



Binalong Public School

BULLETIN

Term 4 Week 9, 8 December 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of year

Wow! What a year 2020 has been. As we approach the end of the year I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous work the team at BPS have put in this year in making our school the safe, welcoming and supportive place that it is. Our staff have worked above and beyond to adapt to the evolving changes and challenges that COVID have thrown our way and to ensure that life remained as 'normal' as possible for our students. Thank you to families for showing support and understanding throughout the year. We recognise that this was not the year that you anticipated and we appreciate the challenges that you too have faced. We are hoping that 2021 is the time where we can once again have you all back on site and a part of our school life and learning. And, of course, our school would not be the special place that it is without our wonderful BPS kids. Our students have been remarkably resilient and positive despite some disappointments throughout the year. They have relished every opportunity and made the most of all experiences that we have created for them. We are looking forward to an enjoyable last week and half together to celebrate the year and our kids.



Farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students. You have been caring and kind leaders and positive role models to all. We will miss you, but know that you are ready for the next adventure in your lives.

This is the last newsletter for the year, so we wish you a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break and will see you in the new year.

Presentation Evening

Presentation Evening will be held next Monday 14 December at 5.45pm for a 6pm start at the Binalong Community Club, due to a change in capacity restrictions. We are making every effort to include our parents in our celebration and are able to do so by following strict Department of Education and NSW Health guidelines. Social distancing measures and family seating arrangements, limited numbers (parents only invited), sign-in and hand hygiene will be followed so that we can share in this celebration together. Due to restrictions the evening will be a simple event and there will not be a supper following, so please give your child/ren an early dinner before they arrive. Students are asked to wear their full summer uniform including black school shoes. We thank you for supporting us with this event.

Calling for helpers!

We would appreciate any help setting up the Club on Monday morning from 9.00am. Thank you

Attachments: Binalong calendars; Yass Gymnastics holiday program

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Intensive Swimming

Students have been enjoying Intensive Swimming over the last week. Swimming continues each day this week and concludes on Friday. Thank you to Mr Godman for your organisation and coordination. A big thank you to our swimming instructors Joe Duffy and Brianna Vitler.



Assembly

Well done to all our students for an outstanding effort throughout the year. We held our final assembly this morning, with Ivy achieving a Gold Award for reaching the pinnacle of our Award System. Congratulations Ivy.

School Captain Speeches

Congratulations to Nolan, Saige and Ella who nominated themselves and delivered their speeches for a role as a Binalong Public School 2021 School Captain. Well done on well prepared and thoughtful speeches. The role of School Captain and Vice Captain will be announced at Presentation Evening.



Class Celebrations

This year we have done things differently because of COVID-19 restrictions. Schools have not operated within the community as they have done in the past and parent access to schools has been limited. With the lessening of COVID-19 restrictions our classes have the opportunity to celebrate learning in 2020. By now, you should have received an invitation from your child for their class celebration. Would you kindly RSVP to allow us for planning. Social distancing measures, limited numbers, sign-in, hand hygiene and separation from other classes will be in place. Our celebrations will ensure that these practices are followed.

New Students

Last week we welcomed Mason, a new student in the K/1 class. Mason and his mum Amy, are new to Binalong and I know that everyone has already given them the warm welcome that Binalong is famous for. We have several new students starting with us next year and we look forward to welcoming them into our school family.

Vacation Care

Make sure that you get in touch with Julia on 6236 8305 from Country Kids to book your child's space for the Vacation Care program. For more information go to: <https://ccel.com.au/>

Mrs Renee Arabin

Well done Nolan for a highly commended for one of his photos in the Young Camera Club photo comp



Dates for the Diary

Week 9	Last week of Intensive Swimming
Week 9	Scripture—Friday 11 December 12.15pm
Week 10	Presentation Ceremony—Monday 14 December 6pm—Binalong Community Club
Week 10	Binalong's Got Talent School Disco—Tuesday 15 December 2pm
Week 10	Last day of school for students—Wednesday 16 December



The students raised a whopping \$1395.15 for the Walk-A-Thon plus \$132.50 from the Meal Deal and cupcakes. Well done everyone!

WALK-A-THON



STARS OF THE WEEK

Weeks 7 & 8



CHAYSE

Being a kind and caring friend

TYSON

Focus on learning

NASH

Increased application to learning tasks

RYAN

Ability to work collaboratively with all his peers, especially in Maths

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM ALL THE STAFF
AT BINALONG
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Class 4/5/6

SUNFLOWERS

Five weeks ago, Year 4/5/6 planted sunflowers seeds with the aim to collect data about their growth and participate in practical maths activity involving a range of skills. The activity came about after a lesson about the Fibonacci sequence and student learnt that many things in nature follow this pattern. Mrs Walsh brought in a dried sunflower head from home and the students could see the pattern of the arranged seeds.

On the 19 October, each maths group was given 25 seeds to plant. Every Monday since the students have recorded the germination rate, height and leaf growth. The students have observed the effect of sun on plant growth and it is very noticeable that sunflowers thrive in full sun. We have also witnessed the plants move with the sun.

The students will continue to collect data on their plants till the end of the term. They will present their information as a graph and present their findings as an IMovie.

Hopefully in Term 1 next year we will have a crop of beautiful sunflowers to welcome us back to school.

Mrs Walsh



Passion Projects

Some students will be heading to the Binalong Community Markets on Sunday to sell some of the products that they have been creating for their Passion Projects. If you're nearby please drop in and say hello. The 4/5/6 Class Celebration on Friday will be an opportunity for our students to present their Passion Projects to parents. We look forward to sharing with you!

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Our new playground equipment has arrived! As soon as we organise the delivery of soft-fall the students will be able to climb all over it. The equipment will be a great asset for the school with many future generations of Binalong Public School students enjoying the playground for many years to come! We will need some helpers to spread the soft-fall when it arrives and would be grateful if you can lend a hand (and a rake and shovel!).





SO YOU THINK YOU CAN CREATE PART 2!

CAMILLA DUFFY WILL BE AT SCHOOL ON THURSDAY TO CREATE A BLACK AND WHITE PORTRAIT OF YOUR CHILD AS PART OF A FUNDRAISER FOR THE ARTS AND MUSIC FUND.

EVERY PARENT WILL RECEIVE A FREE DIGITAL COPY (WEB RESOLUTION) OF THEIR CHILDS PORTRAIT AND WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A PRINT OR FULL SIZED FILE FOR \$40 WITH ALL EARNINGS

GOING TOWARD THE ARTS AND MUSIC FUND.

THE CHILDREN CAN BRING SOMETHING THEY LOVE LIKE A TOY, THE INSTRUMENT THEY PLAY OR SOMETHING THEY HAVE CREATED - SEE EXAMPLPS ABOVE

PLEASE RETURN AND COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN:

MY CHILD _____ WILL NOT BE HAVING THEIR PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AS A PART OF SO YOU THINK YOU CAN CREATE PART 2.

SIGNED: _____

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BAR OPEN—Friday and Saturday.

5pm til late.

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BINALONG 2021 CALENDARS - \$20

All proceeds go directly to the Binalong Public School's Art Program for 2021



Calendars will be available around town in the coming weeks
or contact Heidi Grange (0403 689 466, heidi@grangecreative.com.au) or
Libby Elliot (0428 274 289, balgalal.past@activ8.net.au) to reserve one.

The calendar includes 13 local photos taken by Leanne Heffernan, Imogen Grange, Jan Giles, Heidi Grange, Kerry Glover, Camilla Duffy, Alerya Brayshaw, Letitia Plume, Anne Glover, Andrew Robertson, Hayley Wall, Libby Elliot & Glenn Weymouth.

Specials thanks to the following businesses/community groups who took out an ad in the calendar: Hotel Binalong, Binalong Butchery, The Binalong Community Club, Cafe on Queen, Dawes Woodworks, Binalong Rescue Squad, MGE Haulage, Binalong Public School, Binalong Fuel & Mechanical, Harcourts Brindabella, Binalong Brahmans, Kosseries' Store (Bill's), Robyn Sykes Poet, Glover Shearing Plus, Top Sugar Creative, Camilla Duffy Photography, Binalong Post Office, Southern Silage Contractors, South West Antennas, Binalong Family Fishing Club, Binalong Progress Association, Zumba with Fab, Binalong CWA, Duffy Pies, Binalong Rural Store, Yass Health Clinic, Grange Creative, Brayshaws Floor Sanding, Peter Minson Art Glass, Crickets Welding & Rural Services.



January 2021 School Holiday Program

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Full Day; 9am til 4pm \$70.00 p/p

Morning sessions; 9am - 11am \$30.00p/p

Week 1 - 12th, 13th & 14th Jan

Week 2 - 19th, 20th & 21st Jan

Full day kids need to BYO Morning & Afternoon tea, lunch,
drink bottle of water and a hat, sunscreen and
running shoes for outdoor activities

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