BWSODE Public School **Bourke - Walgett School of Distance Education NEWSLETTER**



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations everyone, you have completed another Term! I know we say it at the end of most terms but really where has this term gone! Unfortunately, the weather has played havoc with our Home Visit program, but

we will endeavour to try and fit some in early in Term 4. Term 4 will be another busy time. Stage 3 students will be travelling to Canberra in Week 3 with Mrs. Fanning and Mr. Clark. The itinerary looks amazing and I am sure all participating students will have a wonderful time. It will be interesting to see if the mint has the template for our new coins to show! During Week 5, we will be travelling to Coonabarabran for a Whole School mid-term workshop. Mr. Leedham is very excited to be able to catch up with the students and has been a huge help suggesting activities for the students. There will be canoeing, star gazing, pottery workshop, sandstone caves, sculptures in the scrub, Environmental Education Centre visit and more!! A

busy week indeed!

Highlights from this term include: Whole school excursion to the snow Spelling Bee Regional Finals – Well done Maisie

WriteOn Gold Award winner - Gabe Western Region Athletics - Maisie Moorambillia Voices camps and concert – Alex

Extra Curricula activities - Tennis -Dean and State Gymnastics - Rafa and Gabe

Professional Learning for the new K-2 Curriculum - all staff

From all the staff at BWSODE we hope you all have a safe, relaxing and fun filled break - see you all in Term 4!! Kind Regards Wendy Hay | Príncípal



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died on Thursday 8th Sept, aged 96. 70 years of service to the crown and 16 Australian Prime Ministers during her reign! Nine tenths of the world's people have known no other Queen. She was the longest reigning British monarch in

history.

Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022



DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd Sept – Nation Day of Morning to mark the Queens Death – Public Holiday 23rd Sept – Last day of Term 3 10th Oct – First Day back for Term 4 17th Oct – Satellite Lessons commence

24-28th Oct – Stage 3 Canberra Excursion 1st Nov – Melbourne Cup Whole School Assembly 7th Nov – Warrumbungles Excursion

STUDENT NEWS Gymnastícs



Gabe & Rafa preparing to compete at the QLD State Championships Gymnastics



Gabe

Gabe competed in the QLD State Gymnastic Championships on 17th Sept in Level 3 U10 years.

He achieved Personal Best scores in Floor (where he placed 3rd), Rings, Vault (placing 9th), Parallel Bars and High Bar (placing 8th). An amazing achievement in a highly competitive competition and we congratulate Gabe on this fantastic success.



Rafa

Rafa also competed in the QLD Championships in Level 5 Open Division. He placed 6th overall and won an 'All Round Pennant' for Achievement.





Rafa (above) completing his Floor routine and earning a Silver Medal, and below on the Rings (12th)







He also completed the Pommel (7th), Vault and High Bar.

Rafa competed in the Gold Coast Teams event on Sept 19th and both boys compete in the National Club Championships in 2 weeks.

A phenomenal achievement considering their isolation on the family farm in Walgett and limited training facilities and opportunities over the last 2 years with covid restrictions.

Congratulations to you both.

Tennís



Dejan

Aspiring tennis player Dejan continues to be successful and was Runner Up at the Junior Tennis Championships in Coffs Harbour in late August He has been invited to play in the Blue Wall Camp where the top two players in their age group, from each region in NSW come to train and compete against each other. Good Luck Dejan.





Moormbílla



Alex at the back on the left



The Moormbilla Music Festival was held in Dubbo on Friday and Saturday 16th & 17th Sept. BWSDE Student Alex was selected to participate and performed in the Choir.

CENTRE NEWS



Photo Album Available Term 4

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Tennís

The October Tennis Tournament has been running in Walgett since 1947. It is a great day of tennis and competition with prizes to be won for Winning Team, Beat Dressed Team and A, B, C & D Grade Line winners. Nominations to Nicole Touhey 0499998242



Also on Tennis in Walgett, there will be an ICPA coaching clinic and tournament for U12s on Friday Sept 29th at the Walgett Sporting club. Please contact Nicole Touhey 0499998242 for registrations IT Help Desk

IT Help Desk - 1800 338 737 or their new landline number is 58526230

(Please note this is a new number 18/05/2022)

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 Appreciation - A Parenting Skill

Do you have a child who craves attention? Does their attention-seeking at times deflate and overwhelm you? If so, you are not alone. Attentionseeking is perhaps the most common misbehaviour in families.

"Look at me, Mum" and its many variations become like a nervous tic driving parents to distraction. It's good to give kids your undivided attention but there are limits to how much attention you can give. Unfortunately, attention-seeking becomes a pattern of behaviour that's hard to break.

Attention or appreciation? There's no contest. Appreciation is the genuine deal when it comes to helping kids feel good about themselves.

Why appreciation works

Appreciation is highly motivating. Even adolescents and adults, will generally respond to appreciative comments, although their faces won't always not show it. Appreciation has an old-brain connection. The job of our old brain or survival brain, is to keep us safe. Our safety can only be guaranteed if we are a part of a group, so parent appreciation helps kids feel secure, preventing them from resorting to negative attentionseeking behaviour to feel part of the group.

Appreciation is approval on steroids

Approval says I like what you do. Appreciation means much more. It shows how behaviour impacts on another person on an emotional level, which has a stronger impact. Showing appreciation is a wonderful way to shape a child's behaviour in positive ways. "Thanks so much for cleaning your toys away without asking. It makes my life so much easier." This type of comment will usually generate a dopamine (feel-good chemical) response from a child, which means they are likely to repeat the behaviour to replicate the feeling.

How appreciation works

There are four rules to be mindful of, when you show appreciation:

1. It must have meaning

Appreciation must be real and related to a specific behaviour for it to be effective.

2. It should let child know the emotional impact of their behaviour

Either with words ("It makes me feel happy") or through non-verbals (a smile, a hug or high-five) your child should see that their behaviour has had a positive impact on you.

3. It should be genuine

You can't fake sincerity with a child or young person as they are generally adept mood detectives.

4. It's best if it has small differences

Showing appreciation is not a one-size fits all behaviour. Appreciation should be shown in a way that matches the situation and suits your child. Consider writing a note to show appreciation for something special. Boys often prefer private encouragement rather than public acknowledgement so consider when and where you shower them with encouragement.

Positive side effects

There are plenty of positive side effects to showing appreciation for a behaviour. An appreciative parent comment helps create a healthy, happy family atmosphere. Appreciation can change the mood of the giver and receiver and it's a behaviour that if adopted by children can be experienced by the next generation. That makes parent appreciation a behaviour for the ages.

(Article adapted from a paper written by 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 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



2022 CBA Highly Recommended and Winning Books on display in the Walgett

Centre Library on Integration Day on August 26th.

To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads.

I read this recently and could see how people would think that we don't need Libraries now as there certainly is a lot of information on the web. It reminded me that so often now when seeking an answer we say "Google it". However Libraries are so much more than books now days – They are places to seek knowledge from all forms, meet, learn, socialise and more.

Our school Libraries provide our students with books – YES but also teach them the pleasures of picking up a book and reading, enjoying, sharing, dreaming and much more.

YES, the physical Libraries and road maps are just as relevant now as in the past.

Mrs Robínson Loretta.robínson@det.nsw.edu.au

MERIT AWARDS

Principal's Awards

William – For huge improvements in reading and recognising sight words

Aiden - For consistent and persistent efforts and steady progress in his work





Walgett Students

Darcy

- A fantastic History Unit -"The Past in the Present'
- Great use of expression and responses to comprehension questions in reading
- Fantastic predicting and questioning when reading and viewing texts
- An excellent Book Review on Ahn Do's 'Sky Dragon'
- Creating wonderful posters for the Science Unit 'Senses'
- An impressive understanding and explanation of an author's use of text features to tell a story
- Creating an excellently written and illustrated Picture Book "A Diary of a Book Character'

Monty

For excellent efforts in his History Unit -'Migration to the

Australian Colonies'

- Outstanding work conducting scientific investigations on Forces
- Awesome work in Grammar
- Brilliant work interpreting Data and Graphs
- Outstanding effort completing the 'How to Bee' Unit
- Trying very hard in Maths
- Super work in Literacy
- Wonderful story writing
- Terrific fraction and decimal work
- Super effort and improvement in handwriting
- Hard work in readina
- Great work with sounds
- Wonderful improvement with handwriting
- Fantastic descriptions of 3D objects
- Excellent work counting to over 100

Bradley

Chris

Zoe

Maddy

- Great work identifying his 'tricky words'
- Fantastic work conduction a scientific experiment
- Fantastic inquiry and critical thinking skills in the unit 'Migration of the Australian Colonies'
- Showing enthusiasm and responsibility at Moorambilla Boys Camp
- Excellent work in Visual Literacy
- Fantastic listening and performing of music demonstrating strong understanding of rhythm and pitch
- Terrific thinking and application of comprehension strategies
- Excellent work exploring forces
- Outstanding work completing the 'How to Bee' Unit
- Brilliant work using Scarlett high modality words
- Fantastic imagination and

illustrations composing his comic strip: 'Pea Green and the Shop thief'

• Wonderful improvement in letter-sound correspondence

Spencer

Oliver

Gabe

- Amazing work completing the Science Unit -'Senses'
- Improved confidence when reading aloud
- Excellent participation and enthusiasm during Google Meet lessons
- Wonderful improvement in reading
- Great application of pronoun questioning referencing to link information across texts in comprehension
- For his unwavering dedication and hard work to his learning
- Fantastic work learning her tricky words
- Always giving 100% and playing

Alex

Danilo

Dejan

music in great rhythm

- Amazing work completing the Science Unit 'Senses'
- Settling in well to Distance Education learning and completing all set tasks with enthusiasm
 - Fantastic improvement in reading
 - Excellent work completing his grammar lessons on 'Describing Words and Print, Screen-Books'

Hilda

Rachel

- Reading beautifully using expression
- Fantastic work in Attitudinal Grammar
- Fantastic listening in music to create and write interesting rhymes
- Huge improvement in reading and recognising Sight Words
- Wonderful Story Book returns
- Brilliant work conducting Scientific

Investigations on 'Push and Pull Forces' and discovering how 'Light and Sounds' are produced

- Excellent work completing his Writing Unit 'Banjo and Ruby Red'
- Excellent work completing his Information Report on 'Horses'
- Awesome work in Maths
- Neatly presented work
- Amazing effort in her History Unit
- Entertaining story 'Office Boys Space Adventures'
- Wonderful story -'Direction to the Lolly Shop'
- Enthusiasm and wonderful responses in music
- Excellent research and presentation – Senses Unit
- Great work with Number Lines
- Excellent work answering comprehension questions
- Blitzing Times Tables

William

Isla

Rafa	 Terrific sight reading and note recognition in music Great efforts in 		Eastern Barred Bandicoot • For a 5 Star effort in Typing Club
Tallis	vocabulary building • Excellent work in 7 Times Tables • Fantastic work completing Adverbs Worksheet	Matthew	 A FANTASTIC Information Report on Goats Outstanding work in Mathematics An exceptional work return
Elena	 Fantastic handwriting and completion of 	Annabella	 For an OUTSTANDING effort in Term3
	InitiaLit worksheets	Кс	 For working hard in InitiaLit Spectacular effort in persuasive
Ва	nurke Students		letter writingPersistence and
Dominic	 Trying very hard and making good progress in writing Terrific questioning to 		perseverance in all Key Learning Ares • For an excellent presentation on the Apostle Bird
	 delve deeper into the texts in comprehension Putting his best foot forward and making great efforts and 	Nick	 Spelling some tricky vegetable words correctly in his comprehension Excellent efforts in Spelling Mastery Great efforts in
	headway with Typing Club Activities		all aspects of his 'Big Red Kangaroo Unit'
Callie	 For excellent work with lines and angles 		 Writing an especially wonderful poem
	 For a fantastic poster on the 		called 'Go Goanna'

Lachlan	 Improved efforts with writing tasks 		 Excellent work in Typing Lessons
	 Fabulous listening and performing in music Great efforts with 	Declan	 Well thought out and justified responses in History
	neatness in writing		 Excellent work in
	• Spelling Award -		Mathematics
	Great work getting all of his spelling words correct all Term		 Outstanding knowledge and recall of his Times Tables
Ben	 Excellent work in Mathematics 		 For improvements in application to
	 For working hard 		his literacy work
	to learn about where he comes from in history	Aiden	 Great work in maths and excellent reading
Maisie	 Great breakdown 		 Great work in
	of key vocabulary and detail in determining the		linking information using pronoun references in
	main idea in a text		comprehension
	Maintaining		• For consistent and
	excellent standards of accuracy and		persistent efforts and steady progress in his
	neatness in all of		work
	her school tasks		 Trying very hard
	 Exemplary 		with his work
	standards of work in her 'My Marvellous		 Making special efforts with neatness
	Mai venous Medicine Unit'		 Showing great
	 Spectacular Sportsmanship 		improvements in his Mathematics tasks
Thorin	 An excellent start to InitiaLit 1 Outstanding work in fractions 	Dominique	 Trying very hard and making good progress with writing

- Great work with multiplication sums
- Great standards if neatness and accuracy in her Spelling Mastery and Learning Literacy tasks
- Fabulous listening and performing in music

Lachlan

Matthew

- Improved efforts with writing tasks
- Great efforts with neatness in writing
- Working hard in Whole Number
 - Excellent work in InitilaLit
 - Outstanding work in the Science Unit
 - 'Moving Objects'



INTEGRATION DAYS



Mr Wolf (Darcy) from Bad Guys

And below The Cat in the Hat (Ms McAndrew





Alice in Wonderland (Maddy) and The Mad Hatter (Zoe)



Above making Green Eggs and Ham biscuits !!

SPORT

The Bourke District Athletics Carnival was held in Bourke on Tuesday August 16th.

Congratulations to all the students who competed. It was a great day and with lots of winners, fun and sportsmanship on display.



Nick, Kc., Maisie, Declan, Dominique, Thorin and Aiden





Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (Hilda)



Declan with a 3rd place & Maisie (right) with her ribbons and Champion Trophy







Dominique in 2nd place

Maisie's results qualified her into the Western Regional Athletics Carnival in Dubbo on Sept 16th. Congratulations Maise for you r great effort in the 10yrs 100m sprint and the Junior Long Jump



Above Maisie in the 100m and the Long Jump





Maisie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Aiden who celebrated his birthday on Sept 17th. We hope you had a great day. Gabe on the 11th of Oct and Nick on the 16th of Oct have their birthday early next term. We wish both a Happy Birthday with lots of celebrations.

