



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**4<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Staff Return – Proff Development  
**6<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Students Resume for 2019  
**15<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Small schools Swimming carnival Collarenebri  
**18<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Satellite Lessons begin  
**21<sup>st</sup> Feb** - Barwon district Swimming Carnival Lightning Ridge

**CONGRATULATIONS** and **WELCOME** to little Ned Smith born on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### 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.

#### **Governance – Information about Assistance**



### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Welcome to the end of another year, unfortunately another spent in drought! It has been a wonderful year with many highlights and success which we celebrated together at our Presentation Days. My congratulations to all the students who participated in the plays, they were wonderful and enjoyed by all.

As mentioned at Presentation Day, Mrs. Smith will be relieved by Ms Emma Marvel while on maternity leave and Mrs. Keir by Ms Lydia Hall. Both these teachers are very experienced classroom teachers and I am sure everyone will make them feel most welcome.

My thanks to all the marvelous supervisors out there, you have completed another year!! Well done!!

To the wonderful, resilient, hard-working students, we are so proud of all your efforts and hard work – Keep it going in 2019!

A huge thank you to Catharine and Sal who keep everything running smoothly in the offices and are so generous with their support of all the teaching staff. My thanks also to all the staff, I am very lucky to have such a supportive team who collaborate so well.

A special mention to Mrs. Lorberg who has survived her first year in DE and come out smiling. We are pleased that she will be part of our team again next year.

May you all have a safe and relaxing holiday and a very merry Xmas and happy New Year!! Over and Out for 2018!

**Kind Regards**  
**Wendy Hay**  
**Principal**



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 Cobar 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](http://www.ahvise.org.au)

### Swimming Lessons in Bourke



The Department of Sports and Recreation will be conducting free swimming lessons at the Bourke Pool

for both children and adults. Please call the Bourke Centre (68722424) for more information and to register your interest.

### CWA Drought Aid



CWA NSW continues to coordinate a large amount of money, donated for drought relief

They distribute the grants to farmers and farming dependent families and contractors as part of its Drought Aid scheme.

The CWA Drought Aid Assistance funding is to help meet household expenses for drought affected families, up to a maximum of \$3,000 per family/household. Expenses can include

grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rates, telephone, dental and medical (gap payments or cost of travel to access medical treatment) etc and can be for expenses that are current and/or outstanding.

If you do apply for this funding, please be mindful that expenses you put forward are for **household purposes only**. They were very specific about this and the money will not be granted for anything business related.

Individual farmers and families and those directly related to agriculture as their primary source of income can apply online at:

<http://bit.ly/CWADroughtAid>

or can contact the NSW State Office for paper application forms.

The application process is not difficult.

### BWSODE Website



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

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

### Walgett Swimming Club

Registrations are open for Walgett Amateur Swim Club. This is a great way to experience some competitive swimming in a friendly atmosphere as well as improve your child's ability and fitness. Regular squad training is held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a Swimming Club night every fortnight. For more information on joining this long standing family friendly club, please contact Lucy Kerr ([hamishkerr@bigpond.com](mailto:hamishkerr@bigpond.com)) or Camilla Rowntree ([camrowntree@bigpond.com](mailto:camrowntree@bigpond.com)) Registration and membership can commence at any time throughout the season, it is never too late to join.

If you're not sure of your child/rens level of ability, please come along at 3:30pm on a Tues or Thursday afternoon for an evaluation and grading.

To participate in squad training, every child must bring **flippers, goggles** and a **cap**.

**Squad Training:** Tuesday & Thursday 3:30 - 6pm with each group 45 minutes.

### Squad Groups:

- **Seniors** - 3:30 - 4:15pm. (Bec Jones, Nicole Weate)
- **Juniors** - 4:30 - 5:15pm. (Camilla Rowntree, Jay Mulholland and Marg Browning)
- **Under 7's** - 5:15-6:00pm. (Carolyn Farr)

**Cost:** \$14 per week/per child (\$10 coaching, \$4 club costs) and this provides 2 x 45 min coaching sessions per week with Austswim accredited coaches. The \$4 goes towards the running yearly costs of the Walgett Swimming Club for insurance, pool fees and equipment.

Please note there is no responsibility taken by the coaches, for children's supervision before or after their squad training time.

### Drought Aid at Carinda



Mrs Robinson looking FAB in her cossie, pictured in the Carinda Sewing Group's "Beach to Bush" Calendar

On Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Mrs Robinson hosted a Ladies Day in aid of drought relief for women at her property near Carinda. The Carinda Sewing group's 'Beach to Bush Calendar' was also as launched on the day. All proceeds from this amazing venture went towards the farming charity Drought Angels and the CWA of NSW.

For a copy of the 2019 calendar (\$15.00) go to [www.cossieconfidence.com.au/calendar-girls](http://www.cossieconfidence.com.au/calendar-girls) [www.cossieconfidence.com.au/calendar-girls](http://www.cossieconfidence.com.au/calendar-girls)

## 2018 WRAP UP FROM BOURKE CENTRE

This year the focus of the Bourke Centre was connections. We focused on connecting with each other through satellite lessons on Literacy, Numeracy, Art and STEM, as well as working on our 'Coming Together' group entry for the Bourke Show, and the excitement filled Snow Excursion that brought students from both of the BWSODE Centres together for an excellent week of skiing and learning in Jindabyne. We also focused on connecting with our community through Integration Days where the Bourke Centre played host to students from Louth Public School and Bourke High School, and a week-long small schools camp that Bourke students attended at Enngonia Public School.

Students had the opportunity to learn about STEM, Music, Drama, and Sports, while socializing with students from the other small schools in the area and developing new friendships.

STEM took a huge step forward in Term 3 as students learnt to connect with our country through learning about Indigenous Art and creating some outstanding paintings, as well as developing a prototype for an efficient feeding system that would minimize time and effort during the current drought. Students worked collaboratively via satellite as well as face-to-face in order to create a 3D model of their feeding system.

Students connected with our world through a number of culturally themed Integration Days. Through looking at China, Mexico, and France, students have begun to develop knowledge on the cultures of other countries, and dined on the excellent cuisines that other cultures have to offer.

Our final week of formalised schooling took place in Week 9 and students attended the Bourke Centre for a three-day Mini-School culminating in our Presentation Day Assembly. Students were on their best behaviour as usual and were able to take part in Intensive Swimming lessons and River Safety courtesy of Rae Andrews from NSW Government Department of Sports and Recreation, Yoga, Dance, Art and Craft, as well as Drama. Bourke Public School Hall provided an excellent venue for our Presentation Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of December and I was honoured to be able to



participate in such a wonderful event that highlighted the achievements of our talented students. Each and every student at BWSODE has worked hard throughout 2018 to achieve the very best that they could, and they should all be proud of their efforts.

Kirsty Lorberg

Assistant Principal (Relieving)

## PARENTING IDEAS

### Make your Compliments Count

Ever notice how small hinges can swing really big doors? It's a reminder that it's the smallest things we do in our families that often have the biggest impact.

One way you can maximise your impact on your family's wellbeing and your children's self-esteem is to *make your compliments count*. Here's a story about how a few well-chosen words had a huge impact on a child, with an explanation of how you can do the same. Next time, your child does something worthwhile take the time to give a sincere compliment. Smile and add a little touch to really let them know how you feel.

*'I overheard a mother tell her eight-year old daughter last week: "You did such a good job helping your brother yesterday. You are such lovely big sister!". The mother's face was lit up with a big warm smile. At the same time, she gently put her hand on her daughter's shoulder as she spoke. The little girl beamed, and then happily went off to play. It was a simple parenting moment.'*

It doesn't take much to nurture a person's self-esteem and create good feelings at home. Compliments, when given sincerely, have an enormous impact on those who receive them. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we receive them. We also feel closer to the person giving them. Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated. They are easy to give, but they are also easy not to give:

- We forget.
- We underestimate their impact.
- We haven't developed the habit of giving compliments.

There were two things that mother did that amplified the impact of the compliment. Firstly,

she smiled as she gave it. Secondly, she touched her daughter as well. Touch will always amplify a compliment. It makes it personal. Her mother's smile showed her daughter how her mum really felt. In fact, the touch and smile said it all. *The words justified the smile and touch.* The compliment was given and received through three senses – visually, kinaesthetically and auditory.

That's how kids will process all your messages – they see, they feel, they hear. We often focus on the words and forget the visual and kinaesthetic.



**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 and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to*

*Change It.* His latest release is *Spoonfed Generation: How to Raise Independent Children.*

## LIBRARY REPORT



Merry Christmas and a restful holiday to all

**Mrs Robinson**  
Librarian

## STUDENT NEWS/WORK



Tori and Sienna – What is this stuff??



An example of some ES1 writing

## MERIT AWARDS

### Walgett Students

**Mac** - For remaining focused and working independently / Exceptional work in music appreciation / Brilliant independent work in division with remainders / Sensational work planning, designing and construction a photo frame / Awesome work in tessellation by reflecting, translating and rotating / Exceptional work in telling the time.

**Hugh** - Excellent research in music appreciation tasks / For his PHENOMENAL work in Product Design / The wonderful improvement he has made throughout 2018

**Denzel** - Unbelievable results in Mentals.

**Ricky** - For a huge effort in Spelling Mastery

**Matari** - For a very commendable effort in handwriting.

**Caleb** - Awesome effort in maths.

**Aiden** - For fascinating research on Dinosaurs / A solid effort to complete Spelling Mastery lessons.

**Joey** - for using excellent manners and offering to help at Integration Day

**Monty** - Great work with halves and quarters of collections / An outstanding effort in the Jeremy English unit / For developing

independent work habits.

**Olivia** - Super work with ordinal numbers / For her PHENOMENAL effort in Creative Writing / Unbelievable progress in Creating Writing / For the wonderful improvement she has made throughout 2018

**Jandre** - AMAZING story writing for the first time / Super work with length in maths / For hard work in learning so many words in phonics / Great work in maths.

**Tori** - Unbelievable effort and understanding results in maths units / Beautifully presented work / Absolutely beautiful manners.

**Rafa** - Phenomenal work in Australian History / Phenomenal effort in the Product Design unit to make a battery operated car / Brilliant work in time measurements.

**Gabe** - A phenomenal effort in all maths units / Brilliant progress in Story Writing / Superb effort in all Science Units in Term 4.

### Bourke Students

**Nick** - Excellent 'Elephant Art'.

**Charlotte** - For writing an excellent letter to her favourite author.



## INTEGRATION DAYS



### Bourke

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of November saw the Bourke Centre, hold its final Integration Day for 2018. Students engaged in How to Learn activities focusing on gratitude, and completed Growth Mindset STEM activities. Students built a gratitude tree, reflecting on all the things in their life and daily activities that they may at times take for granted but realising that many children are not so fortunate. It is important for students to learn about, and understand, the importance of gratitude and being positive about what they have in their lives not what they don't have. Gratitude and being grateful is an important aspect of building resilience in children. Having a growth mindset ensures that students know that there is nothing



that they cannot do, just things they haven't learnt to do yet!

Integration Days are an opportunity for students to socialise with one another and develop relationships with their peers and teachers. In 2018 the theme of our Integration Days in Bourke have been about developing connections, and Friday was no exception. Ex- Bourke Centre student Grace Robinson, who attends Tara Anglican School in Sydney, along with fellow rural boarding students, have been undertaking a range of drought relief assistance programs to support rural communities.

On Friday the 'Stationary Boxes for Central and Small Rural Schools' initiative saw a visit to the Bourke Centre from Grace who delivered and presented each of the students their gift bag containing new stationary for the 2019 school year. Our students were very excited and appreciative of the generosity shown by Grace and her school to connect back to their previous schools and help and support current students. In a time of such harsh and debilitating drought, everyone is effected and it was lovely to see the smiles and cheerful dispositions of students who had just received their own little bit of Christmas cheer.

We appreciated the consideration and support from Grace and Tara Anglican School in this difficult time.



### Walgett

We held our last ID for the year on Friday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and it was certainly a busy one! We managed to fit in some Kahoot, Christmas craft, play practise, Sphero coding, a 'goodbye' to Olivia and Hugh and the pool.

Thanks to all of our families who came to Walgett for the day including a new Kinda student in 2019, Darcy. A big welcome to you. Also attending for the day was new staff member in 2019 Miss Marvil. We welcome her and thank her for her contribution to the smooth running of the day.







Jandre and Joey doing their art work activities



Olivia and Gabe working on their art activities



Denzel working with the Sphero



Farewell to Olivia and Hugh, pictured here with their teachers Mrs Harris and Mrs Keir

## **PRESENTATION DAYS**

### **WALGETT**

A pictorial 'snap shot' of the day



'Class' of 2019 – Walgett Centre







## BOURKE



Charlotte receiving the Citizenship Award



# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



Principal Miss Hay with Masie

