



### *PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE*

What an amazing term it has been!! We had a wonderful Whole School Excursion to Dubbo that I think for most, this excursion was the highlight of the Term!!

Congratulations to all those students who represented the school in sport, Spelling Bee and WriteOn!

Next Term we have a new staff member joining our team at Walgett, we know you will welcome Darren into our school and Mr Clarke is not so outnumbered!! Darren began his teaching career in Walgett in 1997 and we are so happy to have him back!

Thanks to all our supervisors and students for all your efforts this term, after reading all school reports, everyone has had a very successful Semester One.

Have a well-deserved break from school, stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3!!

*Kind Regards*

*Wendy Hay*

*Principal*

### *DATES TO REMEMBER*

**17<sup>th</sup> July** - First Day back for Term 3

### *STAFF NEWS*

BWSODE welcomes Darren Reid who will be joining the teaching staff at the Walgett Centre for the remainder of the year. Mr Reid brings many years of teaching experience to the role, including time spent at Distance Education in Walgett in the late 1990s

We hope Mr Reid enjoys his time back at BWSODE.

### *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)*

### *Hungerford Field Day*

A great day was had by all, at the recent Hungerford Field Day on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The P&C had a successful fund raising venture for the School with their drinks stand. Thank you to all who were able to help out.



Bourke Centre P&C Drinks Stall



### Boarding Schools Expo

The Boarding School Expo will hold an event in Narrabri on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> (12.30 pm – 6pm) and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (9.30 – 2.30) at the Crossing Theatre. This is an opportunity to view facilities in boarding schools from Sydney, regional NSW and QLD as well as gain information about ICPA.

It is an opportunity to talk through your families educational needs, ask questions, compare schools and also find out about scholarships and bursaries that may be available. Also just to note, families that pre-register and attend on either day, will go into the draw to win a \$400 e-voucher from Buy From the Bush that they can use across any of their sellers! For more info and details about which schools will be represented, please visit:

<https://boardingexpo.com.au/2023-expos/boarding-schools-expo-narrabri/>



### 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>

### STUDENT NEWS

#### Gymnastics

Gabe (and past student brother Raffa) balancing work and sport



Raffa and Gabe at the Gymnastics Competition on the Gold Coast

Gabe recently competed in his first of 6 season Gymnastic Competitions. He passed his Level 4 test (and Rafa passed his Level 6). This was their goal. To pass a level, an all around score >42 and no apparatus score <5.5 is required, so a min 7/10 average. Gabe narrowly missed the podium on 2 apparatus and just missed the all around placings. He got 5th on floor, 5th on high bar and 7th in the all around over all in a tough comp. Rafa took silver on rings and bronze on floor and pommel and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the all around overall. The Level 6 routines look ridiculously hard.



They are aiming for State and Nationals Comps in 4 months.



Gabe hard at work on his studies

They continue to fly and are a long way from their humble beginnings in the shed at home.

Congratulations boys.



Rafa and Gabe at the Gymnastic Grand Prix

Both boys continue to shine in their gymnastics at the Grand Prix, with Rafa placing 3<sup>rd</sup> all round after success in four events and Gabe also receiving placings in the High Bar and Vault.



At the recent QLD Club Championships, Gabe performed exceptionally well, earning a PB on every apparatus and top scored for the floor session. Congratulations Gabe on a fine performance.



### Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee was held on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all the students who participated,

but special mention to **Aiden** BWSODE Senior Champion and **Lachlan** BWSODE Junior Champion, Well do to everyone.

## PARENTING IDEAS

### How do you parent children of differing ability

Often, despite parent efforts, siblings have a habit of comparing themselves with each other. That's because they come from the same parents, and they spend a lot of time together.

Additionally, siblings are facing similar moments at similar points of time, such as all getting their school reports. Thus, a level of comparison is somewhat understandable.

Most times, parents are looking for praise opportunities. Should the report card be good, they are all receiving their parents' positive commentary on their results, their efforts, and the teachers' comments.

But, there will typically be differences. One child might have received a C while their sibling received an A. Or one child may have improved much more, and their teacher's comments are a little more glowing than their more consistent sibling.

No matter which scenario, parents will have a difficult time at this point. They want to be encouraging of every child — but siblings will invariably pick up on different statements made by parents. Some will be almost eager to see a difference, particularly if they play that card quite often. Parents might have a statement like 'You are prouder of them than you are of me' thrown in along the way.

But sometimes a child will be despondent about their results as compared to their sibling. They may even threaten not to bother trying anymore because they're not as good as the sibling.

It's perfectly understandable why parents may want to go overboard on the praise at that point, to make the child feel better. They might even start madly searching for things that child is better at, to let them know there are things where they alone shine.

But this is not helpful. Denying the truth suggests that the truth is worse than if it is.

*Your child can't be best at everything.*

And the sooner they accept this, the better off they will be.

So parents should avoid stepping in with comments like *how one is more responsible at doing jobs* etc. This is pity praise, and if they are over eight years old, will pick it up as a desperately found win. That's going to make him feel worse.

Instead, parents could agree that one is better in science at this point in time, somewhat nonchalantly. They might even say, 'Oh well, you can't be best at everything. That's ok.'

The truth is not cruel. What's crueller is to make children think that they need to win in some way at every moment in life.

If the child makes emotional statements like - 'I'm not trying anymore' then don't rise to the bait. Say, in a matter-of-fact manner, 'Up to you, but that is probably going to make your results worse.'

*Your children's self-esteem should not be dependent on triumphing at everything. Instead, equip them to cope with being just ok or not so good at things, and feel good about themselves regardless.*

### Takeaway for parents - Better ways to process results.

- Focus much more on their effort grades rather than percentage

results. Effort is something that is under their control.

- Don't look at the report cards all at the same time. Have some separate time with each child to look through their report.
- Have the child comment on their reactions to their report card before you make your judgments, so to speak.
- Reduce extreme effusive praise for results. They should be doing their work for themselves, and feel their own pride for their efforts.
- Also ask them what they are proud of and what they would like to improve.

(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***

***Dominic** – For dedication and hard work in improving his literacy skills*

***Miles** – For his consistent application in all areas of his learning*



## ***Walgett Students***

**Monty**

- Unreal work in the English/History Unit 'Australia: Uniting a Country'
- Impressive persuasive writing submissions
- Cool work with converting in Maths

**Darcy**

- An incredible job completing all learning activities to a high standard in the English Unit 'The Day the Crayons Quit'
- For demonstrating a great understanding of the three States of Matter in Chemical Science
- A fantastic effort in completing maths units with accuracy
- For writing an excellent persuasive argument
- Terrific data returns
- Excellent persuasive writing
- Excellent effort in the ANZAC Day Unit

**Archer**

**Tallis**

Maddy

- For working hard to develop an excellent understanding of grammar concepts during online lessons
- Amazing work transferring her knowledge of sounds and spelling into her writing
- Fantastic improvement in Maths Mentals
- Great work in Maths
- Amazing informative work

Bradley

Rachel

Hugh

- Brilliant work with Time
- Excellent Science returns
- Great effort in 'More to Explore'
- A great effort in all areas
- Wonderful results in his Maths Mentals
- Overall improvement
- Awesome results in Maths
- Impressive work with mental and written math's strategies when multiplying
- Cool literal and inferential comprehension
- Marked improvement in writing
- Awesome Power Point presentation on Remembrance Day
- Making a concerted effort to write every day
- Spectacular start to his Science Unit surrounding materials and their properties
- Awesome effort in 'The Day the Crayons Quit'

Hamish

- Excellent 'More to Explore' work
- Brilliant improvement in handwriting
- Great recordings on GC
- Excellent progress in Literacy

Zoe

- Super reading fluency
- Terrific effort in Maths
- Wonderful handwriting
- Wonderful InitilLit returns
- Fluent reading
- Terrific work returns in English concepts

Hilda



Oliver

- Impressive work with persuasive writing
- Unwavering dedication and hard work towards his Literacy Program
- Spectacular work with skip counting and directional language in Maths
- Hard work and perseverance in handwriting
- Awesome efforts in Drug Education
- For his amazing toy design in Science
- Marvellous work with money and fractions

Cooper

- Fantastic handwriting
- Terrific work learning letters, sounds and words
- Working hard to write stories independently

Gabe

- Exceptional artwork submitted 'Midnight Blue'
- Impressive word counts and fluidity in fluency reads
- Proficient Problem Solving skills
- Spectacular work in Science

Tempe

Miles

Isla

encompassing different states of matter

- Extraordinary adventure story 'Is it Time to Go Yet'
- Exceptional expressive fluent reading
- Excellent persuasive letter
- Brilliant fluency
- Amazing work with skip counting
- A fantastic story about his Magical Journey
- For perseverance and hard work in online lessons
- Amazing effort and results in completing InitilLit 1
- Fantastic progress in all areas of Maths
- Excellent effort completing Maths Mentals
- Fantastic improvement in reading



Annabella

*Bourke Students*

- Steady progress in InitilLit

Thorin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a 'Master Chef' worthy ham and cheese omelette</li> <li>• For a fantastic French knitted goat scarf</li> <li>• For a fabulous persuasive poster o Free Range Egg Farming</li> </ul>	<p>Billy</p> <p>Kc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working hard to improve his Public Speaking skills</li> <li>• For working hard to improve his number identification and formation</li> <li>• For completing his Yr 2 InitiaLit Program</li> <li>• Fantastic work on Unicorn Valley Fluency</li> <li>• Excellent work in Spelling Mastery</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fantastic work with number patterns</li> <li>• For excellent effort and application in Grammar</li> <li>• Outstanding work in Mathematics</li> <li>• For using higher - order thinking skills to complete maths questions</li> <li>• For his creative completion of an artwork on Cotton</li> <li>• For an outstanding video presentation on siphoning</li> </ul>	<p>Matthew</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For excellent progress in InitilLit</li> <li>• For outstanding use of the split and jump strategies in addition and subtraction</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For his creative completion of an artwork on Cotton</li> <li>• For an outstanding video presentation on siphoning</li> </ul>	<p>Callie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a spectacular storyboard on 'Kate Kookaburra'</li> <li>• For excellent attitude and application in online grammar lessons</li> </ul>
Declan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For an outstanding effort in Week 4 &amp; 5 literacy</li> <li>• For working hard to develop higher-order thinking skills in Mathematics</li> <li>• For great work on his Chocolate Cake procedure</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For creating an outstanding Cotton Collage</li> <li>• Sensation wok in designing the brand and signature outfit for her costume fashion line</li> <li>• For a well written procedure for</li> </ul>



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### *WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION TO DUBBO*

Week 6 saw the Term 2 Whole School Excursion take place in Dubbo from 29<sup>th</sup> May to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> June. It was an action packed week, with many varied and interesting activities, ranging from bowling, a visit to the Little Big Dairy, a live performance by 'Mr Stinky', a visit to the Cultural Centre, the Old Gaol, a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and more.

All the students behaved beautifully and were a credit to the BWSODE

Thank you to all the Staff and the parents who helped make the Excursion run so smoothly.



### *LIBRARY REPORT*

Great to see so many students this year, taking up the Premiers Reading Challenge: [Aiden, Thorin Lena, Dean, Danny, Scarlett, Kc, Nick, Callie and Gabe.](#)

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### *INTEGRATION DAY*

#### **Walgett Centre**

The Walgett Centre Integration Day was held on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a great attendance and the day was fun filled with a short excursion down town as well as classroom activities and art and craft.



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.







### **Bourke Centre**

The Bourke Centre Integration Day on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a strong emphasis on sport, was a great success and enjoyed by all.

The athletic season is in full swing and skills and practice undertaken on the day will benefit all the students at their carnival next Term.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.



## *SPORT*

### **NW Cross Country**

Congratulations to Maddy and Hugh who represented BWSODE Walgett Centre at the Cross Country Event in Coolah on Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>. They both ran great races against some stiff competition and on a challenging course.

Well done to you both.



Maddy and Hugh

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Happy Birthday to Rachel who's birthday is on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Also to Annabella who will celebrate her birthday in the holidays on July 17<sup>th</sup>

We hope you each have a special day'

