



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Every four years, the Whole School Excursion is one to the snow, and this year in Wk 9 of Term 3, we travelled to Jindabyne.

I would like to congratulate all the students that attended the School Excursion. Not only were they very well behaved on the long bus trip down and back (12hrs), but were also exceptionally behaved at our accommodation. They adapted very well to having the teachers in charge instead of parents and were a great group of students to have a laugh and fun with!! During our time "on the mountain", they were brilliant. They understood the need to listen carefully, work as a group and move together to and from the Skitube and were patient and helpful with each other.

When skiing, well it was like ducks to water!! They went from looking like new born foals slipping and sliding, legs and skis going everywhere to total professionals, in about 24 hours.

They displayed great resilience and growth mindset to focus on the task at hand, excellent cooperation and listening skills when working with the instructors, and persistence to practise what they had learnt and get it right. They really learnt the value of this as they progressed, soon realising sitting down in the snow, with a long lip and cranky faces didn't equal much fun and that try, try, try again and taking notice of what was being shown to them was the only way they were going to reach their goal of "taking on the mountain"!!

For every single student to ride the *Express 8* and ski down with happy smiles radiating from their faces was the best thing in the world! I would also like to sincerely thank all the parents who were able to attend and lend a hand on this excursion. It was so helpful when there was no issue with sharing rooms, what was on the menu, times for leaving and any stops and helping with the students, whether it

was carrying an extra bag or taking someone to the bathroom, or doing the washing, it was a marvellous team effort!

Finally, thanks to my staff for loving what they do and working so hard on this excursion to ensure that every single child had the very best experience.

Moving into Term 3 we face another busy time with Athletics Carnivals, Integration Days, Whole School Mini-School and staff attending many Professional Learning courses. Please be vigilant in checking in and reading **Morning Messages** to keep informed with what activities are happening at the school.

Our STEM project has begun and I hope all those participating will enjoy this project being led by Mrs Keir and Mrs Lorberg. I love reading the comments from the students and look forward to viewing their designs and ideas! Staff updates for this term will see Miss Hunt taking leave as she is getting married. Miss Hunt will be replaced by Mrs. Lyn Colwell for week 8-10.

Kind Regards
Wendy Hay
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

10th August – Barwon Athletics Carnival
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23rd August – Bourke District Athletics Carnival

24th August – Walgett Integration Day

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

New Supervisors

If you would like your own Department of Education email address, please let the school know ASAP. Your own email will allow access to all department sites as well as sites that are blocked by the department security firewall to

students.



Healthy Kids Bus Stop!

Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a

comprehensive health screening program aimed at children 3-5 years of age, which is run through Royal Far West in partnership with local communities.

Using the RHMC Care Mobile, a specialist team of health professionals is coming to Walgett and Brewarrina in August. The program offers comprehensive screening that aims to identify developmental issues and provide a pathway to care for children to support their transition to school.

If you have younger children or have friends and family who live in these areas which you feel would benefit from this amazing service, please spread the word.

To register and to find out more please go to www.royalfarwest.org.au/programs/healthy-kids-bus-stop

Dates:

Brewarrina 13th August 2018 at Gainmara-Birrilee Preschool

Walgett 14 & 15th August at Walgett Community College Primary Campus.

Bulldust to Bitumen Festival

The Annual Bull Dust to Bitumen Festival is nearly here (August 11 - 19) and among many activities planned for the week, the CWA, Sing Australia, Woolaway Wines & the Whiddon Group will be hosting a FREE lunch on the lawn at Kookaburra Court, Saturday 11th August at 12 Noon.

For more information please see attached flyer, or call the Walgett Centre for more information.

Governess - Information about Assistance

This interesting and informative web site [http:// www.governessaustralia.com/](http://www.governessaustralia.com/) provides great information about employing someone to help you deliver the Distance Education program to your children. You can also search 'Governess Australia' on Face Book for extra information and groups to join.

'In Home Child Care' is another organisation that may have some information and assistance

available. They also have a Cobarr office.

<http://nswfdc.org.au/>

Important Change to VISE

The organisation formally known as VISE - Volunteers for Isolated Students Education has ceased to exist. However, it has been added to the organisation Aussie Helpers. If you are looking for Educational Support in your home, it is now known as AHVISE – Aussie Helpers Volunteers for Isolated Student Education.

"**AHVISE** is an educational volunteer organisation comprising of a dedicated team of volunteers from all around Australia, who enjoy giving to others. We support rural and remote outback families who are looking for help in their remote school rooms. These include families, mothers and fathers, who teach their own children at home due to their **geographic isolation**."

For more information or to register please go to www.ahvise.org.au



BWSODE Website

Mrs Robinson has uploaded the Term 2 Snow Excursion photos to the Gallery on the website.

Please log on and check them out!

The School website is another platform we use to showcase our school and where you can locate important information such as newsletters, useful educational links and some valuable resources supervisors can utilise in their school rooms.

<http://www.bwsode.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

P&C NEWS



WALGETT CHARITY BUSHMAN'S CARNIVAL

Our school has been asked to assist at the

Walgett Charity Bushman's Rodeo again this year on the 18th & 19th August

Last year we helped cook the BBQ and serve. We have indicated YES that we would do the same this year.

This is an easy way to earn \$\$ and great PR for our school. We will need 4-5 adults to help. We have not been given a day or time allocation as yet.

If you are able to assist with serving or cooking please call the Centre (68281374) or let Wendy know ASAP.

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President
P&C



Rural and Remote Primary STEM Project

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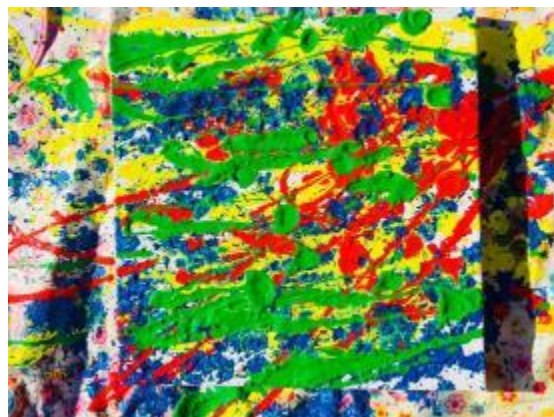
Earlier in the term, Mrs Lorberg and I began our journey with the Rural and Remote Primary STEM Project. We worked with the NSW Science & Technology and Mathematics K-6 Advisors in Dubbo and we have developed a STEM Project entitled '*Efficient Feeding*'. Some of our students will be doing this in Term 3, commencing in Week 2 via satellite lessons on Tuesdays. This project will be delivered on satellite, using Google collaborative tools and in students' classrooms.



Breeanna Keir

VISUAL ART

Our Visual Arts program led by Miss Hunt via satellite every Wednesday, has led to some outstanding pieces of art in Term 2.



Students have learnt about artists and their techniques as well as perspective, light, dark and abstraction. They have also been looking at famous landmarks.

PARENTING IDEAS

Parenting boys: Little known secrets to parenting success

It is stating the obvious, but boys and girls are different. One of the biggest differences revolves around time and timing.

Understand this and you'll start to unravel the secret to successfully parenting boys – and reduce some of the frustration you feel when you compare your son with your daughters, or other people's daughters. More importantly, you'll be able to deliver the greatest gift you can give to a boy – Time.

Here are three examples of how time and timing differs with boys, and how you can use this knowledge to your advantage:

1. The maturity levels of boys

Boys take longer to mature than girls. This is a source of great consternation in many families where the eldest is a boy preceded by a girl. If a boy's sister is only a couple of years younger then there's a good chance they are on a par academically and socially. First born boys like to have a competency gap between themselves and those that follow. A younger sister (or brother) who is maturing earlier, can be a source of consternation leading many eldest boys to give up, or give their sister merry hell! Differing maturity rates affect boys' school readiness, their transition to secondary school, and their transition into adulthood.

2. Motivating boys

Boys are more likely to *live in the now* than girls. A generalisation, but it's true. Teenagers, in particular, live for the moment. The trick is to use this knowledge to your advantage. For instance, avoid lecturing your teenager about how his current behaviour is going to impact on his adulthood. A 15 year-old can't see life beyond next week let alone when he's 25. So get into his timeframe when trying to motivate, dissuade or persuade him. For instance, you're more likely to instil good sleep habits into boys if you point out that a good night's sleep will help them play football/guitar/surf/pick up girls than be better for their long-term health!

To successfully engage teenage boys, show you are interested in their present lives, their friends and interest. This will give you permission to press them a little on their future



Gabe with the Eiffel Tower



Rafa with his painting of Uluru



Sydney Harbour Bridge by Rafa



Aiden with his 'Frog'

For our students at the Bourke Centre who cannot access this via satellite, they have been working hard to create some fantastic frogs.

ambitions and goals.

3. The ability of boys to focus

Ever noticed how some boys will work at diminished capacity on anything that's not important to them? This happens around schooling a lot. Give them a project that's due in a week and they'll amble along for six days and then focus like a laser beam the night before it's due (often after a great deal of panic or a brief mental meltdown!).

One way to get boys to focus is shorten their deadlines. Give them two days, not two weeks to do something. Even better, shorten the deadline and give them a practical purpose (or a tangible reward if you can't think of a good purpose) for doing something – "hand this work in tomorrow and you'll get ten free minutes of free play!" Alternatively, if they drift along waiting until the last minute and then go into a mad panic, don't sweat it. They may just be saving themselves for that big effort!

4. Time as a gift

The greatest gifts to give boys revolves around time. Most crave some one-on-one time, particularly with their dads, as long as it's done in a way that's relevant to their age.

There are two time aspects to consider:

First, give them time to mature and develop. Don't expect them to be what you want them to be on your timing. Most boys take their time growing up. It takes patience and time to grow a boy...sometimes a decade or two.

The other aspect refers to communicating with boys. Adults who do best with young males have a way of getting into their timeframe. They can talk with them about what interests them *now*, what's important to them *now*, what's grabbing their attention *now*. This is relatively easy when your sons are under ten, but challenging when they are teenagers.

You have to be a little cunning to get into a teenage boy's timeframe. A parent who picks up a teenage boy from a party at midnight, just may have a better chance of getting into his timeframe and getting a window into what's important compared to one who parents from a distance.

So time and timing are the keys! Give boys time to mature, give them your time and get into their time frames if you want to get on their wavelength.



Michael Grose

(Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving!, Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children)



STUDENT WORK **SNOW REPORT**



Snow Excursion 2018

Alice: There was lots of excitement on the bus as we drove towards the mountains on our first morning. Lots of faces were pressed against the windows looking for the snow. There were squeals and yells of excitement whenever we could see it.

We arrived at The Tube. After lots of fitting, trying on and adjusting, we were all kitted out with our ski clothes and equipment. It was time to catch the train through the mountain up to Perisher. That alone was a challenge with all our snow gear.

What an amazing day our first day was! It was bright and sunny. We started with our lessons. Little kids with Lizzy, the older kids and I went with Caz and snowboarders with Hector.

Some took to the skis and snowboards quickly. Some... not so much. There was lots of slipping and sliding, spills and frustration. But everyone was determined to keep trying.

Every day was beautiful, warm and sunny. Perfect conditions to practice what was learnt each day in our lessons. We all spent lots of time on the Magic Carpet and up and down the bigger slopes.

The coolest thing about the excursion was on the last day when it was snowing. We took us right up high on the chair lifts. We skied all along Happy Valley and all around the back trails. It was beautiful scenery, peaceful and something I will never forget.

Monty: A very funny time was when I came flying down the Magic Carpet so fast that Mum had to try and catch me. But I was going so fast that I knocked her over. I went back up the Magic Carpet and then came flying back down

and did the same to Miss Knapman. I needed to practice my pizza! By the end of the week my legs were so sore that Miss Knapman had to drag me back down the mountain. Snowboarding with Mac was Charlie, Gillie, Rafa and Gabe. They were like a little gang with Mrs Keir. Always trying to squeeze in one more run before their lesson started and before it was time to head back to The Station at the end of each day.

Mac: Snowboarding was a great experience. It took a little while until the snowboarders had got the hang of walking with the snowboard strapped on. Charlie and Gillie got the hang of walking very quickly but Rafa, Gabe and I weren't so quick.

On day two we started learning how to turn and snowboard on the toe side. That afternoon Mrs Keir let Gillie, Charlie and I go on the Village 8 slope with her. One of the funniest things that happened that week was when Gillie and Charlie got so tangled up they had to unstrap their boards to get untangled. Mrs Keir and the rest of us laughed and laughed. This school excursion was by far the best I have ever been on!!

By Alice, Mac and Monty



Expert skier Mrs Keir, showing how it's done



The snowboarding boys above and below, taking a break!!



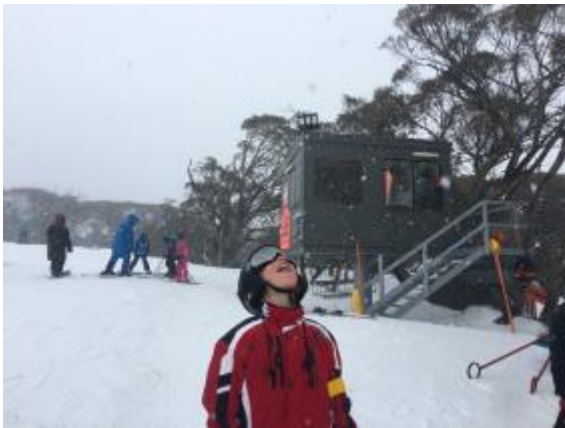
BWSODE 'Ski Team'



The skiers



Gilbert taking a break



Nick with his 'snowman'



Back at the 'Station'



Olivia



First time to the snow for Ricky



Mrs Keir, Miss Knapman and Miss Hunt



Mr Leedham

LIBRARY REPORT



A friendly reminder from Mrs Robinson that on Friday 31st August, student entries close for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life” — Walt Disney

Mrs Robinson
Librarian

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MERIT AWARDS

Walgett Students

Gilbert - A brilliant effort in all Maths Units / Phenomenal responses in Pobble Tasks 'Animal Town'.

Alice - A fabulous 'all round' effort / For her perseverance to achieve spectacular results in Spelling / Phenomenal efforts in the Science Unit 'Physical World'

Charlie - 'Off the charts' work in 'Places Similar and Different'

Jack - Huge improvements in handwriting / Working superbly with numbers 1-10 / Entertaining story writing submissions and pictures.

Rafa - Unbelievable work in multiplication & division and fractions & decimals / For his EXCEPTIONAL report 'The 2018 Dubbo Eisteddfod' / Phenomenal effort with whole

numbers / Amazing extension work on forces in the unit 'Physical World'

Oscar - Phenomenal work in 'My Uncle's Donkey'

Monty - All round SUPER effort in maths tasks / Sensational work in his research project 'Tigers' / Outstanding work with science experiments in 'Physical World' / Excellent effort in all maths units

Rupert - Brilliant work in 'My Uncle's A Donkey'

Ava - Fantastic mathematician

Gabe - Absolutely BRILLIANT story writing attempts / Fantastic independent maths tasks / A fantastic model house and huge effort in a challenging Geography unit.

Olivia - A huge improvement in handwriting

Maddie - A super effort in Violet Mackeral's 'Brilliant Plot' / Awesome effort in all areas

Hugh - A captivating poster with excellent use of warm colours

Mac - 100% accuracy in Problem Solving and excellent responses in Mentals

Denzel - Brilliant work in Data, Time, 3D Shapes, Fractions & Decimals / 100% accuracy in Times Tables

Bourke Students

Joey - Outstanding effort in his Uluru artwork

Kaleb - Outstanding picture book "My Horse"

Nick - Reading 37 library books in Term 2



SPORT

6 Ways Athletics Carnival

June 22nd saw the hosting of the 6 Ways Athletics by Rowena Public School. Thank you to all concerned for running an efficient and entertaining Carnival. Some students from the Walgett Centre participated in the Carnival and had a wonderful day.

It was impressive to see the athletic ability, determination and sportsmanship that all schools displayed and we congratulate everyone for participating in the spirit of the day. Thanks again Rowena Public School for a well-organised, fun event! See you next year!

Prue Smith
Assistant Principal



BWSODE Walgett Centre Representatives
Charlie, Hugh, Gilbert, Ava, Rafa, Olivia, Sienna, Gabe

INTEGRATION DAY

Sustainability Outreach Day

Walgett's Term 2 Integration Day held on June 6th was a little different. Expert presenters travelled from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Siding Spring Observatory and Taronga Zoo to teach students from BWSODE, Walgett Primary and Carinda Public School, about gardening, living things and sustainability.



The day was organised and hosted by the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre and we thank them for

providing this amazing interactive and educational opportunity.

Breeanna Keir



TRAVELLING FAMILIES

Rafa and Gabe are spending Term 3 in New Zealand with their parents and are enjoying, not only an array of marvelous opportunities offered in Auckland, but also beautiful green country side!



Casey, Gabe and Rafa exploring



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Aiden who will celebrate his first birthday as a DE student, on August 13th.
Best wishes for a great day.



ATTACHMENTS

- Term 3 Planner
- Lunch on the Lawn – Information Flyer



Farwell to the Snow for another two years..!!

