



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 was off to a blistering start with students competing in their Small School and District Athletics Carnivals, causing a little disruption to planned start to Term 3!! Many thanks to parents and students for their assistance at these events and being flexible with lesson, integration day and home visit re-scheduling. By the end of Week 6 all local carnivals will be completed and hopefully some students will be selected for the regional carnivals.

This week the Regional Spelling Bee was held, Lachlan and Aiden from the Bourke Centre represented our school. A HUGE congratulations to both on your participation. A special mention to Lachlan who progressed through the rounds, finally being eliminated on the word *malleable*. He finished 3rd overall – a MASSIVE feat!!

I have been able to “drop in” during the past few weeks on the Becoming Mathematician lessons and have been blown away by the improvements across the school in the increased awareness of number sense and the communication skills students are using to discuss number.

We have also welcomed a new staff member to our school, Mr. Darren Reid. Darren is having a “deja vu” moment, as he began his teaching career in Walgett many years ago. We hope he enjoys his take 2 at the Walgett Centre. Darren is replacing Mrs. Fanning who is still on leave.

Finally, I would like to welcome several new families to Distance Education – The Avery family – Christine in Kinder and Abella in Year 6, Smith family –

Evie in Year 2, Sheridan family – Tempe in Year 2 and Archer in Year 3. We also have the Borowski family, Emma in Year 1 and Kate in Year 2, officially joining us in Term 4. Wishing everyone happy days in the school room!!

Kind Regards

Wendy Hay
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

14th – 18th August – Science and History Week

25th August – 6 Ways Athletics Carnival in Walgett

30th August – PSSA NW Athletics Carnival

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)



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

The Gold Coast Regional Gymnastic Championships were held on the 5th & 6th of August.

Congratulations to **Gabe** who had a very successful competition winning 1st on the Floor and High Bar and 2nd on the Vault.



Light and Life Photography

Annabella participated in the Light and Life Photography Competition for the Western Local Land Service. She entered the fantastic photograph that titled 'Hissing Beady' and took out first place in the Junior Section.



Well Done Annabella!

PARENTING IDEAS

The simple formula for parenting. A list to keep handy when you need some instant inspiration.

- 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.
- Celebrate success as a family.
- Spend time in nature together.
- Let go.

(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

Tempe- For going above and beyond when completing her learning programs

Monty - Hard work, confidence and application in Mathematics

Thorin - For exceptional efforts and making significant progress in Literacy



Walgett Students

Monty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spectacular work in Science	Danilo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• comprehension activities• Huge improvements in comprehension skills• Impressive accuracy across Maths Mentals tasks• Outstanding efforts in his Poetry Unit• Awesome effort in Spelling to complete Book C
Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Including fantastic detail in vocabulary activities• Incredible effort and results in Maths units• Fantastic improvement in Phonics	Dejan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great effort in spelling tests
Scarlett	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% accuracy in Maths Mentals• Great effort in completing literacy activities• Amazing work with common and proper nouns	Archer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A great start to Term 3• Fantastic work using prior knowledge to complete Math and Literacy activities• Great work applying new strategies to complete maths problems
Evie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fantastic effort in completing her first lot of work at DE• Great results in Maths Mentals• Fantastic work completing	Hamish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great 3D space work• Amazing story writing• Excellent 'More to Explore' returns
		Koby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Unit: 'The Day the Crayons Came Back'



Bourke Students

Dakota

- Outstanding work in all aspects of Maths
- Fantastic handwriting
- Writing - Magic Toys
- Outstanding work returns

Annabella

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Hugh

- Super start to Term 3

Aiden

- Excellent work and great improvements across the board with Maths tasks

Oliver

- For his brilliant work classifying sounds

- Consistently excellent spelling test results

Gabe

- Amazing attention to detail in his artworks
- Fantastic fluency reads

- Showing great application to his maths tasks and striving for consistent improvement

Tempe

- A fantastic start to Term 3
- Excellent results in her Comprehension Assessment
- Fantastic work using the Jump Strategy and Split Strategy in Maths

Declan

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Miles

- A great start to Term 3
- Fantastic work completing spelling activities

Lachlan

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Isla

- For using fantastic expression while reading aloud

- Making great efforts to keep his writing neat and easy to read
- Some very neat, thoughtful and well written answers I his History Unit

Nick

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- Excellent standard of neatness and presentation in is written work
- Making a great start to his new Spelling Mastery Level
- Doing a great research task on William Dampier
- Terrific standards of neatness and presentation in al his school work
- Writing three excellent book reviews on 'Why I Love Australia, 'Bossy Boots' and 'Galumpher'

Kc

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Matthew

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Maisie

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Dominique

- Consistently excellent spelling test results
- Making an excellent start to her History Unit and providing very detailed and well considered responses
- Exemplary standards if presentation across all aspects of her work

- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- Great improvement in the standard of book reviews
- Great work in Spelling Mastery and consistently excellent spelling test results
- Excellent work in her Woolly Fashions activity

Caprhys

- Consistently excellent Spelling Test results
- Writing two excellent persuasive writing texts on 'Why Are Sheep Amazing' and 'What if the French were

Dominic

- Successful in Colonising Australia' - Top notch
- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- Doing brilliantly with his harder Maths
- Awesome result in his Mastery Test and great improvement in his Literacy and English Units
- Great work in his History lessons
- For excellent participation and sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Callie



INTEGRATION DAY Walgett Centre



Fourteen students attended the Walgett Integration Day on Friday 11th August. It was a great day,

both in the classroom, among other things writing linericks!! And outside with lots of emphasis on sport with 6 Ways Carnival on the 25th





Miles, Archer and Hugh

SPORT

Barwon District Athletics Carnival was held at Collarenebri on Wednesday July 26th.

Congratulations to **Miles, Hugh, Tempe** and **Archer** who had a great day, representing BWSODE in all their events and were wonderful competitors and ambassadors for our school.

Miles ran 3rd in the 8 Yr Boys 100m, **Tempe** came 3rd in the 8yr Girls 100m and special congratulations to **Hugh** who has qualified on, by placing 2nd in the Junior Long Jump.

He will now compete at the NW Athletics Carnival in Gunnedah on August 30th. and

Bourke Small Schools Carnival was a great day on July 27th. Was tremendous to see so many students participate from the Bourke Centre and special congratulations to all the winners in their various events.



Maisie 11 Yrs Girl champion



Dominic Senior Boy runner Up

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated *Happy Birthday* to
Thomas who celebrated on July
23rd and to **Dakota** on the 30th
July. We hope you had a great
day.

Happy Birthday to **Torin** who will
celebrate his birthday on
August 8th and **Aiden** on Sept
17th.

We hope you each have a special
day'

