



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the half way point of Term 2!! A huge congratulations to all the students for their amazing show displays this year, they looked brilliant!! A big thankyou to all the staff for putting these together and setting them up at the respective shows, thanks for your support and assistance. I hope the Bourke P&C had a successful drinks stall, I know the work you put into running this is massive, especially when we only have such a small group of families. I am sure the community appreciates your efforts and I know the children at the Bourke Centre will benefit from your hard work.

We hope all the Mum's out there had a wonderful Mother's Day and they were able to take a minute to put their feet up and relax on this special day! We are counting down the days to Mini-School and can hardly wait to have all our students together! Lots of activities have been planned, we even have a day trip to Lightning Ridge which will be exciting, fun and even educational!! Only 6 more sleeps! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon – until then Happy Schooling!

Kind Regards
Wendy Hay
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

17th – 21st May – NAPLAN
18th – 21st May – Mini-School @ Walgett
4th June – Integration Day @ Walgett
10th June – Nth West Region X-Country @ Coolah
11th June – Satellite ends
14th June – Queens Birthday Holiday
18th June – Bourke Integration Day
25th June – Spelling Bee and Write On entries close + Last Day Term 2



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

WriteOn 2021

WriteOn is an annual writing competition open to all NSW Primary students. The students compose an imagination text of up to 500 words using a stimulus picture. Pieces may include letters / poems / scripts / interviews / journal entries or narratives.

The competition is now OPEN.

For more information about entry and assessment criteria, please contact your Centre or the website:

educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/writeon

Entries close June 25th.

IT Help Desk

Their work load and service area is vast so there could still be some significant delays.

IT Help Desk - 1800 338 737 or their new landline number is 58526215

Boarding Schools Expo

For those families considering boarding school for their children, attending one of the Boarding School Expos held yearly throughout the state, are a good way to gather information about specific schools and to directly meet staff associated with the school.

The dates for 2021 are as follows with more information regarding which schools participating, and venues, to follow.

Dubbo 14th & 15th May / Griffith
3rd June / Wagga Wagga 4th & 5th June /
Narrabri 23rd & 24th July

CWA Public Speaking Competition in Bourke

The CWA Public Speaking Competition will take place in Bourke on 25th of May.

Students in Yrs 3-6 are eligible to take part in this competition.

Please contact the Bourke Centre if you would like further information regarding this competition.

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

Sharing Interests with your children

Magic happens when parents share their interests with their children. Sharing a part of who they are, not the work persona, the parent persona or the friend persona, but rather something that is close to the essence of who they are, is a powerful thing.

This is an article about how one dad shared a childhood love with his daughters, and in doing so found a wonderful way to build their confidence and resilience.

'The family was a little shocked when dad Chris, bought his six and four-year-old daughters a motorbike. "You got them a what?" was the standard reply.

It turns out that getting his daughters a motorbike was a stroke of pure fathering genius, although Chris didn't know it at the time.

Chris bought the motorbike for his daughters because he had fond memories of riding on his family's farm when he was young. He wanted his kids to enjoy the same experience.

Close family members questioned Chris about introducing a motorbike to kids at such a young age, but he let it pass. He even received a comment or two about the suitability of such a pursuit for girls. "You and your brothers loved motorbikes, but that doesn't mean that your daughters will," was the attitude of some people. Undeterred, Chris spent many weekends riding in a nearby property teaching his girls the finer points of motorbike riding. He began by riding with each daughter using trainer wheels, slowly progressing to two wheeled riding as they grew more confident.

**The parenting genius in three parts:
Helping them to face their fears**

Firstly, after acknowledging his daughters' fears, Chris encouraged them to face them, but in their own time. The girls set the developmental pace, so they felt they had full control over their experiences. He showed himself to be astute listener ready to work with his daughters. This is respectful relationships in action.

Lessons of self-worth

Secondly, through the experience Chris showed his daughters that what they do with their bodies is far more important than how they look. His daughters are young, and their attitudes may change when they become tweens or teens, but the lessons of self-worth they absorb during this stage of childhood are lasting. The fact that these messages come while sharing activities organised by their father adds to their potency.

Communicating and forming strong bonds

Thirdly, he's using activity to communicate with and form strong bonds with his girls. Fathers generally express themselves best with their children when they are fully absorbed in an activity. Parenting author Steve Biddulph says 'activity is the language of fathering'. Men are usually at their parenting best when they're involved in games, having fun or being active with their kids. It is through activity that many dads teach kids lessons such as fairness, playing by the rules, trying their best and, of course, sharing stories from their own childhood.

Another side to this parenting genius is that Chris shared something of himself with his daughters when he bought that motorbike. Each time he rides with them he is sharing a part of who he is with his daughters – Not the work persona, the parent persona or the friend persona – but something that is close to the essence of who he is, which was forged during the joyous times of childhood.

(Article adapted from a paper by 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

Our Libraries are brimming with books just waiting for those keen readers out there to take them home and enjoy the many adventures within their covers. New books are

being added to the libraries all the time. If you come across a book or a series that we don't have and you think it would be suitable for our libraries please let me know as we are only too happy to purchase books suggested. With the colder weather approaching it is a great time to snuggle up with a book and let your mind explore the adventure within. I recently purchased the latest books in a series we have in our Walgett Centre Library for one of our students. I was delighted to hear him say "Great, that is so good". Love it when I can make a young reader's wish come true!!!! Enjoy your adventures when reading a book. From

Mrs Robinson

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MERIT AWARDS

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Holly - Huge improvement in writing and willingness to engage in these tasks

Maisie - For consistently applying herself and striving for improvement



Walgett Students

Kate Blitzed her sound assessment

Lilli For her strong understanding of area / Super imaginative story-writing ideas / Awesome acrostic poem for the 'Praying Mantis'

Darcy Super story writing skills / Fantastic fluency read / For having neater handwriting than

Mrs smith / Excellent independent work habits / His exceptional letter to Mr Pigeon

Rafael Outstanding effort completing Natural disaster Unit / Excellent persuasive writing task / Blitzing fractions and decimals

Oscar (T1)For staying on top of his tasks while on the road

Scarlett Great discussion on patterns

Gabe Spectacular start to Term 2 / Outstanding all round efforts in the Geography unit 'The Australian Continent' / for his solid understanding of water, farm and road safety / For making Mrs Smith tired just looking at how much physical activity in logged each week

Jandre Marvellous work with money and huge improvements with time / For the cool crazy creatures he created / Amazing research and understanding of the Great Barrier Reef

Harriet (T1) Wonderful work on Food and Fibre / A brilliant story 'Wild Imagination'

Hudson (T1) For a solid effort completing set tasks while travelling

Scarlett Great discussion on patterns

Hilda Impressive work in Geography / Working hard in story writing

Holly Beautiful listening and always trying her best



Bourke Students

- Nick** For creating an outstanding picture book during his unit Scary Night / Excellent work in spelling
- Thorin** For working hard to improve his letter writing skills
- Callie** For writing a fantastic poem about echidnas
- Aiden** For working hard in his times tables
- KC** For outstanding work in Ollie and The Wind Unit
- Matthew** Excellent effort in writing / Great poem about goannas in the Raining Cats and Dogs Unit
- Maisie** Excellent work in grammar / Fantastic work on fractions / for an OUTSTANDING persuasive writing piece on Egg Farming / for working hard in his Times Tables

SPORT

Barwon District Cross country



April 30th saw the running of the Barwon District Cross Country qualifying event at Goodooga. Jandre was the only BWSODE representative from the Walgett Centre and he did us proud. He placed second in his category (Boys 8&9 years) running a

2 kilometer course.

A fantastic effort and this qualified him into the NW Regional Cross County Carnival in Coolah on June 10th. Congratulations Jandre.



Jandre

INTEGRATION DAYS

Walgett Centre

Walgett Centre held their first Integration Day for Term 2 on Friday May 7th. Thank you to the families and students able to attend. The day included Mother's Day craft and gift making, cooking and also attending a didgeridoo music performance in the main street, by talented indigenous performers.





LOCAL DISTRICT SHOWS

Bourke

After the absence of a year due to COVID Restrictions, the Bourke Show was back on the agenda in 2021 and was held on May the 1st with great success.

The students from the Bourke Centre had some marvelous individual and group work on display and we thank you, the families and the teachers for your amazing efforts.





Caroline - 1st Kindy Poetry



Lillie - 1st Year 1 Poetry & 3rd Creative Writing



Darcy - 1st Year 1 Creative Writing & 3rd Poetry

Walgett

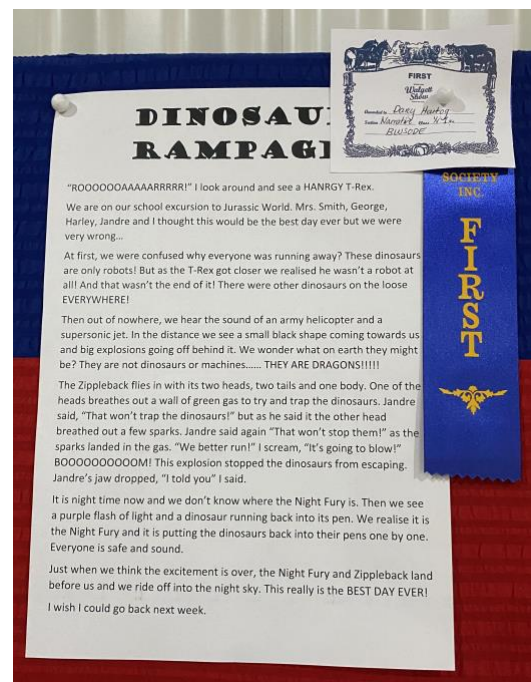
The Walgett Show was held on May 8th and 9th. After the cancellation of most country shows in 2020 due to COVID Restrictions, it was fantastic to see it back on the calendar and to be such a success.

The contribution and hard work of so many people working together, make the continuation and success of these long standing traditional community events so important, and the 2021 Show did not disappoint.

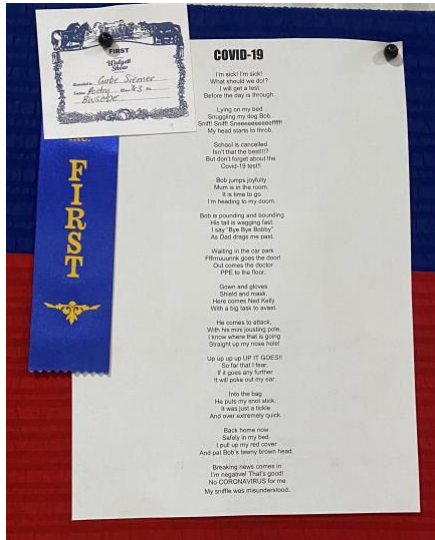
The BWSODE community recognises and thanks the efforts of so many, to bring this event to the district.

Thank you to the wonderful efforts of our own students, their parents and the teaching staff for the amazing work that was submitted and on display in the newly renovated Leonard Pavilion.

Below are some examples of their work.



Gabe - 1st Year 3 Poetry & 1st Creative Writing



Food and Fibre School display



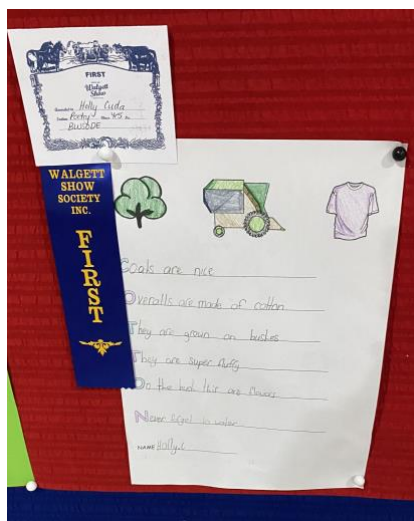
- 2nd Place - Overall Display
- 1st Place - Most inclusion of KLAS
- 2nd Place - Best use of mixed media
- 3rd Place - Best themed display

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Kate** who celebrated her birthday in the holidays on April 15th. Hope you had a great day Kate. Birthday greetings to **KC** who celebrated his birthday on May 1st and to **Jace** who's birthday was on May 22nd. Happy birthday to each of you and hope you had a great day



Holly - 1st Year 5 Poetry



- Jandre - 2nd Year 3 Creative Writing
- Hilda - 2nd Kindy Poetry
- Kate - 3rd Kindy Poetry