



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to hump week everyone!! Can you believe we are already half way through Term 3?

I hope all those that attended the Whole School Excursion were able to get enough rest over the weekend and are not suffering from the flu like the staff - Mrs. Lorberg, Miss Marvell and Ms. Hay are all on the sick list!! I am sure they will be back on deck soon.

It was a wonderful excursion and thanks to all the parents who supported this activity by either attending in person or ensuring your child was able to attend. It was action packed and I hope enjoyed by all.

We have also had two Athletics Carnivals in the first few weeks of Term 3. Congratulations to all who participated in the Small School Carnivals and good luck to those who will be competing at the district level.

We have replaced Mrs. Harris with a team combination of Mrs. Colwell, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Smith. These staff will be assisting across both Centres in a supporting role with satellite lessons, marking and Mini-Schools.

Sadly we have said goodbye to Sienna and Tori who have moved to Spring Ridge so their parents can begin a new job. Unfortunately another drought statistic, with more families moving away to find work and less properties able to employ staff.

Our numbers will be extremely low, looking to 2020, as we say goodbye to our Year 6 students and our travelling families. At present the NSW government has again put a hold on staff movement for 2020, so we will not have any staff transfers.

However as always, please keep spreading the word on the benefits of Distance Education in your area!!

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



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**27<sup>th</sup> August** – Barwon District Athletics @ Collarenebri

**29<sup>th</sup> August** – Bourke Athletics Carnival

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Bourke Integration day

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Walgett Integration day

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### **Morning Messages**

A trial for Term 3 regarding Morning Messages will be run based on feedback from families and staff. The delivery of the Morning Messages Sway will be delivered every **Monday only** and any new information received throughout the week, will be delivered via an email.

This is a trial for Term 3 and will be reassessed at the end of the Term.

#### **Parent's Guide to Online Safety**

Many parents and caregivers feel out of their depth when it comes to understanding their children's use of devices and the internet. **The Office of the eSafety Commissioner** has published new resources aimed specifically to help parents, with tips and advice on ensuring safe and enjoyable experiences online.

The resource is available for access via a browser and downloads are available in multiple languages. In addition, for parents unfamiliar with using computers, a free hardcopy can be ordered.

The resource is highly recommended.

#### **Write4Fun**

The 2019 Schools Writing Competition Write4Fun, is now open. The Poetry and Short Story Competition is open to all students right across Australia and encourages entrants to 'let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing', submitting their original work on **any topic and in any style**.

This year, the competition also includes an inaugural Art Competition as well.

There are cash prizes to be won both for the

winning entry and for their school. More information and how to enter, can be found on the attachment sent with the Newsletter, on the website: [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) or by calling the Walgett Centre. Entries close August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Healthlink Photographic Competition

A new Photographic Competition for Primary and High School students has also just opened, with the theme: *HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU*.

For more information, entry, prizes and categories, please visit the website: [yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au](http://yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au)

### Parents/Supervisors

If you would like your own guest email address, please let the school know ASAP. This email will allow access to department sites as well as sites that are blocked by the Department's security firewall to students.

### NSW School Drive Subsidy Applications

The School Drive Subsidy Program provides some assistance for private vehicle trips to the school bus. For more information and to apply for Semester 2 2019, go to the Transport website

### Free First Aid Course

The P&C is hosting a **free First Aid Certificated Course** including lunch, for parents, supervisors, grandparents, teachers, school staff and/or interested citizens. It will be held at the **Walgett Centre** during the Nov Mini School on **Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Please email Casey Siemer (President of the Walgett Branch P&C) to register. ([Ieconfieldcottage@bigpond.com](mailto:Ieconfieldcottage@bigpond.com)) or call the Walgett Centre 0268281374, for more information.

### School Bags for Sale!

6 Mighty Tuff BWSODE logoed Back Packs are available from the Walgett Office @ **\$10.00**. They are navy with the BWSODE school logo, have an ergonomic design and look quite smart and handy. Please contact the P&C or the Walgett Centre if you are interested.

### 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/>

### WISE

The organisation formally known as WISE – 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)

### 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>

## PARENTING IDEAS

Parent consistency is a significant element in successful parenting, particularly when facing a child's behavioral or wellbeing challenge. It's also recognised that one of the biggest challenges for many parents is creating the same parenting storyline.

You may be strict, while your partner is lenient. You may value family mealtime highly, while your partner is ambivalent about breaking bread as a family.

Differences in parenting are natural, reflecting

past parenting experiences, gender differences and personal experiences of children. They are a sign of independent thinking, and can provide a sense of balance to family life.

*Parents who work together need to know when to compromise, when to keep out of the way and when to present a united front.* Knowing when to take each approach takes practice and depends on the issues at hand, your parenting styles and your individual values.

Different approaches can cause discomfort, stress and anxiety to one or both parents, particularly when communication and empathy levels are down.

In some cases, the differences can lead to inconsistent parenting where there is no agreement on rules and standards of behaviour and inconsistent follow-through when kids behave poorly. It's like driving a car when there are two sets of road rules. There'd be accidents in the first five minutes.

Similarly, there is chaos in a family when there's more than one set of rules. The rules and boundaries that govern children's behaviour and family life need to be agreed upon.

1. **Keep your partner informed**

It's important the primary parent keeps their partner informed about what's going on in children's lives, particularly if both parents don't live together. These can include updates about behaviour, educational achievements and their general well-being.

2. **Defer to your partner**

Kids have a habit of putting their parents on the spot, particularly with issues such as going out or buying the latest fad. Rather than responding to children's requests yourself, get into the habit of deferring to your partner. Not only does this keep your partner in the communication loop, it helps you work as a united front.

3. **Share insights with your partner into your own childhood and family**

These types of reflective conversations can lead to a deeper level of understanding and often reveal why you both feel strongly about different parenting matters.

4. **Divide areas of responsibility**

Don't keep all the responsibilities to yourself. Bring your partner into the loop,

and give them a share of the parenting jobs.

5. **Communicate concerns to your partner about differences**

Avoid disagreeing openly in front of the children. Find a time later to air any concerns you may have and generate alternate strategies or ideas for your partner to try.

6. **Work out your family brand**

Work out the type of family atmosphere you'd like to establish; the values and attitudes that are important to you; your preferred parenting style and identify the family traditions and rituals you'd like to

Parents can generally get away with parental differences when kids are young, however it can become a big problem in adolescence. Some teenagers are become adept at driving a wedge between parents who are on different wavelengths. They generally go to the parent who will give them the answer they require when it comes to the tricky areas such as going out, access to alcohol and relationship issues.

*One of the greatest gifts you can give your children, is the consistency they experience when both parents work together using the same parenting storyline.*

(An extract from Michael Gross)



**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**

The Children's Book Council of Australia announces

### **THE 2019 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS**

**Book of the Year: Younger Readers**

**HIS NAME IS WALTER** – Emily Rodda

**Honour Books**

**BLACK COCKATOO** – Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler

**THE PEACOCK DETECTIVE** -Carly Nugent

**Book of the Year: Early Childhood**

**TRICKY'S BAD DAY** – Alison Lester

**Honour Books**

HEADS AND TAILS: INSECTS – John Canty  
HERE COMES STINKBUG! -Tohby Riddle

Book of the Year: [Picture Book](#)

CICADA – Shaun Tan

Honour Books

THE MEDITERRANEAN – Armin Greder

THE ALL NEW MUST HAVE ORANGE 430 -  
Michael Speechley

Book of the Year: [Eve Pownall Award](#)

SORRY DAY – Coral Vass

Honour Books

THE HAPPINESS BOX – Mark Greenwood

MAKE BELIEVE – Kate Ryan

Wow! Lots of interesting books to read and look at. These are all in our Libraries now.

**Mrs Robinson**

**Teacher Librarian**



## CENTRE NEWS

### **Walgett**

Congratulations to Gabe who recently won a Gold Award in the 2019 WriteOn competition. This is a NSW Education Standards Authority Annual Writing Competition for students in Years 1 – 6.

As a Gold Award winner, his work will be published in The Best of WriteOn 2-19 Anthology.

Below is Gabe's entry.

### **Mr Pip's Party Hats**

Mr Pip has 300 party hats that no one buys  
So all day long he cries and cries  
"Noooooo!!" he wails for three leap years  
Then one day he faces his fears

He puts on 1 and 2 hats

And 3 and then 4

Blue hats, green hats, pink hats too

More, more and MORE!

Pirate hats, feathery hats

On the very top, a top hat that is blue

Mr Pip walks out of his shop  
He knows just what to do!

Mr Pip struts down the street  
300 hats on his head  
He starts to sing loudly and proudly  
So loud he could wake up the dead!

"Oh! Mr Pip! I love that top hat!"

Said bald Mr Puggoo

"How much is it?"

"Mr Puggoo? \$10 for you!"

Soon came Sergeant Paul and Captain Wiggle  
Pretty Miss Polly and Gabriel Giggle  
They all wanted hats from Mr Pip so bold  
And he gave them all hats, until all were sold!

**By Gabe**

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## WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Students, staff members Ms Hay, Miss Marvell, Miss Hall and Mrs Lorberg and some parents, travelled to Brisbane in Week 6, for the Whole School Excursion.



Could this be Miss Marvell ??

It was an action packed week, with visits to the EKKA, both the day and night time activities, the Ginger Factory including a very interesting

session on the amazing workings of Bees plus other activities.



A visit to Dreamworld was also included in the itinerary, a day enjoyed by everyone.





A tiny chicken in Darcy's gentle hands



Monty 'risking his life' !!

Thank you to all the parents who helped throughout the week and to those students who consistently did our school proud with their good behaviour and enthusiasm for all the planned activities.

## MERIT AWARDS



### Walgett Students

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| Aiden   | Brilliant work in Patterns and Algebra and Fractions and Decimals / For regular attendance in Specific Teaching sessions   |
| Denzel  | Sensational neat handwriting using pen / Phenomenal work in Length and Multiplication & Division   |
| Mac     | Awesome responses in all Maths units / Excellent work following instructions to complete activities in: 'Rules of Summer'  |
| Matari  | A wonderful overall improvement  |
| Darcy   | For his published and illustrated story about a springbok and a cheetah / Excellent Story Writing using Sight Words / Brilliant re-reading to make sure his story makes sense. |
| Gabriel | For his award-winning poem 'Mr Pip's Part Hats' / The successful completion of English Unit: 'Ollie and the Wind' / For his use of Excellent Reading strategies                |
| Rafael  | For the completion of English Unit: 'Just a Dog' / For his Write On competition entry / For Stepping up to the next level to perform in a Metro Gymnastics Comp / Brilliant    |

work in Addition and Subtraction strategies

- Tori Sensational activities in Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot / A phenomenal improvement in story writing
- Monty Excellent interviews in 'Don't Let the Pigeon drive the Bus' / For listening carefully and responding well in Google Classroom activities
- Sienna Awesome work in Ollie and the Wind / Sensational improvement in story writing
- Katie A fine effort in her work
- Wally Great effort in Maths



### Bourke Students (T2)

- Willem Excellent problem-solving skills
- Oliver Impressive use of scientific vocabulary
- Maisie Wonderful 3D Hand Artwork / Fantastic story writing in Maudie and Bear
- Nick Outstanding writing and illustration of a children's book
- Oliver Excellent Effort in "It's a Dog" unit
- Charlotte Outstanding Term 2
- Alex Awesome Zendoodle Artwork
- Olivia Excellent work and progress in Term 2

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to **Jandre** who celebrates his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and also to **Charlotte** who will be 12 on August the 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope you both have a great day.



### SPORT REPORTS

#### 6 Ways Athletics

The 6 Ways Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Burren Junction Public School. They did a tremendous job organising this busy and fun filled day and we thank them, as well as all the parents and volunteers, who helped make the Carnival such a success.

Congratulations to the four students who attended from the Walgett Centre - Tori, Sienna, Jandre and Darcy who didn't stop running, jumping and throwing all day!!

They each did very well and displayed tremendous sportsmanship and enthusiasm for all the events on the day.



Special congratulations to Jandre who was the Juvenile Champion.



Darcy on the right with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon





Sienna, Jandre, Tori and Darcy with Mrs Colwell

### Small schools Athletics Carnival Bourke

The 8<sup>th</sup> of August saw the running of the Small Schools Athletics Carnival in Bourke. This was a great day too and congratulations to all the students from the Bourke Centre who attended.



Willem, Nic, Oliver, Vanessa, Charlotte and Maisie



Charlotte



Willem



Maisie



R/U Champion Oliver

### FAMILIES ON THE MOVE

One of our families has had a great start to Term 3 on location with their stuntman dad, in Adelaide.

They have been making the most of what that beautiful city has to offer.



Senior and R/U Champion at the Carnival Vanessa and Charlotte







Some art, some science and some adventure for Rafa and Gabe in Adelaide.

