



BILPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 11th September 2018

Dates to Remember

TERM 3 2018

- Week 8**
Wed 12th Sep - Kids Shelter Buddies Program begins for Yr 3 & 4 (Please check your child's note)
Fri 14th Sep - Final payment for Bathurst Dubbo Excursions
Fri 14th Sep - Book Club due
Sat 15th Sep - Koala Festival
- Week 9**
Tues 18th Sep - Kindergarten 2019 transition day 11am-1pm
Wed 19th Sep - Kids Shelter Buddies Program continues for Yr 3 & 4 students
Thurs 20th Sep
Fri 21st Sep - Yr 5 & 6 Bathurst Dubbo Excursion
- Week 10**
Mon 24th Sep - Uniform orders due
Mon 24th Sep - Parent Assembly
Wed 26th Sep - Last Kids Shelter Buddies Program for Yr 5 & 6
Wed 26th Sep - K/1/2 Rouse Hill Farm Excursion
Thurs 27th Sep - Principal's Lunch
Fri 28th Sep - Canteen Roster due
Fri 28th Sep - Gymnastics permission note and payment due

TERM 4-Thurs 13th December- Presentation Day

Creating Compassionate Kids Shelter Buddies Program

Last week 5/6 travelled to Windsor Animal Shelter to read with the animals who are waiting to find loving homes. I would like to thank Mr Hynds for working with Danni Warner at Hawkesbury Community Outreach Services to provide our students with such a valuable learning experience. This experience is also important for the animals to assist them in feeling comfortable around visitors to enable them to more easily find a new family. Many thanks to Aneliese Muir for assisting with transport on the day.

This Wednesday 12th September and next Wednesday 19th September 3/4 will have the opportunity to take part in our Shelter Buddies Program. Twelve students will be heading down to the Hawkesbury Animal Shelter for their visit tomorrow and the remainder of the class will receive their note this week so they can go along next week. We know they will find it a very rewarding and worthwhile activity. We are also encouraging students to bring along anything they might be able to donate to help the shelter out such as a dog or cat toy, unused coats or rugs.



Bilpin Bush Run

On Saturday the Bilpin Bush Run was held. It was cold and rather wet so hot food was in demand!

I would like to thank the following people for helping with organisation prior to the day and on the day with cooking and serving;

Angie Pirie, Cheryl and Garth Baird, Darryl Carle, Sue Croumbie-Browne, Rachael McKinlay, Michelle Leer, Mr Hynds, Ms Wheen, Mrs Carroll and Mr Eugene. Your time and assistance was much appreciated!

I would also like to thank the following families for donating food and drink for the BBQ.

- Hillbilly Cider – Non Alcoholic Hillbilly Cider cases
- Kurrajong Heights IGA - Ice
- Newton Family – Sausages
- Rynne Family – Sausages and Onions
- Jones Bros Family – Eggs
- Harris-Beissel Family – Bacon
- Baird Family – Coke, chopped onions and Portugese tarts
- McCloy Family – Solo
- Miller/Tuema Family – Water and Lemon/Berry Slice
- Wheen/Ingersole Family – Anzac Biscuits
- Shayne McRae and Family – Chocolate Cupcakes and Apple

District Athletics

Congratulations to our District competitors for a fine effort at the District Carnivals in Week 6! Our team consisted of Abby T, Dion, Leander, Ryley, Cleo, Annika, Luke, Nikola, Mitchell and Beau.

Abby T achieved a 1st in Junior Girls Long Jump as well as a PB, 2nd in Junior Girls High Jump and 3rd in the Junior Girls 200m. Dion achieved 3rd in Junior Boys Shot Put. Leander achieved 3rd place in the Junior Girls 800m and 9yr Girls 100m.

Abby and Leander will both be progressing to the Regional Athletics Carnival on **Wednesday 19th September**; Abby for Long Jump and High Jump and Leander for 9 years girls 100m. Abby has also been announced as the Junior Girl's Small Schools' Athletics Champion! An amazing achievement Abby!

We wish both girls the best of luck!

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 6th Nov

The Staff Room 3.40pm

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

President	Angie Pirie	0414 570 365
Vice President	Michelle Leer	0410 548 210
Treasurer	Cheryl Baird	0414 499 239
Secretary	Nikki Wheen	4567 1154

Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss

biscuits [beautifully decorated!]

Pirie Family – Vanilla & Chocolate Cupcakes, Lemon and Chocolate Coconut Slice.

BBQ Volunteers – Martin Graham, Darryl Carle, Garth & Olivia Baird & Mr Hynds.

Cashier/Help – Cheryl Baird, Nikki Ween & Lilly, Michelle Leer, Sue Croumbie-Brown/Tydemann, Rachel McKinlay, Mrs Mackie, and Angie Pirie.

On behalf of the school and the P & C, I would like to thank Cathy Wilson and the Bilpin Bush Fire Brigade for their organisation of a wonderful event and for continuing to allow us the opportunity to run the BBQ for the day as a special fundraiser to support the school.

After expenses, we raised \$1250.00 which is a fantastic effort! There are still a couple more donations to come which we are very thankful for.

Kindergarten 2019 Transition Program

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting our new Kindergarten students for 2019 and delivering their invitations for our transition program which begins next week.

The transition program will begin on Tuesday 18th September from 11am—1pm, the second session will be on Monday 29th October from 1pm—3pm, culminating in our Kindergarten Orientation Day on Tuesday 20th November from 9.30am—11.30am.

If you are aware of any neighbours or friends that have school age children but have not yet contacted the school, please encourage them to contact the office for enrolment information. Thanking you.

Music Festival Rehearsal

I would like to thank Ms When for taking the choir to their rehearsal for Music Festival last week and for the many hours she has spent preparing them for their big performance in Term 4. They are sounding amazing and the audience are in for a real treat!

Small Schools' Public Speaking Competition

On Friday, Alana, Ariarn, Zane and Kye will compete at the Small Schools' Public Speaking Competition at Maraylya Public School.

I would like to thank Ms When for all the time and effort she has spent in coaching the students with their speeches.

I would also like to thank Mr Gaffey, the Principal at Maraylya for organising the competition and providing this opportunity for our students to compete against other small schools in the area.

We know the students will perform fabulously on Friday and make us very proud!

Kurrajong Koala Festival

On Saturday 15th September Kurrajong will be hosting a family fun day koala festival.

Our students have been invited to participate in a 'Compoottition' as part of the festival. Ten of our students have decided to enter the competition and have their 'edible' scat samples judged on the day. The prize for the winning school is a free excursion to Brewongle Environmental Education Centre for one stage (ie years K-2, 3/4 or 5/6). A participation prize of a voucher from the Hawkesbury Council tree nursery will be given to all schools.

Interested students took home a recipe for the scat last week.

Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter for full details of the event. We hope our families can attend and join us in raising awareness of the importance of protecting koalas and becoming koala custodians.

Life Education

Life Education will take place in Week 1 Term 4 on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October. Each grade will be attending the van for a grade appropriate lesson. The lessons cover many aspects of the Drug Education component of the PD/H/PE syllabus. The Life Education Van uses puppets and videos to talk about health issues.

A permission note is attached together with a merchandise order form. Please return it to your child's teacher by **FRIDAY 28th September**.

To order merchandise please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class.

Parent Assembly

Our final Parent Assembly for this term will be held on Monday 24th September at 2:45pm. Students who are receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as well as the Shining Star Medallion, will receive a note prior to the assembly.

Principal's Lunch

This term's Principal's Lunch for students who have achieved Student of the Week, 3 Principal Awards or the Shining Star Medallion, will join me for lunch on Thursday 27th September.

External Validation

This term a significant amount of time has been spent compiling evidence for External Validation, the Department's self-assessment process. External Validation provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about the school's practice – and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers.

Once during a five-year cycle, schools undergo an External Validation of the evidence of their school's assessment of progress. An independent panel comprising of a Principal, School Leadership (PSL) and a peer principal considers the school's evidence using the standards articulated in the School Excellence Framework.

The report is due at the end of this term and the panel meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd October.

I would like to thank the staff for the time and effort they have spent contributing to the report. A copy will be presented to the P & C at the beginning of next term.

Library News

Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of our school Book Fair last week. We had some wonderful costumes and thanks to our school community we received almost \$400 in books for our library!



Thank you also to the families who donated books to the library:

Lesley Hulbert, Schinko family, Cruickshank family, Robyn Vaha, Mrs Mackie, Broadhead family and the Andrews family. Your donations are very much appreciated and will be able to be borrowed very soon.

Congratulations to our colouring competition winners Lola, Hugh, Gemma, Tara, Abby and Joel. It was a hard decision picking the winners from the great entries.

Finally congratulations to Ariarn who was the winner of the guessing competition, There were 247 lollies in the jar.

Thank you again to everyone for making it such a great day!



Year 5/6 Bathurst Dubbo Excursion

An order form will be sent home this week if any students wish to buy souvenirs from the Western Plains Zoo. The order will then be placed with the zoo next week ready for pick up on the Friday morning of our visit.

A reminder that students have received an information sheet, itinerary, clothing requirements, prescribed medication form and permission/payment information for the Bathurst Dubbo Excursion. The final cost of the excursion has been confirmed at \$250 per student and part payments can be made to assist families. The final payment must be received before **Friday 14th September**. Please return the completed blue information sheet ASAP. The prescribed medication form can be handed in on the morning of the excursion if required.

Futsal

Students in Years 1 & 2 participated in the Futsal Gala Day at YMCA Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium last Friday. All the students had a fun-filled day of activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The day started with groups rotating around activities with passing, dribbling, shooting and teamwork skills and after a recess break our 2 teams were able to match their skills in 4 games against students from other schools.



A big thank you to Martin Graham who refereed games for us, and also to Judy Miller, Matt Andrews, Sue Pryor and Liz Peters on the side-lines, who stayed all day and helped organise the students during and in between games while Mr Hynds was busy refereeing. It was greatly appreciated! Also thanks to Ryley and Beau who were our helpers for the day and assisted other teachers during the skills sessions and helped organise our students to get to the toilets and canteen during our breaks.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics lessons have been organised for Term 4 for all students. The class lesson will be held on a Tuesday each week commencing 16th October.

Professional tutors, from *'Be skilled Be Fit'*, will be conducting the lessons. The students will be experiencing and gaining skills in various areas including balance, position, springing and movement. As gymnastics forms part of the physical Education syllabus, it is expected that all students participate in these lessons. Please find permission note attached to be returned along with payment on **Friday 28th September**.

Mrs M Mackie
PRINCIPAL

CLASS NEWS

Year K/1/2 News - Mrs E McCloy

This week K/1/2 are studying the book *Circle* by Jeannie Baker. The story is about these amazing birds called godwits that travel from Alaska to Australia in one flight. One of the problems faced by these birds are changes to their habitat by humans. K/1/2 are invited to make a presentation about an Australian native animal. This can be a diorama, poster, PowerPoint, movie or speech. It could show a design for a protected area or educate people about the animal (what does it eat?, where does it live?) and if it needs to be protected. We will view the responses Monday and Tuesday week 10.

Thank you all for being so amazing with your readers! K/1/2 have been so responsible returning them each day and I am sure you are noticing their improvement. I will be collecting all PM readers next Thursday and in week 10 sending home bulk packs of Momentum readers for those who request them for the holidays.

Year 3/4 Class News - Mrs M Mackie

The class have been producing excellent speeches as part of their homework. Their next speech, a speech about an animal of their choice, is due next Monday.

Just a reminder that reading homework should be recorded by students on their yellow reading cards and handed in weekly in their reading folder for checking. Students can read a library book, a book from home or a school reader.

In class the students are studying informative texts and will be conducting research to produce an information report about a native animal, concluding with a presentation to the class.

This Wednesday, half of the class will be heading to Windsor Animal Shelter to participate in the Shelter Buddies program. Students who will be attending tomorrow received a note last week. The remainder of the class will attend on Wednesday next week and received a permission note today. We hope the boys and girls enjoy the experience as much as 5/6 did.

Good luck to all of the students who will be competing in the 'Compoition' at the Koala Festival on Saturday. Students entering their scat will need to meet me at a pre-arranged spot before 9:30am so that I can submit the schools' entries. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the festival!

Year 5/6 News - Mr A Hynds

My students had a wonderful time at the Hawkesbury Animal Shelter last Wednesday and are very much looking forward to returning in a couple of weeks. We were able to complete two 30 minute reading sessions with the dogs and the results were amazing. The children commented on how the dogs settled down as time went on and we are hoping this will assist in them eventually being adopted out. We are hoping those same dogs are no longer at the shelter on our return.

All my students took on the reading task with great enthusiasm and showed great empathy for each and every animal. They were keen to swap books when they had finished their own, so that they could continue to read to the dogs. They were also able to choose different dogs to read to in the second session. We finished our visit by giving each and every dog a special chewy treat.

The shelter staff were also very impressed with how the students listened to important instructions and approached their tasks. We are hoping each student can bring along a special toy from home on our final visit, to leave with the dogs.

The staff have also promised that we will be allowed to access the cattery to play with the kittens on this day. If any parents don't want their children to access this area of the shelter for any reason, please let us know before the visit.

The 58th Annual

Bilpin Flower Show & Spring Fair



Bilpin Flower Show & Spring Fair

A stunning display of spring flowers from local cool-climate gardens

- Prize-winning floral arrangements
- Expert garden advice
- Plants & flowers on sale
- Market stalls with arts, crafts & local produce
- Delicious food, real coffee
- Great live entertainment
- A monster raffle
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6th & 7th October 2018

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Contact: (02) 4560 4525 | koalafest@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



P & C NEWS

Canteen News -

Contact Rebecca Tadrosse on 0415 312 995

We appreciate your assistance. We will have 3 days that we do not have a volunteer and the Canteen will be closed unless we have parents to run the Canteen on those dates.

Reminder : No fried rice or vanilla milk available.

TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER

- Thursday 13th Sept - Cathy Vecchio-Ruggeri
- Monday 17th Sept - **CLOSED**
- Thursday 20th Sept - **VACANT**
- Monday 24th Sept - **CLOSED**
- Thursday 27th Sept - Cheryl Baird & Rachael McKinlay

Canteen hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm (approximately)

Please find attached canteen roster for Term 4, If you are able to assist us please return it by Friday 28th September last day of term.

Community News



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