



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WOW!! What a whirlwind this Term has been – I'm still waiting to find the peace of Term 3!

It was wonderful to catch up with some of our students last week at the Centre based Mini Schools.

By all accounts both Centres had a fantastic Mini-School, with excellent attendance and a whole lot of fun. I really enjoyed listening to the Bourke videos and I hope the green screen was a hit!

Since the last newsletter there have been some changes at the Walgett site. After a fire devastated the Walgett Community College Pre-School, the Distance Education resource building will be used for the temporary pre-school.

Walgett Centre has been allocated two demountables, that are located in the vacant playground area to east of the school.

This will be operational in Term 4.

I am also very pleased to announce that our overall school numbers have increased during Term 3 and we have enough enrolments for an additional teaching allocation.

Our whole school number now stands at 55. I have been in contact with staffing and am very pleased to announce that Ms Michelle McAndrew has been appointed as permanent to this position. This wonderful news allows for continuity of staff and planning moving forward into 2024.

Another great news story is the amazing results Gabe achieved in the Queensland State Gymnastics Carnival held last weekend. Gabe received a Gold Medal for vault. He also placed

highly in the other disciplines – Results and photos will be included in the next newsletter.

Term 4 is set to be lots of fun and I cannot wait to see what Mrs Whitworth and The Outback Theatre have in store for our end of year Presentation Day.

Last year was so good, I am sure they will have to work hard to beat the high standard the students set last year!

Christmas packs are being developed at present for the end of year. If you do not require this for your family, please contact your Centre and let them know. I hope all families and students have a magnificent break and enjoy the spring weather, no matter how fleeting it will be, stay safe and rest up, Term 4 should be a blast, but manic as always!!

Happy Holiday to all,

Kind Regards

Wendy Hay

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

9 October - Term 4 commences for students and staff.

4-6 December - Bourke Mini-School & Presentation Day

6-8 December - Walgett Mini-School and Presentation Day

15- December - Term 4 concludes for Students

18 December - Term 4 concludes for Staff.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

— Your Health Link —
National Photographic Competition
HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

**FREE
TO
ENTER**

Mid North Coast
Local Health District

www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

Primary and high school students are encouraged to grab their trusty camera or mobile phones/tablets to capture images that promote 'Healthy Life - Healthy You' for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes that support healthy canteen programs.

**Competition closes
8 October 2023**

Competition Partners



**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>

Walgett Swimming Pool



Walgett Shire Council

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Walgett Shire Council wishes to advise residents at its meeting held on 22nd August 2023 that the motion to decommission the Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool on the 5th of July 2023 meeting has been rescinded.

Walgett Pool will be open this summer

STUDENT NEWS Book Week



Archer – The Man for Snowy River!!



Tempe -

PARENTING IDEAS

11 Reasons You're Doing Better as a Parent Than You Think

Parent guilt seems to be at an all-time high. Social media, tabloid 'gotcha' moments, and endless blog articles outlining our mistakes can make parents feel dispirited, unmotivated, and feeling like failures.

Here are 10 reasons you're probably doing a better job as a parent than you think:

1. You listen when your child wants your attention

This may be the most important thing we can do to be good parents. Our willingness to acknowledge our children, hear them, and show them that they are worthy of our attention is central to their development of resilience.

2. You show that you care

We show we care by hugging our children, telling them they matter to us, paying attention to their stories, and being there for them.

3. You set limits

While most of us can improve the way we set limits, most parents are making a significant effort to set boundaries for their children. While too many rules leads to too many problems, research tells us that our children thrive and feel safe when they know what is ok to do, and what is not ok.

4. You show an interest in their friends

Our children feel validated when they see us taking an interest in their relationships. If you can name your children's besties (and maybe even their parents), you're probably doing ok.

5. You show an interest in their schooling

Children do better at school when parents are invested in their academic success (so long as we don't over-play it and get too controlling). This is especially the case in high school.

6. You give them whatever extra-curricular activities you can afford

Do children need extra-curricular activities to thrive? No they don't. However, most parents recognise that sport, music, art, drama, science, church, or any other extra-curricular activity their children can participate in has the potential to enrich their lives, improve their academic performance, give them opportunities for growth, and expand their social circles. Most are stretching themselves to give their children those chances – because they love their children, and because they're doing the best they can for them.

7. You console your child when they are upset

While there are some parents who get mad or brush their children off when they're upset, most parents are eager to embrace their children and show compassion and understanding when they are emotional, struggling, or stressed.

8. You read to them

The positive outcomes related to this one single activity are numerous. Most parents relish the chance to read with their children (especially their younger children) as regularly as they're able.

9. You spend extra time with them, just because you want to

It might be after school, or just before bed as you lay with heads together on the pillow. Perhaps it's Sunday morning on a bike ride or stroll through the park. You like being with your children and you find extra time to be together because you love them.

10. You say sorry

When you get it wrong, you do what you can to preserve and strengthen the relationship.

11. You tell them you love them regularly, and they can feel it

If your children feel your love and know it is sincere and unconditional they are experiencing one of the most vital protective factors for a resilient life that you can offer.

We all know that when it comes to parenting we can all do better, whether it's reducing our personal digital pre-occupation, speaking more kindly and calmly, or being less punitive. But if you can say 'Yep, I do that' to most of the things on this list, and if your children would agree with you, then chances are you're probably doing a better job than you think.

(This article is adapted from a publication by Michael Grose)



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He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his

latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.*

MERIT AWARDS

Principal's Awards

Aiden - For his consistence conscientious and studious approach to all of his schooling throughout the year

Thorin - For exceptional efforts and making significant progress in Literacy

Maisie - For consistently outstanding standards across all aspects of her school work

Scarlet - For her consistent dedication ad making huge improvements in all areas of work




Walgett Students

Monty

- Brilliant work in Science
- Super, through independent work returns
- Spectacular sketching work in Art
- Master of Mathematics
- For his active engagement in Growth and Development PDHPE lessons
- Spectacular sketching work in Art
- Master of Mathematics

Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For his active engagement in Growth and Development Lessons • Excellent work reading and interpreting graphs • Phenomenal work in her Information Report on Butterflies 	Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent comprehension skills • Overall excellent work returns • Excellent work with Pronouns • Outstanding knowledge of using Adjectives • Sensational Comprehensive skills
Tallis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying hard and producing some fantastic writing • Outstanding Spelling Mastery Units • Improvement in understanding time concepts 	Archer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A HUGE improvement in reading • A fantastic effort completing the Physical World Science Unit • Completing all set tasks with care and continued application throughout Term 3 • Amazing work with 3D objects
Scarlett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensational work in 'Insects' • Brilliant work in 'Tricky Word' activities 		
Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrific Science returns • Excellent patterns and algebra work • Working hard to improve all his letter formations • Working very hard in InitilLit • Excellent work in PDHPE and History 	Zoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For fantastic retelling of the story Goldilocks with outstanding attention to detail • Fantastic English Concepts work • Super effort with handwriting • Working hard with InitilLit
Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great start to DE 	Hamish	
		Annabele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Physical Activity Log

Isla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic English Skill activities • Excellent knowledge of 2D shapes • Good work on the English Unit 'Windy Farm' • Outstanding work in Spelling • Fantastic improvement in reading • Great work with 3 Digit numbers 	Oliver	<p>Comprehension tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wonderful improvement in fluency and expression when reading texts • Brilliant work with bossy 'e' • Wonderful persuasive writing submissions
Phoebe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For an amazing effort completing her first set of DE work • Fantastic application to her learning Program • Incredible sketches of a killer whale, a dog and a clown fish 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For is extensive use of the MultiLit eLibrary to practice his reading • For his UNREAL Safety Poster in Science • Dedication and persistence to improve his handwriting • Unreal efforts in his Maths Assessments
Maddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic results in her Literacy Assessments • For continued dedication and commitment to all areas of her learning • For exceptional handwriting 	Gabe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCEPTIONAL research and presentation in History unit • For his consistent effort to improve results
Hugh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a solid effort in Spelling • For Excellent work reading for meaning in 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ureal engagement and completion of the PDHPE Growth and Development Unit

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional work with exciting endings • Proficient mathematical capabilities • For working accurately when converting decimals to fractions to the thousandths place • Exceptional completion of the English Unit 'Rules of Summer' 	<p>Miles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a great LEGO Model of her School Room • Terrific Tricky Word triumphs • Cool comprehension completion • Nailing Number Lines • Outstanding Maths • Sensational work in Spelling • Excellent comprehension skills
Bradley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent letter formation in Handwriting • Outstanding effort in Maths • Excellent sight word work 	<p>Rachel</p>	
Tempe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing work completing the unit 'Big Red Roo' • Fantastic results in Maths Units • Amazing work finding the main idea in texts • A wonderful effort completing the Physical World Science Unit • Incredible effort and dedication to her learning throughout Term 3 	<p>Hamish / Cooper / Zoe / Maddy / Isla / Hugh / Miles / Hilda / Darcy / Tempe / Archer / Oli / Phoebe / Major</p> <p>All Received a Mini School Award</p>	
		<p> Thorin</p>	<p><i>Bourke Students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For successful completion of the InitilLit 1 Program • For fantastic work in Mathematics • For an excellent book review on Jeremy • Working well in Spelling and Comprehension • For fantastic Poetry work • Working hard to understand
		<p>Billy</p>	

	grouping and sharing	Lachlan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing a great job on completing an error free descriptive writing task on 'A Cat' • Writing an interesting Exposition arguing that Starlink is the best internet • Making great efforts with neatness and following through in his English and Writing tasks • Generating an amazing 'Flappy Bird' game on our school's Coding App.
Annabella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For successful completion of the Phonemic Awareness Program • Fantastic work with 2D Shapes • For a beautiful butterfly model • For an outstanding Colour Wheel artwork • Always working hard in InitilLit 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great work getting consistently excellent results in his Book D Spelling tests
Aiden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing a great retell from the point of view of a German sailor in his History lesson • Working hard to complete his Mechanica Unit and submitting quality work at a high standard • A clean sweep of 100% Spelling Test results for Term 3 - 200/200 	Nick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great descriptive writing task on 'A Kraken' • Two terrific book reviews on 'The Dream of the Thylacine' and 'The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Dangerous Animals' • An excellent completion of his 'My Marvelous Medicine' Unit
Declan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a well-structured Information Report on Spiders • For excellent use of full sentence responses in Literacy • Working hard to understand Changes of State 		

Kc

- For a fantastic Information Report on Mouse Spiders
- For excellent work in Place Value
- For consistently fabulous Spelling Test results
- For exceptional reading of the 'Spiders'

Matthew

- For an outstanding Information Report on Ants
- For a fantastically creative rt sculpture
- An excellent Power Point Presentation on how to save and protect our water supply
- Fantastic work across all Key Learning areas in Term 3

Maisie

- For going above and beyond and setting amazingly high standards in both her Writing and History Units
- Achieving a clean sweep of 100% Spelling Test results through the first 6 weeks of Term 3
- Writing a brilliant exposition on

'Money Can't Buy you Happiness'

- Excellent work in completing her Science Unit to a very high standard
- Flawlessly completing a marathon 20 sentence task in her Week 8 Spelling - Terrific work
- A brilliant informative Power Point Presentation on Tasmania
- A whole Term of 100% Spelling Test results - 160/160
- Writing an interesting Information Report on Stock Horses
- Doing a great descriptive writing task on 'The Boy Who Lives in a Gumtree' and paying attention and focus on achieving a very low error count
- Doing a great job on her Mechanica Unit
- A great narrative writing task on 'A Beach Trip' and taking extra care to keep a very low error count

Dominique

- Doing a great descriptive writing task on 'The Boy Who Lives in a Gumtree' and paying attention and focus on achieving a very low error count
- Doing a great job on her Mechanica Unit
- A great narrative writing task on 'A Beach Trip' and taking extra care to keep a very low error count

Caprhys

- Working hard on her written expression skills through Term 3
- Working steadily and consistently through her Term 3 work
- Great work in her Science Unit
- Creating an excellent poster in her 'Hoe to Bee' Unit

Dominic

- Good work and an excellent hand drawn illustration of Captain Cook in his History Unit
- Great improvements in his Spelling Test results

Callie

- Terrific work in his Science Unit
- For excellent work on inferencing
- For a superb seashell collecting basket
- For outstanding use of positional language
- For outstanding editing of her draft report
- For an excellent Information Report on the Red Kangaroo

- For an engaging and entertaining weather report
- Working hard in maths
- Outstanding design work on her mask and Band Aid in Science

INTEGRATION DAY

Bourke Centre

A fantastic Integration Day was held at the Bourke Centre earlier in the Term, to celebrate Book Week.

The children and staff immersed in event with some tremendous costumes and different book characters.





SPORT

District Athletics Carnival was recently held in Bourke and was well attended by the Bourke Centre students. Everyone had a great day and the photos below capture the atmosphere and energy of the day. Congratulations to everyone for doing their best.





Nick



Maisie



Declan

6 Ways

Friday August 25th saw the **6 Ways Athletics Carnival** held in Walgett with over 100 students from the surrounding small schools BWSODE, Rowena, Burren Junction, Gwabegar, Rowena,

Pilliga and St John's Baradine attending.

Special thanks to **Prue Smith** Assistance Principal of BWSODE Walgett Centre who was the convener of the Carnival and who did an amazing job organising the entire day.

Thank you as well, to the parents and staff from each of the schools, who stepped up, ran an event and helped make the day such a success.

The real stars on the day are the students and it was wonderful to see great competition, sportsmanship and comradery throughout the day, with great participation in all events, personal bests being achieved, and some records broken. Special congratulations to BWSODE student **Matty** who was the Juvenile Boy Champion.

BWSODE, narrowly coming in second to fast finishing Burren Junction.



Matty



Another highlight of the day, particularly for the children, was the **parent/teacher relay**. Cam Murray, Harley Sheridan, Ian Hartog and Mrs Smith represented



MINI SCHOOL

Photos of the end of Term 3 Mini Schools held at Bourke and Walgett, will be published in the next Newsletter.

BWSODE (Students) | 6 WAYS | RESULTS

Name	Event
Hamish Swain	5-year Boys 70m
Kaiza Barber	5-year Boys 70m
Matty Thompson	7-year Boys 70m
Matty Thompson	Juvenile Boys 200m
Matty Thompson	Juvenile Boys 800m
Matty Thompson	Juvenile Boys 70m Championship
Matty Thompson	Juvenile Boys Shot Put
Matty Thompson	Juvenile Boys Long Jump
Matty Thompson	Juvenile Boys Discus
Hilda Hartog	Juvenile Girls Long Jump
Hilda Hartog	Juvenile Girls High Jump
Archer Sheridan	9-year Boys 100m
Maddy Murray	Junior Girls 800m
Harley/Ian/Prue/Cam	Parent/Teacher Relay

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to **Tempe** who's birthday is on Sept 24th, her first one with Distance Education. We hope you have a great day!

