



Binalong Public School

BULLETIN

Term 4 Week 3, 27 October 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kinder Orientation

Today we welcomed our 2021 Kindergarten students for their first official 'Kinder Orientation' day. Miss Green and I have spent time with them at preschool prior to Orientation and have enjoyed getting to know them and their interests. We look forward to seeing many smiling and happy faces each week!



Passion Projects

Last term students in Years 4/5/6 participated in a Passion Project of their choice. We had a range of inventive and creative projects including: Soccer tutorials, family history books, recipe books, aviation projects, the creation of a MineCraft lunchtime club, the Year 6 2021 school shirts, upcycled clothing with animal designs and a website, jewellery making, a diorama of the three Jurassic periods, football boot designs and a paranormal website. I was really impressed with the students' ingenuity and the technology skills that they developed along the way. This term our Passion Project will have an overarching theme of, "How can we care for our environment?" and students will be developing a Passion Project within this theme. Their project also aims to consider how their project will effect change in others. I am excited to see where this project may take us!



Attachments: Road Safety; Sanitiser safety; Binalong Swimming Club

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Changes to Pick Up Arrangements

We really appreciate families advising the school of any changes to the regular pick up routines. The best way to do this is by telephone 6227 4381 or email binalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Covid-19

There are still restrictions on school routines and operations and we continue to thank families for working with us and supporting our school in following these guidelines. Students are still asked to stay home from school if unwell (as is usual practice) and if they show flu-like symptoms they are asked to have a COVID test and return to school upon the return of a negative result. Staff will also follow the same protocols.



World Teacher Day

Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on [World Teachers' Day - Friday 30 October](https://www.aitsl.edu.au/wtd). [link to www.aitsl.edu.au/wtd]

Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities.

On Friday 30 October, say a big thank you to teachers and celebrate the bright future of teaching. Post a photo in your sunglasses on social media, either on your own or with family or friends. Use these tags on Twitter, Facebook or LinkedIn: **#thankteachers** **#brightfuture @aitsl**

Scripture

Last Friday afternoon, David and Rachel returned and delivered a Scripture session for those students who returned notes giving permission to participate. Students who have elected to not be involved in Scripture, or who did not return their notes were supervised by Mrs Arabin and participated in activities around identity and values. There will be another two Scripture sessions this term; Friday 13 November and Friday 11 December.

Seasons for Growth

We are running Seasons for Growth this term with Mrs Hodson and Mrs Edwards facilitating. Mrs Hodson and Mrs Edwards completed their facilitator training last term and are looking forward to implementing the program this term. The Seasons for Growth program aims to equip children with skills and strategies to deal with change or loss in their lives. The program will be offered this term to two groups of students with the possibility of another program running for those who missed out in Term 1, 2021. If your child was invited to participate and you would like them to be involved, would you kindly return the signed permission note asap.

Dates for the Diary

Week 3—8	Kinder Orientation—Tuesdays 9.30am
Week 3	Bandanna Day—Friday 30 October World Teachers Day—Friday 30 Oct
Week 4	Scholastic Book Fair—Wednesday 4 November
Week 5	NAIDOC Week Assembly
Week 5	Scripture—Friday 13 November
Week 6	Walkathon—Wednesday 18 November (Dress up—80s theme)
Week 6	Yass High School Small Schools Transition Taster Day—Thursday 19 November
Week 7	Operation Art Workshop—Wednesday 25 November
Week 8	Yass High School Orientation Day—Tuesday 1 December
Week 9	SRC Talent Show—Friday 11 December
Week 9	Scripture—Friday 11 December
Week 10	Presentation Ceremony—Monday 14 December

Riding/Scooter

It's such a wonderful time of year to be walking, riding and scooting home. We remind all children to wear their helmets any time that they are riding anything with wheels!

ICAS

Well done to Tayla, Oscar, Ivy and Ella who last week participated in various ICAS assessments.

Online Enrolment

Online enrolment for new students is now available at our school. The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#). Further information can be found on our website.

Bandanna Day

National Bandanna Day is this Friday. The SRC will be selling Bandannas on Friday morning with all proceeds going to Canteen, who support young people impacted by cancer get access to programs, counselling and peer support. You can buy a bandanna for \$5.00.

Intensive Swimming

Pending Covid-19 restrictions, we are aiming to run our annual Intensive Swimming program in Weeks 8 and 9 this term. We will keep you updated.

Mrs Renee Arabin

SRC "Back to the 80s" Walk-A-Thon

This year we are going back to a decade fashion forgot and having a radical time at our "Back to the 80s" SRC Walk-A-Thon.

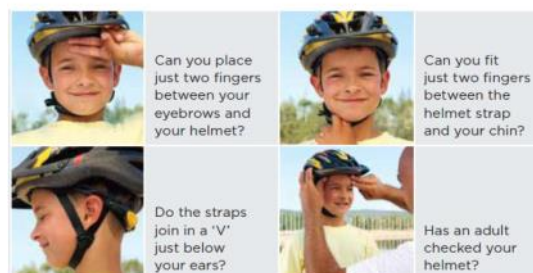
The students brought home a letter and sponsorship form yesterday.

Mrs Walsh and the SRC



A guide to correctly fitting a helmet

Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate



Scholastic Book Fair

Our School Book Fair will be held on Wednesday 4 November 2020. Students will have an opportunity to view the books on Monday 2nd November and make a wish list. Our theme this year is, "Sun, Sand and Surf", and students are invited to dress up on that Wednesday and join in a range of fun activities.

Mrs Walsh
Book Fair co-ordinator

STARS OF THE WEEK

Week 1



ZAVIER

Mentally solving
3-digit addition
problems

WILLIAM

Contribution to class
discussion

NOLAN

Persisting in all
areas of learning

COOPER

(Commendation)
Showing responsibility
and maturity

COMMUNITY NEWS



southern tablelands arts

Virtual 2 Actual Performance Poetry

Southern Tablelands Arts and Eastern Riverina Arts are offering young poets an opportunity to be part of the **Virtual to Actual Performance Poetry** project. If you are 13-18 years old and living within the Southern Tablelands Region* or the Eastern Riverina Region* you

can sign up to join local performance poets Wynn Beard (Southern Highlands) or Jackie Okot (Eastern Riverina) and other like-minded people your age for a series of online weekly ZOOM poetry sessions.

The ZOOM workshops are free and will provide a chance to work on your writing, performance techniques and develop live and online poetry events such as poetry slams and open mic sessions.

The workshops start in late October and go for 7 weekly sessions. A second term of workshops will be offered in term early 2021, when we hope some element of face to face workshop might be possible.

Each young poet will be supported to attend the writer's festival in their region, Jugiong Writers Festival or Southern Highlands Writers Festival to watch their mentors perform live.

For more information and to secure your place go to www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au and look for Virtual 2 Actual under the kids or project tab.



Binalong P&C Playgroup

AGM

THURSDAY
29TH OCTOBER

6:30PM

AT FAB'S PLACE

New members welcome!

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant.

Covid guidelines include:

- 20 people max to attend (including children)
- Please sign in on arrival
- Sanitise & social distancing
- Please do not attend if you are unwell or have flu-like symptoms thank you :)

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To learn more, visit us at our Facebook page @binalongplaygroup.





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Dear Parents,

The Binalong Swimming Club requires all participants to register their place for the 2020/21 Swimming Season by 2 November.

The Swimming Club offer two types of membership:

Learn to Swim - for children who are unable to swim a lap of the pool using any of the main strokes (suggested age group 3 to 8 years).

Swim Club - for all children who can swim a lap or more, focussing on technique, fitness levels and competition swimming such as school carnivals (ages 7 and above).

Places are limited and days and times will be advised once all registrations have been received but it is envisaged that Learn to Swim classes will be held Monday (& probably Tuesday) afternoons at 3.30pm and 4.30pm and Swim Club will be offered Mondays to Thursdays from 5pm.

The website has been a bit difficult to navigate, please following these steps:

1. <https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au/>
2. Register yourself to start the process
3. Under Profile 'Create Family' or add Dependents
4. Go to Store, click on Membership, search for Binalong NSW Swimming Club, add relevant Memberships by clicking the 'Add to Cart' button.
Note: Learn to Swim membership is under NON SWIMMER.
5. Click Checkout, insert payment information or add active kids voucher number.

Follow our Facebook page 'Binalong Swimming Club' for more info about the Club or contact Joe (0427 740 940) or Heidi (0403 689 466) with any questions.

Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!
one step back from the kerb

LOOK!
continuously both ways

LISTEN!
for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!
whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



NSW Health

- [COVID-19 update](#)

Hand sanitiser safety and children



Calls to the NSW Poisons Information Centre (NSW PIC) concerning hand sanitiser exposure incidents have increased since the onset of COVID-19.

In the first half of 2020, the NSW Poisons Information Centre (NSW PIC) helpline received 902 calls about hand sanitiser exposures, a 2.2-fold increase in the number of calls compared to the same period (January to June) in 2019. During the peak months of March to May 2020, the number of calls almost tripled.

Ninety-three per cent of the calls were due to accidental exposure, and the majority of calls were in relation to children under 14 years of age. More than half of these calls were for children between one and four years of age.

Alcohol-based hand sanitiser is a handy and effective alternative when you cannot use soap and water to wash your hands. It's important to use hand sanitiser safely and only on your hands.

When using hand sanitiser, these safety tips are recommended:

- Store out of reach of children, anyone with learning or memory difficulties, or pets when not being used.
- Always supervise children and anyone with learning or memory difficulties while they use alcohol-based hand sanitiser to avoid accidental swallowing or getting it in the eyes.
- Store away from food preparation or food storage areas and keep it in its original container.
- If accidentally swallowed, call the 24-hour Poisons Information Centre immediately for advice on 13 11 26 and have the container of the swallowed product with you.
- Stop using if skin irritation or rash occurs. Seek medical advice if skin irritation persists or worsens.
- Be aware that imported products may not be clearly labelled and could contain more toxic alcohols such as methanol which makes the product more dangerous.

For more information about practising good hygiene and the safe use of hand sanitiser, visit the [NSW Government website](#).