

BINALONG BULLETIN – Term 3, Week 2 2022

From the Principal

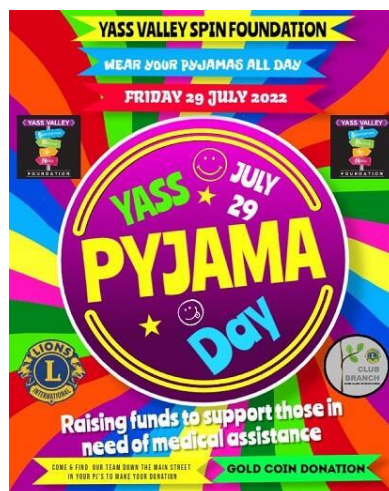
Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that families had a lovely break and were able to catch some sun somewhere!

This term Miss Carmody is completing her final teaching practicum at St Mary's in Young so she won't be with us at BPS during this time. We have Miss Rebecca Watson joining us two days per week and she will be working with K-2 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons while Miss Green runs the COVID ISLP groups and with 5/6 on Thursdays until lunchtime while Mrs Walsh works in the Digital Classroom Officer role.

This semester we are also working with Erin Casey who will be supporting our school as a Virtual APCI (Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction). Erin is based in Queanbeyan at the Finegan School of Distance Education and will meet with us each week as well as having some face-to-face visits. We are excited to be able to draw on Erin's expertise and look forward to working with her.

Next week is Education Week. This year's theme is *Creating Futures - education changes lives*. Students will participate in a range of learning experiences related to this year's theme throughout next week. More information will go home to families.

Friday is Pyjama Day @ Binalong PS



**Our little red hens are so happy here at school that they've laid
enough eggs to fill a carton!**



Class K-2

K/1/2 have been learning about the senses in Science.

We explored why we need our senses and what senses we use the most.







We discovered that people have five senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell.

We investigated what we can find out about popcorn by using our senses.

A group of students (Ian, Vinnie, Matilda, Xavier & Jethro) were asked the following questions:

- What did you see? *Popped fast. Bounced in the air.*
- What did you hear? *Pop. Pop. Pop.*
- What did you taste? *Salty. Buttery. Oily. Crunchy. Soggy with butter.*
- What did you feel? *Greasy. Bumpy bits. Wet. Warm.*
- What did you smell? *Butter. Salty like the sea.*

COVID Smart

 Keeping schools healthy in the cooler months  COVID SAFETY	 Keeping students safe through school cleaning  COVID SAFETY
 COVID-smart settings for Term 3 2022  COVID SAFETY	 Masks are strongly encouraged for all staff and students at our school  COVID SAFETY

Digital Classroom Officer

Mrs Walsh this term, has taken on the role of Digital Classroom Officer (DCO) in our school. In her role as a DCO she will be upskilling and supporting staff in the use of technology in the classroom and across the school.

This program is a part of the Rural Access Gap Program aimed at supporting schools to increase their digital capacity to match those of their metro counterparts.

In her role as DCO, Mrs Walsh will:

- Support the needs and skills of staff in order to embed technology into teaching and learning.
- Develop and deliver professional learning to her colleagues through a variety of means including co-teaching, lead demonstration lessons, collaboratively plan for the integration of technology across all Key Learning Areas.
- Support the Principal with school planning to ensure our students have access to technology into the future.

Mrs Walsh will be off class on Thursdays, to enable her to fulfill the role.

CDPSSA District Athletics

At the end of Term 2, we had twenty students travel to Temora for the District Athletics Carnival. Our students participated with good sportsmanship and strove to do their best. Our relay team Immy, Malea, Oscar and Thomas have qualified to represent the school at the Regional Athletics carnival in the Nigel Bagley relay. Thank you to Mrs Walsh for accompanying our students. Thanks to Michael Brayshaw for driving the bus and to the Binalong Brahmans RLFC for providing the bus.

District Athletics



Term 2 Week 10 assembly



Term 2 Binalong's Got Talent







Road Safety

We ask you to help keep our students safe and support our road safety plan by parking along the school side of the road with the first car arriving to park at the end of the school boundary.

Please don't leave large gaps between cars. Please ensure that you share parking and pick up routines with other family members or carers who collect your child.

We realise there are more cars at pick up, and that space for parking is limited, but we do ask that you park on the school side of the road. Doing this helps keep our busy little road a much safer place for your children.

Thank you for your continuing assistance in keeping our road safe.

School Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.



If you know that your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school know as early as possible and if your child is absent from school, it is helpful if families can make contact on the day of absence.

School hours are between 9.00am and 3.00pm. We ask that students arrive just before 9.00am so that learning can commence as soon as possible.

For more information please see: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-matters-resources-for-schools/compulsory-school-attendance>



From the SRC

We are enjoying Hot Chocolate Tuesdays because winter is here and we all want to stay warm. Two dollars per cup.

Term 2 Week 10 & Term 3 Week 1

STARS OF THE WEEK

Term 2 Week 10 MALEA Thoughtful contributions to class discussions	
EVIE Increased confidence in reading	
ZAVIER Excellent work explaining how answers were obtained in maths problems	
WILLIAM Enthusiastic approach to learning tasks and seeking help when needed	
LOCHIE Using his knowledge of time tables to solve more complex problems	

Regular School Happenings

Monday - Sports day - Sports uniform required. Music with Mrs Winterflood. Home learning due for all classes.

Tuesdays - SRC hot chocolate. Library for K-2 students.

Wednesday - SRC Meal Deals

Thursday - Bush School for students in Years 3-6

Friday - Sports day, library and Friday Pie Day lunch orders.



Upcoming Events

Below are some dates to add to your diary. There will be updates and more dates to add as the term progresses.

Week 2

Friday 29 July - Pyjama Day

Week 3

Wednesday 3 August - PLC (Bowning & Wee Jasper schools join us)

Week 5

Wednesday 17 August - Touch Football Gala Day @ Yass (Years 3-6)

Week 7

Tuesday 30 August - Yr 3-6 Canberra excursion

Wednesday 31 August - Yr 3-4 Todd Woodbridge Cup (TBC)

Week 9

Friday 16 September - Arabin Cup

P&C News

UNIFORM POOL

We have some good second-hand uniform items available for a fraction of the cost. Get in contact with the P&C via DM, email (bpspac@gmail.com) or in person if interested and also if you have any items to donate to the pool.

BINALONG ONLINE

Binalong Online is a local business, group & event's directory. If you own a local business, are part of a community group or have an upcoming event, get on board our directory. It's easy and affordable (free options too) and all profits go to the P&C. Also if you need to find a business or group info or want to see upcoming events be sure to check it out: www.binalong.online

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