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Week 8
Tuesday 15th Breakfast Club 8.30am
Wednesday 16th Canteen
Secondary Sport
Year 7 Vaccinations 10.00am
Thursday 17th Student Banking
Primary Sport
Breakfast Club 8.30am
P & C Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 18th Canteen

Week 9
Monday 21st Canteen
Secondary Study Centre 3.00pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 22nd Breakfast Club 8.30am
Wednesday 23rd Canteen
Secondary Sport
Thursday 24th Student Banking
Primary Sport
Breakfast Club 8.30am
Primary Easter Hat Parade 2.00pm

Paddock to Plate
1st April 2016
tickets available now at the front office

P & C Meeting
Thursday 17th March
6.30pm

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I was looking back through my Diary to see what our school has been involved in since our last newsletter, and I was just amazed at how much we have done! Science and Engineering Challenge, zone representative sport trials, Clean Up Australia Day, Coonabarabran Show entries, University of NSW Aspire visit as well as our Senior Science field study trip to the Warrumbungles. Most of these activities are reported on in more detail in the pages below and I don’t want to steal their thunder, so please have a look at the reports further into this Newsletter.

We are looking at revamping our newsletter, so you may notice some changes as we experiment a bit with styles etc, but the main purpose stays the same – giving our learning community information on the progress of our school and our wonderful students.

Staff changes
By now most of you would have found out that Ms Turnbull has returned to her position at Educational Services in Dubbo, where she will be supporting 14 schools in our network as Assistant Principal Learning Assistance. I know Ms Turnbull was very sad to leave the 5 /6 class, and we very much appreciate her efforts over the last 7 weeks. Therefore as of last Monday, Ms Reynolds has taken over the 5 / 6 class, and we have a new teacher on staff in the form of Ms Lauren Hare as lead teacher of K/1/2. Ms Hare has had a lot of experience teaching Kindergarten in Dubbo, so we are very thankful that she has been able to help us out for the rest of the year. Ms Lumber will still be supporting the K/1/2 class most mornings.

Zone Sport Trials
Last Thursday I had the privilege of taking several students from years 4, 5 & 6 in our school bus to the Coonabarabran Zone PSSA Rugby League and Soccer Trials. Hayden Mitchell, Deakon Meyers and Marcus Nolan were successful in being selected to go to Gunnedah on 24th March for North West (Southern Zone) Rugby League trials, and we have Lila Strong, Rowan Amery and Marcus Nolan selected to go to Gunnedah on 22nd March to try out for the North West (southern zone) team in soccer. I wish these students good luck.

Congratulations to Kevin Nolan, Dan Van Mierlo, Jordan Peters, Toby Hollis, Tyson O’Brien and Riley O’Brien for making it through to the next level of selection in Rugby League for Secondary North West (southern zone).

Our netballers were a bit unlucky as we didn’t realise that there was only an open age team. However, Magenta Wallis and Claire Jones did make reserve for this Coonabarabran Zone team.
Congratulations to Maigan Meyers, for making it to state for 100 metres freestyle! You will read a bit later about our girl zone swimmers, so again I won’t say too much here.

**Bell Shakespeare Company – regional mentorship**
Ms Fraser will be representing our area in a mentorship program run by the prestigious “Bell Shakespeare Company”. This involved a very competitive selection process and Ms Fraser will be attending workshops in Sydney for four days over the next two weeks. This experience will greatly assist our students in their studies, especially in year 11 and 12 English. Ms Meyers will cover as Head Teacher Secondary Studies whilst Ms Fraser is away.

**Len Guy Park – student safety**
I have spoken to our students about being careful in Len Guy Park. I’m afraid a syringe was found near the playground equipment recently. I have told our students that if they see something on the ground that looks “pointy”, they are not to touch it, but to tell their parent/carer about it. Can I suggest that you talk to your child also about this issue, as I am very conscious of the safety of our students.

**Paddock to Plate**
The countdown is on! Tickets are available at the office, and are starting to sell. Please don’t wait too long and miss out on this wonderful event. Please see our poster included in this newsletter for pricing. Again, I have to stress that there is no alcohol permitted on school premises, so it is a “dry” show so to speak.

**P & C**
We have a meeting this Thursday, due to the Easter break next week with Good Friday. Please come along and be a part of the team that provides extra for our students, and also gives me feedback on how we are going.

**Skoolbag**
If you haven’t already downloaded the Skoolbag smartphone app, can I strongly suggest that you do. We are distributing more and more information via this medium, and will start trialling notes home, so that there is a “back up” if needed. In fact we sent this newsletter out via skoolbag as well as handing it to students! Search for Binnaway Central School, and you should find the app relatively easily.

Enjoy our newsletter, and I look forward to talking to you soon.

Ken White
kenneth.j.white@det.nsw.edu.au
The term is rapidly drawing to a close. The Secondary Department continues to be very busy – we have had students out of school in sporting, extra-curricular and curriculum activities.

Ms Wilson and 9/10 Science students travelled to Coolah on Wednesday March 2nd for a “practice run” at Science and Engineering Challenge with Coolah Central students. We were working in a team with Coolah Central. On Tuesday March 8th Ms Wilson, Miss Enks and our Year 9/10 students travelled to Dubbo to participate in the Challenge. Further details of the day can be found later in the Newsletter.

Wednesday March 9th Ms Wilson took our Preliminary Senior Science to the Warrumbungles to complete a field study that will form part of their assessment program. Field trips like this are invaluable to all our students in their study of curriculum – especially our senior students. We are very fortunate at Binnaway Central School that we have staff who are prepared to spend their time organising and running excursions such as this, as well as staff at school who are willing to cover the classes and duties of the absent teacher.

On Friday March 4th all staff and students of the school participated in Clean Up Australia. The Infants and Primary students cleaned up the school grounds while Secondary students and staff cleaned up the town environs. Thank you to all students and staff who participated – especially to Miss Enks who organised the day, and provided our students with gloves if they needed them, and bags to put our rubbish in.

On Tuesday March 8th our students who were selected attended Regional Swimming Trials in Armidale. You can read their report later in the Newsletter.

We have again been fortunate to have had UNSW ASPIRE team visit Binnaway Central. Tuesday March 8th, and Friday March 11th, Tom, Anna and Jaqui presented workshops to students from Kindie to Year 11. All workshops had a focus on the future, and what hopes and aspirations our students hold for their future – both in terms of future study, and future careers.

Our HSC students only have TWO MORE TERMS left of formal study after Term 1! Their schooling days are rapidly coming to an end. Students have their Half-Yearly Exams NEXT WEEK from March 21st – 23rd. An exam timetable has been included in this Newsletter.

To complete this Report – a few lines from a poem about the ENVIRONMENT:

Broken bottles and charred pieces of glass
Wadded up newspapers tossed on the grass
Pouring of concrete and tearing out of trees
This is the environment that surrounds me?

By Sylvia Stilts

Joan Fraser
Head Teacher Secondary Studies
RETURNING OF PERMISSION NOTES

- From time to time permission notes for activities have to be returned to school. It is important that these notes are returned by the due date to allow for organisation of remaining students and classes to be covered.

- Students will ONLY be able to attend activities if notes are returned by the due date.

- Late return of notes will unfortunately result in students being unable to attend the activity.

YEAR 12 HALF-YEARLY EXAM TIMETABLE

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RE M I N D E R

2016 Secondary Snow Trip Payment Plan
15<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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Thank you to Kylie Turnbull for her time at Binnaway and I welcome Miss Hare to K/1/2. I would also like to thank all parents and carers, and primary staff for their support during the changes we have seen this week. Staff and students have moved with the changes smoothly and we get on with teaching and learning.

Students in 5/6 are working on writing narratives this term, and in particular, they are looking at descriptions to develop characters within their writing. We are reading “Memorial” by Shaun Tan which is a picture book about the removal of a memorial tree from a small, rural town and how the tree has been part of town life. Students are thinking about the concept of memorial and symbols around ANZAC Day. In History, students will continue learning about the developing colony and the impact of the discovery of gold. Students will use mapping and research skills to understand this significant event.

Swimming for Sport has finished for term 1. Students will continue with sport at school on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure all students bring their own labelled hat.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Parents and carers are invited to Binnaway Central School’s 2016 Easter Hat Parade to be held on Wednesday 24th March at 2pm. Students will parade in their Easter Hats and present a musical item.

**3 Way Meetings**

3 Way Meetings will be held on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th April at Binnaway Central School. 3Way Meetings are an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to get together to discuss individual learning goals, accomplishments and identify areas to work on together. Individual student meeting times will be sent home closer to the date.

Sara Reynolds
Assistant Principal
Week 7

Chenderly Alivio – Chenderly’s efforts are outstanding in all areas and she always completes tasks. Chenderly has been contributing ideas to class discussions.

Joseph Thompson – Excellent effort during Clean Up Australia Day.

Rowan Amery – Enthusiastic involvement in the school's participation in Clean Up Australia Day.

Week 8

Joshua Barton-Collins – Excellent effort in class all week.

Lauralee Peters - Excellent effort in class all week.
Tuesday the 8th of March saw the year 9 and 10 students travel to Dubbo to compete in the Newcastle University Science and Engineering challenge. Students combined with Coolah Central year 10 students to engage in a variety of different challenges. There were 8 different stations where students were given scenarios and equipment to complete tasks. These were challenging tasks, such as constructing a working hovercraft, bridge building, a working catapult, and the completion of small set tasks. While each students experience was different, students all developed their problem solving skills and developed a greater level of resilience to keep persisting when their efforts were not succeeding.

Ms Wilson

On Tuesday the 8th March 2016 year 9/10 travelled by bus to Dubbo to take part in a Science and Engineering Challenge. This day was held at the Dubbo Race Course. I joined a group of students from Coolah Central School. We did two different activities on the day. The first activity was called String waves. We had to get a string to connect screws on a board marked as black, blue and red. Each screw was seen as a town. The aim was to connect all the towns with the least amount of string and not miss any towns. The second was called Helta Skelta. We had to build a shelter that was earthquake proof and load bearing. We were given drinking straws, A4 paper and 3m of tape to make the shelters. These shelters were tested on a shaker machine and were tested with weights.

I enjoyed both activities and working with the Coolah students was really good. I was able to also meet new people from other schools around the western area of NSW.

By Jack McPherson

On Tuesday the 8th March we went to Dubbo for the Science and Engineering Challenge. We were combined with Coolah Central School. Robert and I chose the hover frenzy activity which we had to build a hovercraft from a hover fan, 2 trays, 2 propellers, tape, garbage bag and sticks.

We then had to build a hovercraft from these materials which we then started by punching a hole in the centre and placing the hover fan in the middle then cut a short piece out of the garbage bag and using the tape. We then placed the two sticks onto the back then taped them down and placed the propellers onto it. The hovercraft was a success. We all had fun and enjoyed the day.

By Harrison Thompson
SECONDARY ZONE SWIMMING

On Monday Maigan, Chloe, Jen and I travelled to Armidale. We slept in a motel, and on Tuesday we went to the Zone Carnival. In our relay, Chloe swam first, then Jen, then me, then Maigan. We came seventh. We all felt good that we had had a go – our parents were happy as well.

By Claire Jones

On the day of the Zone Carnival I went to Armidale and swam in four different races. I swam freestyle and came fifth overall, we came seventh in the relay, I came eighth in breaststroke and sixth in backstroke.

By Chloe Anastasis

At the Zone Carnival our relay team came seventh. In the 50 metres freestyle I came tenth, in the 100 metres backstroke I came fifth. I didn’t finish the 100 metre butterfly – but – I came third in the 100 metres freestyle, and I’m going to state for it.

By Maigan Meyers

I was in the relay team that came seventh.

By Jen Noakes

Congratulations to Maigan Meyers who made it to State for 100m Freestyle

GOOD LUCK MAIGAN
AG STUDENTS HAVE A WIN AT COONABARABRAN SHOW

Produce from Binnaway Central School was entered into the Coonabarabran Show this weekend with great success. The growing of the produce is the product of year 9/10 Ag’s hard work in the gardens. The poultry were washed and preened by year 11/12 Primary Industries and the school will be looking for students who would be interested in joining a poultry club. Make sure your students listen to the notices as we have more shows coming up next term. The Primary Industries class will now move onto a new topic which will have them driving tractors.

The poultry produced our greatest success with the following results:

1st soft feather standard other breed female – campine hen

1st soft feather standard other breed male – campine rooster (Champion of Show)

1st Old English Game wheaten female
2nd soft feather silky male

Ms Wilson
Congratulations to all of our students who participated in our Clean Up Australia Day activities. Thank you for helping to keep our community beautiful!
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

We continue to pursue the implementation of PBL at Binnaway Central. As stated previously, to fully and successfully implement PBL into our school is a slow and methodical process.

Printed below is a FLOW CHART of the steps involved in the process. As noted by the coloured boxes (mustard) – we have COMPLETED surveying staff and students about their expectations of behaviour at our school. We have BEGUN to survey parents and the community about their expectations of what behaviour they wish to see students exhibiting at our school at the Binnaway Show. (green).

Processes that still need to be started are indicated by the blue box.

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PBL FLOW CHART

Survey staff (complete)
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PBL Logic power point, form team and outline roles of responsibility (complete)
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School expectations – staff (complete)
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School expectations – students (complete)
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School expectations – community (started)
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Develop whole school expectations
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Create common vision
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Make common vision visible
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Develop behaviour matrix – what behaviours do we expect to see in all settings? / Concurrently develop acknowledgment system.
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Lessons for all settings
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Teach all settings
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Minor / Major systems for responding
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CONTACT DETAILS
Have you changed your phone number or address and notified the School? If not please ensure you contact the school office on 68441606. Your school needs to have your current contact details in case we need to notify you of an issue or emergency regarding your child.

Commonwealth Bank
Student Banking
A great way to teach your child to save.
A reminder that Commonwealth Bank student banking is on each Thursday. Account opening forms are available upon request from the School Office. Deposit Books can be handed to your child’s Teacher or the School Office.

Breakfast Club
Every Tuesday & Thursday
From 8.30am
All students welcome

Binnaway Preschool
Operating every Tuesday and Wednesday
Vacancies now available
Phone: 68441569

Secondary Study Centre
Every Monday
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Primary Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 24th March
All Welcome
Binnaway Central School
Easter Competition

TICKETS

$2

Available at front office or Newsagency

Drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday 24th March