



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Well another Term is nearly over and 'Spring has sprung'!! Where do the days go?

I would like to congratulate Mrs Lorberg and Mrs Keir on their fantastic STEM project that they have been working on during this term.

Using a flipped classroom approach, students have been involved in creative and critical thinking and undertaken master classes on properties of materials, simple machines, forces, use of technology in farming and the design process. I have been extremely impressed with the prototypes students designed and built and the video diaries they submitted explaining their ideas on how their prototype works, features that could be improved and the inhibitors they came across.

Students also contributed to the designs of their peers by offering suggestions and comments on each other's designs. It was wonderful to see the development not only of their understanding but also their science language – Extremely impressive everyone!

"I really enjoyed the modern farming clip" - Gilbert.

"This was so inspiring and so cool how far you can go with technology" – Hugh

Integration Days across both Centres have also been well supported and have provided students with additional opportunities for learning and social interaction. Students have enjoyed a wide variety of activities including virtual reality art, microbes and microscopes, LEGO coding, Growth Mindset and cultural immersion this term.

Miss Hunt from the Walgett Centre will be taking leave from Monday Week 8 to Monday Week 1 Term 4. Mrs Colwell will be replacing Miss Hunt during this time. When she returns in Term 4 Miss Hunt will be Mrs. Harris!!

Congratulations to Kaleb from the Bourke Centre who competed at the Bourke District Athletics Carnival and from Walgett Centre,

Alice, Mac, Hugh, Gilly, Ava and Denzel who travelled to Collarenebri for the Barwon carnival. All students are a credit to their school and themselves, striving to do their best and displaying excellent camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Another student who has had a busy Term is Charlie who is participating in *Moorambilla Voices* this term. The Moorambilla concert will be held in Dubbo in the last week of term – Good luck Charlie... break a leg!!

I am looking forward to catching up with those families able to attend the Whole School Mini-School in Week 9. With so many families feeding or involved in "off farm" work, we appreciate the effort families are making to attend and realise that many just cannot commit to a week away from their farms at this time. During this ongoing drought if we can assist in any way please call.

Next term we begin identifying enrolments for 2019 – please inform your Centre if you know of anyone thinking of enrolling next year.

Take care out there

**Kind Regards**

**Wendy Hay**  
**Principal**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Western Region Athletics Carnival  
**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept** – Whole School Mini School in Walgett  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sept** – NW Athletics Carnival  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Last day of Term 3  
**15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – First day of Term 4





## WEDDING BELLS



The Bourke Walgett School of Distance Education wish Miss Hunt and her fiancé Jack warmest congratulations and best wishes for their wedding next week on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September.



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Walgett Little A's 2018



Fun & fitness for all children  
3yrs and over!

#### Registration Day

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August** at the Walgett Sporting Club - 4:00-5.30pm.

This afternoon is to meet and greet, welcome potential new members and to assist with registrations, payment & uniform ordering

**Annual Registration: \$75** per child and are all done online at:

[www.lansw.com.au](http://www.lansw.com.au)

**Season starts 5<sup>th</sup> September** and are held every **Wednesday** at No. 1 Oval **5.30-7.30pm**  
Canteen will operate each evening.

Contact Camilla Rowntree to be added to the Walgett Las mailing list:

[camrowntree@bigpond.com](mailto:camrowntree@bigpond.com)

Contact Tiffany Loeve for assistance with registrations

[benandtiffloeve@hotmail.com](mailto:benandtiffloeve@hotmail.com)



### Bulldust to Bitumen Street Parade in Walgett



*Winners are Grinners !!*  
The P & C is \$400 richer after our student's and parent's efforts in the Walgett Bulldust 2 Bitumen Street Parade on

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

BWSODE were awarded "The Most Colourful Float" and they all had an absolute ball dressing the vehicle and participating in the event.

A big thank you to Pete McGrath for providing the 'chariot' and to the other parents and supervisors involved in making this event such a success. Well Done DE!



The Parade Team - Ricky, Charlie, Gilbert, Denzel and Ava





## 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.

## 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 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)

## Country Education Foundation of Walgett



*"Country Education Foundation of Walgett was established to provide much needed financial assistance and support to local young people to help them access further education, training and jobs".*

Please go to the website below to find out more information about this opportunity available to some young people in our community.

Applications for 2019 grants are now open!

WALGETT CENTRE Warrena St. WALGETT Phone 0268281374 | Fax 0268281936 | [walgett-d.school@def.nsw.edu.au](mailto:walgett-d.school@def.nsw.edu.au)  
BOURKE CENTRE Green St. BOURKE Phone 0268722424 | Fax 0268723109 | [bourkewalg-d.school@def.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bourkewalg-d.school@def.nsw.edu.au)

[cef.org.au/foundations/walgett](http://cef.org.au/foundations/walgett)

Are you 16-25 / In financial need / Do you live in and/or go to school in Walgett District / Are you willing to study?

If so, you may be eligible to apply.

## Coles Schools Bag Design Competition



Coles are giving all primary and secondary school students across Australia the opportunity to design the new range of Coles reusable shopping bags and win fantastic prizes, which includes the possibility of winning \$5K for your school!! If you are interested in participating and to find out more, please go to;

<http://www.coles.com.au/corporate-responsibility/community/bagdesign>

## Poetry & Short Story Writing Competition



Entry is now open for the *2018 Schools Writing Competition!*

Students from all over Australia are invited to enter their poems or short stories,

and battle it out for some great cash prizes. There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE.

Students from Kindergarten to Yr 12 are invited to enter and entries close Sunday 9th September 2018.

For more information regarding this competition please go to: [Write4Fun Competition](http://Write4Fun.Competition)

## Free 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 you interest.



## 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.edu.au>

## P&C NEWS

Thank you to Wendy, Margaret, Dave and Jo for manning the BBQ at the Walgett Rodeo on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>.

It was a very successful day and a good fundraiser for our P&C.

The **BWSODE P&C AGM** will be conducted at **Mini School** on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 1:00pm.

**C Siemer**

**P&C President**

## WORD-MANIA



WHAT AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT!

Rafa has been participating and performing very well in **WordMania** and he achieved one of the **TOP RANKINGS** for **Round 1**. Congratulations **Rafa**, a fantastic effort.

The award was given to Year 2 as a whole, however the credit must go to Rafa, who has been our only Year 2 participant.

**Round 2** results show some of our students performing so well that they too have achieved some **TOP RANKINGS** for their respective years for our Region!

Year 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Rafa**

Year 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – **Denzel**

Year 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – The A Team **Ava & Alice**

Thank you and congratulations to the following students who have participated in **WordMania**:

**Monty, Olivia, Rafa, Hallie, Hugh, Mac, Denzel, Ava and Alice**

The success of our small school has been amazing so congratulates and thank you for your unreal efforts!

BWSODE won a prize for our high performing participation in this competition!

Literacy Planet partnered with Teach Starter to reward **high performing schools** with 'Teach Starter Ultimate Plan' subscriptions worth over \$400.00, and gives teachers 12 months' free access to thousands of premium, curriculum-aligned resources including lesson plans, worksheets and posters.

For teachers this is extremely valuable so very well done to all of our *Word Maniacs* who participated and made this possible for our school.

Over the three weeks of competition, 130 million words were built across 5 million games - What a truly spectacular effort!

**YOU GUYS ARE ROCK STARS**



## STUDENT NEWS

### **Bulldust to Bitumen**



Ricky with his winning photos

We have a very talented photographer amongst us! Well done to **Ricky** who won the Bulldust to Bitumen Photography Competition in the following sections:

1<sup>st</sup> – Black and White Forms of Nature (Children's Section)

1<sup>st</sup> – Black and White Collectables (Children's Section)

These pictures look amazing! We are proud of your efforts, Ricky! Congratulations.



## **Paddock to Plate**

Ava and Denzel attended the “Paddock to Plate” luncheon at the Walgett Community College Ag Plot on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August

It was a delicious treat and an excellent opportunity to see what is run and managed at the Ag Plot.

It is so important that we educate our students as to where our food actually does come from and an Integration Day Field Trip to the site is in the planning.



Nick's Artwork



Artwork by Maisie

## **MOORAMBILLA**



*Sing ~ Dance ~ Drum ~  
Learn ~ Laugh ~*



*Connect to Culture ~ Strive for Excellence ~  
Perform ~ Engage ~ Dream Big ~ Think Wide –  
Moorambilla Voices 2018*

Year 6 student Charlie from the Walgett Centre represented Bourke Walgett School of Distance Education at Moorambilla 2018.

Charlie participated in the auditions in Term 1 and was talented enough to be selected into the choir.

Moorambilla is an amazing experience and opportunity and Charlie had a great week at the Boys Moorambilla Camp in Baradine in Week 3. This is intensive Camp, along with the Girls Camp, is preparation for their Gala Performances in Dubbo at the end of September.

Congratulations Charlie!



## **PARENTING IDEAS**



### **PARENTING KIDS WHO WANT TO BE BOSS**

If you are locked in a power struggle with a child or youngster, then you'll be forever battling to get some cooperation unless you make some adjustments. The coercive approach won't cut it as they'll refuse outright, or just dawdle along on their own terms.

For example:

- You are trying to get a child to do something and they just won't play your game
- Your request for help is met with an excuse or, worse, an argument.
- Reminders about bedtime are met with a defiant, 'NO!' or worse – dawdling. "I'll go to bed later," is the response from some children.

Most families will have at least one child who insists on getting their way and doesn't like to be told what to do. I call them 'Make me' kids because everything about their demeanour at times wants you to 'make them' do what they're told. These kids value power and don't shy away from a fight.

Some kids refuse to cooperate when the tone and language of coercion is used. These kids value control and want autonomy, so you need to communicate in a way that doesn't trigger their need to wrest control from you.

### **Avoiding power struggles**

Power struggles between parents and children are common. Often "*because I said so*" becomes more important than the issue we are fighting or arguing over.

The key reason for this battle of wills between parents and difficult kids fundamentally comes from a desire for control. If you are locked in a power struggle with a child then you will forever be battling with them for cooperation unless you take a different track with them.

Forget the "*do this and do it now!*" approach with these kids. It may have cut it in the past and it may be effective with '*well-behaved*' kids, but it doesn't cut it particularly with kids who want to be the boss.

These kids refuse to cooperate when the tone and language of coercion is used. These kids value control and want autonomy, so you need to communicate in a way that doesn't trigger their need to wrest control from you.

Such kids respond well to the language of cooperation, which involves giving them a choice, and is more about asking for help than demanding compliance. You don't have to grovel, but you do need to watch your language with these little power-seekers and remember that cooperation is won, not demanded!

### **Taking a different approach**

Here are some strategies that will increase the likelihood of getting cooperation from kids who like to be the '*boss*':

- Don't fight over every issue: Cut the little '*boss*' some slack and let them make some decisions themselves. If you want a say in every area of their lives, then you'll soon find yourself locked in power struggles over relatively inconsequential issues like clothing, bedroom tidiness and food. For instance, if a young child doesn't want to wear a jumper in winter then so be it. There are bigger parenting fish to fry! I see parents exhaust themselves over minor battles so that when big issues come up, they just give in.
- Tell them what you will do. Most of us tell kids what to do, which they promptly ignore. It's far better to tell them what

action YOU will take. This subtle shift in language has a huge impact in terms of getting some cooperation from '*make me*' kids. Next time you want to tell your child what to do, catch yourself. Instead, tell them what you are going to do. Here's some examples: "*I'll serve ice cream when you are seated at the table*" / "*I'll listen to you when you have calmed down*" / "*I'll drive when you are quiet*"

- Get into the habit of focusing on what you will do, rather than on what they should do and you'll start to see a shift in terms of getting cooperative behaviour almost immediately.
- Let consequences work their magic. You need to stop nagging kids about their behaviours and allow them to experience the consequences of some of their poor choices. This removes you from the power struggle and lets experience be their teacher.
- Power-hungry or bossy kids challenge parents who are authoritarian by nature, or who were raised in very authoritarian ways. These kids need smarter handling if we are going to get cooperation from them. They are often referred to as stubborn, disobedient, pig-headed and argumentative. The flip side is that they can be strong-willed, assertive and determined individuals.

Either way, they can present difficulties to us as parents as we manage them on a day-to-day basis, particularly when they directly challenge us. But with a little change in parenting style, they can grow into strong determined kids who are confident in their abilities and comfortable making independent decisions.

**Adapted from an article by Michael Grose**

## **LIBRARY REPORT**



There are lots of lovely new books including the Children's Book Council of the Year winning books available in the Centre Libraries so please come in and have a browse when next at the school

**Mrs Robinson**  
**Librarian**

[loretta.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:loretta.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au)



## MERIT AWARDS

### Walgett Students

**Alice** - Speedy start to Term 3 / Magnificent work with Mass / For her ingenious *Feeder* design / For her excellent predictions, observations and recording in Science experiments / Thorough work in number relationships and transformations of shapes.

**Gilbert** - Phenomenal efforts in the Science Unit 'Physical world' / Sensational start to Term 3 / His impressive participation in Persuasion Satellite lessons.

**Charlie** - Unbelievable work in multiplication / Excellent skills calculating volume / For providing insightful, helpful, kind and specific feedback to all of the STEM Project students.

**Monty** - Brilliant work in estimating and rounding / Consistent and speedy work returns / Sensational progression in maths tasks

**Mac** - For super comprehensive answers in reading tasks / Sensational independent work in maths units / Magic effort in volume and capacity.

**Max** - Brilliant work with number relationships / 'Off the charts' results in spelling.

**Maddie** - For a consistent effort in reading / A fabulous unit on volume and capacity.

**Olivia** - Super independent work with whole numbers / Excellent adding and subtracting using a number line / Consistent and speedy work returns / 100% correct in her Wk 3 Spelling test.

**Denzel** - Understanding symmetry.

### Bourke Students

**Maisie** - Awesome effort in the unit 'SWAP'



## SPORT

### Barwon Athletics

Our Walgett Centre DE Athletics Team was six strong on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August at the Barwon District Athletics Carnival in Collarenebri. It was a successful and spirited day and congratulations to Hugh, Gilly, Alice, Ava, Mac and Denzel for their wonderful efforts and sportsmanship.



The team were particularly successful in the Field Events with the following results:

**Gilbert** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Boys Discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Shot Put



**Ava** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Long Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Discus  
**Denzel** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years Shot Put (both pictured below)





**Alice – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Discus**

Congratulations to **Alice** who's discus throw qualified her for the Senior Girls Discus at the NW Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Well done Alice on this fantastic achievement!



Mrs Smith  
Assistant Principal

### Bourke District Athletics



Hugh, Denzel and Gilly



Congratulations to Kaleb who was the 11Yr old Champion at the Bourke District Athletics Carnival on 23<sup>rd</sup> August



Thanks to Margaret, Sal, Nancy and Mary for your help on shot put and most importantly for being your child/ren's chauffeurs for the day and for the support and encouragement that you consistently provide them.



Above and below, students in action in the field events at the Bourke Athletics Carnival





Maisie on the right



Nick proud of his 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon

## INTEGRATION DAYS

### **BOURKE**

Week 4 on Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Bourke Centre held their first Integration Day for Term 3 with an 'International French Flavour'. Louth Public School also attended the very successful day and students spent the day learning, talking, laughing, playing and eating together.

These events are important for the students as it provides the opportunity to socialise with others, spend time in a classroom and experience learning in a different environment and also an opportunity to begin developing new friendships. Students spent the day learning about France as a country, learning to say the colours in French, and being challenged to create a flashing Eiffel Tower.

In the STEM session, students learnt about wiring, electrical current and construction. Although it was a challenging session for many of the students it was great to see them working together, and they were very proud of the finished products that they had created.

Morning tea and lunch provided a perfect opportunity for the students to taste some classic French foods including Chocolate Chip Brioche and Croissants.

All of our students were very well behaved and thank you to Louth School for coming and making it such a fantastic day!



Joey hard at work on his French theme



Students enjoying the French lunch



Vanessa



Gilbert, Olivia, Hugh and Charlie



Budding future scientists hard at work

## WALGETT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Walgett Centre Integration Day on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>.

It was a terrific day with the students immersing themselves in activities surrounding STEM Discovery (Virtual Reality Art, Lego Robotics, Micro:bit), Growth Mindset, Road Safety, Book Week and Sport.



Miss Hunt, gilbert, Charlie, Ava, Olivia, Denzel, Hugh, Ricky, Matari, Mrs Keir



Yr 6 student Ava assisting Yr 1 student Olivia with a science activity.





Olivia and Mrs Keir hard at work with a science activity



Nick

Integration Days were also held at both Bourke and Walgett Centres on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.

## BOURKE



Students from Bourke High School visited the Bourke Centre on Friday morning to conduct an Aboriginal Art workshop with our students. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn something new. The students spent the day working with the boys and created some amazing art work which was a highlight of the day. The boys were a credit to their school and should be very proud of the way that they conducted themselves on the day. The students also worked through learning centres focusing on threading, sketching, the lifecycle of a butterfly, and using microscopes.



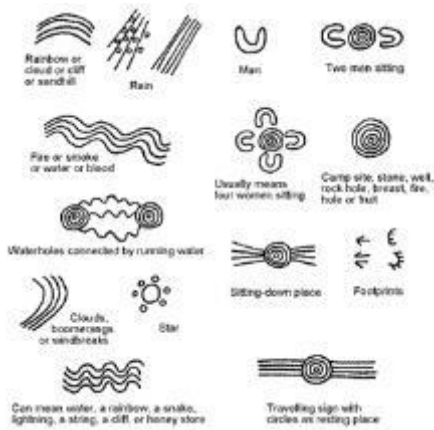
Beautiful art work created by the boys from Bourke High School



Maisie



Assistance from senior student Denzel for new Kinda student Jandre, on the tricky technique of making sushi!



Mrs Keir with Matari, Charlie, Denzel and Gilbert, working on STEM activities

## WALGETT

A great day was had by all on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> at our last Integration Day for the Term 3. Students participated in a range of learning experiences surrounding Child Protection, Japanese Culture, Coding/Robotics, Art and Sport.

Thanks to Mrs Keir, Miss Hunt and Mrs Robinson for their organisation and always trying to incorporate fun and engaging learning experiences for our students.



Jandre and Shianne

## TRAVELLING FAMILIES



Casey and the family enjoying the NZ beaches





Ben, Gabe and Rafa

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- **Little As Registration Information**
- **Walgett October Tennis Tournament**
- **Dubbo Distance Education Pre School Information**