



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fabulous Term 1 it has been. Our school had many students competing in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival and many students representing Walgett at the Barwon District Carnival, as well as at Bourke District. From there, two students were selected for PSSA Northwest Regional Carnival – A wonderful effort by all students!!

As well as swimming, teachers have nearly completed round one of their home visits to students. These days are always an adventure filled with science, cooking, craft and lollies! In Week 7, Year 6 attended the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney and enjoyed a few additional treats such as – Harbour Bridge Climb, Tall ships, Aquarium, Wax Museum, live performance of Hairspray and a morning stop at Sunrise!! The students were a pleasure to take and made some unforgettable memories!

Our final term get together was held at the Warrumbungles in Coonabarabran, where students completed activities at the Environmental Education Centre, canoed on the Castlereagh, walked around the Sculptures in the Scrub and the Sandstone caves, pottery class at Pilliga pottery, megafauna exhibit and astronomy with 'Donna the Astronomer', finishing off with a mega Easter egg hunt. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend and the great support we had for this experience. A BIG congratulations to all the students – they were an absolute delight! All students will be receiving their Term 2 work in the coming weeks and we are

looking forward to catching up on all their holiday antics at our first Integration Days in Term 2, where we will also complete our show displays. Wishing all our families a very happy Easter and a relaxing term break

Kind Regards
Wendy Hay
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

6th April – Last day Term 1
24th April – First day of Term 2

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

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

150 Back to School Vouchers



The NSW Government is helping families pay for school supplies with the *Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers*.

Parents, guardians, carers or students can apply for three \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150 for each eligible primary, secondary or home-schooled student. The vouchers can be spent on the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, technology, textbooks and other eligible expenses.

Vouchers can be redeemed at registered businesses until 30 June 2023.

For more information and to apply for vouchers, visit the Service NSW website or call 13 77 88.

CWA Public Speaking Competition



The Far West Group of CWA will be holding their annual Public Speaking Competition I

Bourke on May 23rd

Students from Years 3-6 are eligible to participate in this competition and eligible students are encouraged to consider participate. Two students from Stage 2, two from Stage 3 can be submitted for the competition.

Please contact the Bourke Centre for more information

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

The simple formula for parenting

When it comes to parenting, keeping it simple makes sense. Michael Grose helps with this easy guide to raising kids, a simple formula for parenting:

- Show kids how to behave.
- Keep pets to develop nurturance and responsibility.
- Be the adult in the parent-child relationship.
- Cultivate good manners.
- Build character daily.
- Catch kids being kind, gentle and strong.
- Establish healthy habits early.
- Stick to routines.
- Have fun.
- Eat together every day.
- Focus on excellence, not perfection.
- Spend individual time with each child each week.
- Expect kids to change.
- Keep an adult only place at home.
- Admit it when you're wrong.
- Choose time and place to deliver big messages.
- Keep the meal table free from arguments.
- Prepare for tomorrow the night before.
- Expect children to help.
- Encourage siblings to apologise.
- Send kids to school with breakfast, a kiss and a smile.
- Celebrate success as a family.
- Spend time in nature together.
- Let go.

"Article adapted from a publication for M Grose"



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 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.

YOUNG LEADERS

March 6th – 8th saw the Yr 6 students from BWSODE participate in the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney. The day comprises of motivational guest speakers to inspire and encourage the young leaders of the future and is widely attended by students from across NSW.

Apart from the formal component of the excursion, the students along with Ms McAndrew from the Walgett Centre and Mr Clark from the Bourke Centre, enjoyed many of the beautiful things Sydney has to offer including a live performance of 'Hairspray', a Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb and an afternoon on the harbour on the Tall Ships. The opportunity of flying on a plane and staying in a large accommodation block were a first for some of these students too, thus adding to the experience of the excursion.

Thank you to Mrs Smith for the organisation and to Ms McAndrew and Mr Clark for accompanying the students and giving them such a memorable few days.



Ms McAndrew, Monty, Aiden, Dominic, Dominique, Rachel and Mr Clark





MERIT AWARDS

Principal's Award: Nick - For a excellent start to the 2023 school year

Gabe - For his amazing art submissions the term using acrylics

Caprhys - Showing great application and diligence in all aspects of her Term 1 schoolwork

Oliver - Dedication and hard work in all aspects of his learning program for Term 1



Walgett Students

Monty

- Fantastic contributions and engagement in PDHPE lessons
- Amazing written and recorded work in Maths
- Marvellous work with Microlife in Science

Darcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commendable completion of the 'Two wolves' Unit • Incredible independent work habits this Term • Excellent composition using rhythms • AMAZING effort in reading • Fantastic use of mathematical language and application of problem-solving • Fantastic contributions in PDHPE lessons • Fabulous fluency • Super star effort completing the English Unit 'Big Red Roo' 	Koby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brilliant Information Report • Insightful contributions in PDHPE lessons • Fantastic effort in 'Stop and Spell' • Excellent story writing • Excellent work on homophones and adjectives • Excellent effort in the Day the Crayons Quit unit
Elena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonderful enthusiasm and participation in music 	Bradley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For an amazing effort in story writing • For recognising and writing numbers to 30 • For beautifully presented work • Excellent Journal entries and story book - The Island
Maddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incredible Information Report on Koalas • Wonderful engagement in PDHPE lessons 	Rachel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super spelling • Outstanding results in his BURT Reading Test • Excellent contributions in PDHPE lessons
Zoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrific work with nouns • Excellent research on 'Puffling' and Science 	Hugh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcasing his unreal writing skills in English • Reading Award
		Danilo	
		Oliver	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvellous efforts and results in his Maths Assessment • Incredible work completing his InitilLit Program • Great effort in PDHPE lessons • Wonderful work with Whole Numbers • Wicked work with 'word webs' • Applying himself commendably in all areas of his learning • Amazing work with Data • HUGE improvements in reading • Terrific rhythmic compositions • Improvement in decoding skills • Wonderful effort in all areas of learning 	Gabe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing efforts in PDHPE lessons • Exceptional poetry writing skills • Impressive practice with the 'prefer to infer' writing techniques • Extraordinary all-round efforts across his Maths program • Using music literacy skills to read and perform and showing fabulous application to learning • Incredible work with his creative writing practice • Being a Typing tournament Champion • Displaying proficiency with number patterns
Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic performing of 'Lemonade, Crunchy Ice' • Trying very hard to correctly form all his letters • Brilliant story writing • Excellent work in reading • Fantastic Maths 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work • Excellent 'word web' work • Wonderful presentation of handwriting • Smashing her unit on Chance out of the park • Fantastic engagement in PDHPE lessons
Cooper		Hilda	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brilliant work on the unit 'Puffling' • Excellent Information Report on Toucans • Exceptional 'word web' work • Super 'tricky word' work 	Annabella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For fantastic estimating in Volume and Capacity • For working hard to understand the features of 2D Shapes • Great enthusiasm in PDHPE lessons
Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonderful persuasive writing in English 	Declan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a fantastic Poetry recital • Great understanding of PDHPE concepts
Scarlett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic results in Maths Mentals • AMAZING Art creations 		
Miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic improvement in all areas of Literacy • Great work in PDHPE lessons 	Lachlan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent work in his poetry unit • Great effort in PDHPE lessons • Fabulous recognition and performing of Ms Sue • Creating and excellently presenting a fabulous 'Zen Garden'
Isla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great effort in PDHPE lessons 		
			
Callie	<p><i>Bourke Students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a fantastic Information Report on the Great Barrier Reef • For excellent use of the jump and split strategies in addition and subtraction • Outstanding attendance and contributions in PDHPE lessons • For an awesome 'Zen Garden' 	Dominique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent work in her poetry unit and 'top notch' recital • Consistently excellent work in her Spelling Mastery • Wonderful engagement and effort in PDHPE lessons

Billy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent work identifying 3D objects • Fantastic listening and performing in music 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and Division • Great understanding of safe and unsafe places in PDHPE
Kc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For an excellent choice of poem for his recital • Outstanding work in InitilLit • For achieving 100% on his Comprehensive Assessment • Excellent attendance and engagement during PDHPE lessons • Excellent recognition and performing of rhythmic patterns • For fantastic work with his 'Zen Garden' 	Caprhys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining excellent standards of neatness and presentation of her Term 1 schoolwork
		Aiden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining great standards of neatness and presentation in all areas of his schoolwork • Wonderful contributions in PDHPE lessons
		Maisie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent recognition of tricky rhythms used in music • An outstanding poetry recital • Wonderful contributions and engagement in PDHPE lessons • Writing an excellent fable with the message: 'Where force fails - Patience often succeeds'
Matthew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent work in InitilLit • Outstanding work using ordinal numbers • Working hard to understand irregular shapes • Amazing demonstration of one-handed push-ups in PDHPE • For outstanding work in 	Nick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic contribution during PDHPE lessons

Book of the Year: Early Childhood *BWSODE purchase these books for each Library*
 Entries in this category may be fiction, theme or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for children with an oral proficiency in early stages of reading. Ages 0-5 years.

Author	Illustrator	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Katrina German	Mandy Foot	Bay and Kev	9780645027053	Little Books Press
Bob Graham		Again: A Puzzle in the Foot	9781529933339	Walker Books Australia
Corinne Fenton	Traige Greenwood	Loon and Me	9781922326607	Rowe Prouster Publishing
Carrie Galloway	Hannah Sommerville	Market Day	9781790534376	Hindle Grant Children's Publishing
Anna Walker		Snap!	9781922933357	Scribble Kids' Books
Wendy Coxley	Mia Hamilton	Where the Lyrebird Lives	9780645323566	Windy Hollow Books

Picture Book of the Year

Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve excellence and harmony early on, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unfolded through illustrations. Ages 0-5 years.

(NB: Some of these books may be for mature readers.) BWSODE purchase these books for each Library

Illustrator	Author	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Tom Jefferies	Michael Wagner	Dirty Sea	9781760604061	Penguin Random House Australia
Sophie Blackall		Hannah	9781744421604	Hachette Australia
Sean & Aweny		Frank's Red Hat	9781760651283	Walker Books Australia
Zane Swander		My Strange Shrinking Parents	9781760961238	Thames & Hudson Australia
Dub Jeffrey	Kris Saunders	Our Evening	9781742096513	Scholastic Australia
Levi Pinfold		Paradise Sands: A Story of Enchantment	9781406305942	Walker Books Australia

Eve Forshell Award

Entries in this category should be books which have the prime intention of documenting factual material with consideration given to imaginative presentation, interpretation and variation of style. Ages 5-12 years.

(NB: Some books may be for mature readers and may deal with potentially challenging themes including violence and suicide. Parental guidance is recommended.) BWSODE purchase these books for each Library

Author	Illustrator	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Frank Lissac		A to Z for Australian Foods	9781760652258	Walker Books Australia
Jennifer Cooper		Amazing Animal Journeys	9780734421442	Hachette Australia
Isabel Finbridge	Jessie Samra	Come Together: Things Every Aussie Kid Should Know About the First Peoples	9781741179366	Hindle Grant Explore
Jojo McGeethan		DEEP: Delves into Hidden Worlds	9781919319486	Walbeck Publishing
Valerie Brink	Clare Bradley	Quail and Dart	9780645510116	Forty South Publishing
Leonard Cronin	Chris Nixon	Wild Australian Life	9781760657224	Allen & Unwin

CBCA Award for New Illustrator

This Award aims to recognise and encourage new talent in the field of Australian children's book illustration. Ages 10-18 years.

BWSODE purchase these books for each Library

Illustrator	Author	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Kenned		Australia: From Down to Duck	9781922804423	Affirm Press
Sylvia Morris	Jane Goodwin	Best Hiding Place: The	9781922848938	Affirm Press
Ingrid Barakowski	Deborah French	Naturapolis	9780645191532	Storybarn Press
Jaice A. Milton	Jessica Cettmann	There's No Such Book	9781760503743	Hindle Grant Children's Publishing
Sally Dowell-Han		Tiny Wonders	9780702285477	University of Queensland Press
Janisiana Caid	Candice Smith, Nicole Goodwin	We Are Australians	9781742098928	Wild Dog Books

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INTEGRATION DAY

Walgett Centre

A lovely albeit small, Integration Day was held at the Walgett Centre on Friday March 17th

Thank you to Hilda, Darcy, Isla and Zoe who were able to attend and well done to Darcy completing his first NAPLAN Assessment.



Hard at work in the 'new look' classroom



Walgett Show preparation in progress



Darcy and Isla



Ms Hay worked with Hamish, I worked with Miles and Mrs Smith worked with Hugh.



Miles

HOME VISITS

Hugh, Miles and Hamish

On Thursday 2nd March, Ms Hay, Mrs Smith and I took the long drive to 'Warraving' near Carinda to visit the Hugh, Miles and Hamish.



Miles, Hamish and Hugh

We started off the day by taking our respective students and getting stuck into work.



Hugh and Mrs Smith working hard

It was a busy morning of learning and assessing before taking a break and having a bit of fun outside.



Hamish, Miles and Hugh showed off their swinging, climbing and spinning skills. After our break, we headed back inside to complete a bit more work before it was lunch time.

After lunch, we headed out to see the school room. It's a 2km drive from the house and is the old helicopter office. It's been set up so great for learning and online lessons. While Ms Hay had a chat to Pip, Mrs Smith and I got a tour of the grounds around the school room and the old house next door. After checking out the school room, we jumped back into the cars for a tour of the farm.

Hugh and Hamish were Ms Hay and my tour guides, showing us around and Mrs Smith went with Pip and Miles.

When we got back to the house, it was time for Ms Hay to show off her magic egg in a glass trick. Mrs Smith didn't think it would work, but lo and behold, Ms Hay's magic trick does it again! Everyone had a turn, and we were all amazed at how the trick works.



After that, Hugh showed us all how he's been practising doing a wheelie on the peddle powered go-kart – Hugh's goal in PDHPE. He gave it a good crack and is getting better day by day.





The versatile Mrs Smith!!

Of course, Mrs Smith wanted to have a go on the go-kart too!
Then it was time to head back to Walgett. We said our goodbye's and off we went. What a super fun day we all had at Warrawing, can't wait for the next visit!

Ms McAndrew, Ms Hay & Mrs Smith

Isla, Kaiza & Cooper

On Wednesday 1st March, Ms Hay and I made the journey to Kia-Ora to meet with a few of our lovely students, Isla, Kaiza and Cooper.

The day started at Isla and Kaiza's house where Ms Hay worked with Kaiza on his Kinder transition program, and I worked with Isla on InitiaLit and Maths.



Isla working hard on her InitiaLit

After Ms Hay had finished working with Kaiza, she headed further up the road to see Cooper, and Isla, Kaiza and I had banana muffins for morning tea then played a few games of *What's the time Mr Wolf*.

After our brain break, Isla and I got stuck back into work, completing her daily learning program with the help of Megann. The morning flew by and before we knew it, it was time to head to Cooper's house for lunch.

When we arrived at Cooper's house, we had a quick game of hockey out the back then sat down for a yummy lunch of chicken kiev's and salad – it was delicious, thanks Rolanda!

After lunch, the fun began. Ms Hay had A LOT of exciting science experiments and activities planned. We started by making our very own lava lamps! Then we made milk art followed by a storm in a glass.



Cooper and Ms Hay making 'milk art'



After that we headed out to the yard to create our very own volcano. To finish the afternoon off, we all tried Ms Hay's magic trick of trying to make an egg fall into a glass without breaking it. You'll have to check out the photos to see how it works!



Our final activity of the day was a tour of the Kia-Ora Feedlot and feeding the paddy calves. We even got to name a few that were yet to be named. Ms Hay named one Sebastian and Kaiza named one Sonic. It was such a fantastic day full of learning, fun and laughter. I'm so looking forward to heading out there

again sometime this year and having another fantastic day with Isla, Kaiza and Cooper.

Ms McAndrew and Ms Hay

Billy

On Wednesday 22nd of February Mrs. Lorberg and Mrs. Robinson travelled out to Salt Lake to see Billy and his family. We learnt how far from town this was and we arrived at Salt Lake just in time for morning tea.

Bakery Lamingtons that we took out were a hit with everyone and beautiful as usual.

After morning tea, we were given a tour meeting all the doggies, chickens, and checking out all of the dragon flies before getting stuck into our Best Start Assessment Work.



Billy in his lovely classroom

Whilst completing Best Start, Mrs. Robinson went through Google Classroom and had a supervisor session.

We were spoilt with some amazing homemade sausage rolls that Tegan made before we took a back track to head back to work. It was a fantastic day and the children enjoyed having someone new and different to show around.

We look forward to getting out there again in semester two.

Mrs Lorberg and Mrs Robinson

Declan and Dominique

On Tuesday 21st of February, Mr. Clark and I travelled out to Comeroo to spend the day working with Declan and Dominique.

After making an SOS call on the way out to make sure we were not lost, we arrived in the middle of Smiling Minds lessons.

Whilst Dominique and Declan were on their online lessons, we were able to spend a little time looking around and meeting the beautiful smoochy dogs and pet goats.





After these lessons, Mr. Clark spent some time with the family, whilst I completed assessment tasks with Dominique and Declan. Chocolate and Blueberry muffins from Morrall's Bakery went down a treat for morning tea. After morning tea, I spent some time with Tatum and Robbie, Declan did his PD/H/PE activities on the trampoline and Dominique did some one-on-one maths work with Mr. Clark. Lunch time brought with it a whirly wind that caused quite a scare and an interesting conversation topic. We were shown how we should be eating our gravy rolls and had lots of conversations around picky eaters. After lunch, we started the art activity with Dominique and Declan and left that to Robbie to complete with them before heading home. We look forward to seeing how these optical illusion artworks will look once they are complete. A very hot, but fantastic day that we look forward to repeating in Semester 2.

Mrs Lorberg and Mr Clark

Nick, Callie and Kc

Mr. Clark and I travelled out to Wilganea on Thursday the 16th of February for our first Home Visit of 2023.

It was fantastic to see that everything looks so green and there is an abundance of wildlife.

We arrived in the morning and were greeted by three very happy children who were as excited as we were to be finally getting in a home visit. We got to see the new baby lambs and were fortunate enough to have time for a catch up on all the things we had missed being unable to visit for so long.

After our catch-up time and some fantastic lamingtons courtesy of Morrall's Bakery, Nick, Kc and Callie accompanied me to the classroom where we completed some assessment tasks. All three children worked very hard on their assessments and then Nick spent some time working mathematically with Mr. Clark.





Nick at his desk

After the maths session, Mr. Clark got a guided tour of Wilganea making sure that he was able to see all of the important sites like the pool and the animals.

After completing the tour and the work, we were spoilt with a lovely lunch spread, before settling in for some fun making paper planes and launchers. Everyone had a fantastic time following the directions and seeing how their planes were able to be launched from the launcher they created.

After that it was time to head home again and although it never feels long enough, we are so happy to have the time we can get. Home Visits are so important for developing relationships and allowing us to work with our students.



We look forward to doing it again in Term 3.

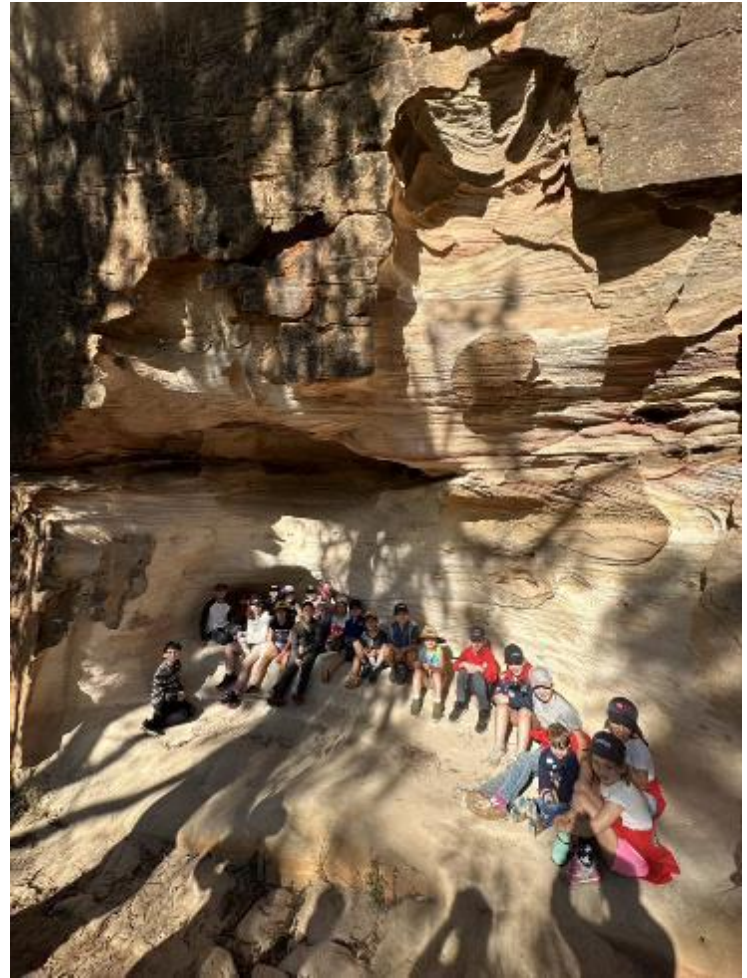
Mrs Lorberg and Mr Clark

WARRUMBUNGLES EXCURSION

Week 11 saw a Whole School Excursion take place in the Warrumbungles.

It was a marvellous week with many different experiences for the students. Thank you to all who could attend, to Ms Hay, Miss McAndrew and Mr Clarke for leading the excursion and to Mrs Smith for all the behind the scenes meticulous organising that goes into successfully holding such an event.







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Happy Birthday to **Declan**
March 22nd, and **Isla** who
celebrates her birthday on
April 4th, to **Tallis** who will
celebrate in the holidays on
April 22nd and **Spencer** who
will celebrate her birthday
on April 24th
We hope you both have
great days.*

