term 2, which will encompass the student behaviour code for students. The focus for our school is High Expectation Relationships with strong core values to ensure that standards are high, calm learning environments where there is respect for everyone and positive contributions everyday in every class.

I look forward to finishing our Term off strong and ensure that Bundarra central School is providing positive learning experiences built on High Expectation Relationships that will underpin our School, Staff, Students and Community.

I will leave you with a quote from Martin Luther King Jrn.

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step"

Have a safe Easter Break

Mr Justin Stewart
Relieving Principal



Secondary News

I would like to commend Years 3,5,7 and 9 students for their efforts with NAPLAN this week. We have until the 27th of March for students to complete their NAPLAN tests.

Whole School Anzac Assembly will be held on the first Friday of Week 1 next Term 28th of April at 11:40am. I am awaiting confirmation from our local State member, Hon. Adam John Marshall, MP if he can attend.

Our final assembly for this Term is Wednesday 5th of April at 9am, followed by a Sentral Parent Portal information session in the Library.



Next Term on our school calendar we are expecting excursions to NERAM 18th of May and the Stage 4 Italian Day 25th of May to name a few.

Finally, on Tuesday 4th of April the school is expecting a large group of riders from Ride To Give who will be stopping at the school for lunch provided by the P&C. The school will be providing refreshments for the riders and it will be a great opportunity for students to speak to the riders and be amazed at the distances they will have covered.



Mr Richard Sowden Relieving Deputy Principal



Congratulations Hannah for being Awarded the Helen Phillips perpetual trophy for 'The most promising young artist' at the 44th Uralla Rotary Art Show.



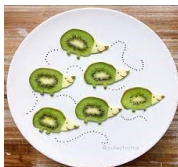
Primary News



Harmony Day was celebrated on Tuesday with students dressing in something orange. Students were informed by Primary Student Leaders the significance and history of Harmony Day. They were paired into mixed year groups from Kindergarten to Year 12 to collaborate and communicate together to create a poster about the theme *Living in Harmony* or the message *Everyone Belongs*. The morning sessions were peaceful and a happy time for all students as they worked together.

K – 6 students have been enjoying the cricket clinic each Tuesday and have been playing some fun games whilst developing their cricket skills. There are two more sessions of the clinic remaining before the end of Term.

Teachers are looking forward to the creations of Food Art for The Big Veggie Crunch competition to be held on Thursday 30th of March 2023. Have fun creating at home with your children and remember to have them at school on this day for judging. What would your child like to create? These creations need only be small so food is not wasted, you might have fruit and veg growing in your garden that can be used.



Be creative girls and boys

Ms Sinclair and Mrs Light were very proud of the children who sat NAPLAN and put in their best effort. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.



Easter Egg Hunt

Students and staff are looking forward to the Easter bunny visiting school on the last day of term to deliver a special treat for all.

Vicki Light
Assistant Principal



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been having a great time, while learning lots of new skills.

Mr Smith is amazed at how well we are going with our reading and our reading groups are one of our favourite activities.

We have been learning new cricket skills with Hudson from Cricket NSW and the 1/2 class. It has been great fun as well as doing some dancing during our brain breaks to keep us from getting tired.

During Mathematics, we have been learning about numbers and patterns, how patterns can take many different forms and that mathematics is all around us.

Earlier in the Term, we held our Teddy Bear Picnic. It was fantastic to see everyone bring in their furry friends and have a great day doing lots of fun activities. We even had a visit from a Giant Panda Bear.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store for us!

Mr Brad Smith
Kindergarten Teacher





Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Congratulations to the Bundarra Central School Cattle Team students for winning the schools competition at Armidale Show 2023, winning a round bale hay feeder for the school.



Bundarra Anglican Church presents:

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Involves: Occasional bus outings

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FUTURE DATES:

Apr 28

May 26

June 23

For more info contact Kerrie Mansfield - 0403 600 446



Bundarra Golf Club is having a 3 Person Ambrose Day.

30th April 2023

Get your teams together & join us for our 3 Person Ambrose day.

9am Sunday 30th April at the Bundarra Golf Course.

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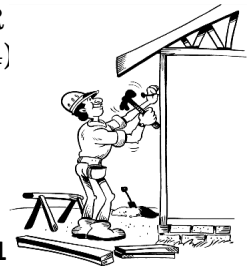
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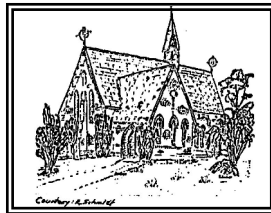
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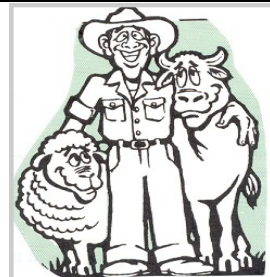
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