



Binalong Public School

Binalong Bulletin

Term 2, Week 2 2022

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. I would like to congratulate our School Captains, Imogen Grange and Tayla Brayshaw on the wonderful job they did leading the community Anzac Day service. Thank you to students who attended and represented our school, we received many compliments on our respectful behaviour.

We have had some glorious weather to welcome us back to school and students have started some training sessions in preparation for the Small Schools Cross Country at Bongongo this Friday. Please remember to label all of your child's clothing with their name as this time of year sees us with many lost property items. It's a good idea to continue to pack a hat on these warm, sunny days.

We welcome Mr Ian Edwards into the substantive General Assistant position and Mr Edwards and Mr Grigg have begun a handover of the role. Thank you again to Mr Grigg for your contribution to our school over the last two years.

The School Administration Manager role has been processed through staffing to be advertised as a permanent position through open merit selection and this will be advertised through *i Work for NSW*.

We are looking forward to seeing the artworks from our own students as well as the children from the Binalong Mobile Preschool at the P&C Art show on Friday evening. Thank you to Mrs Robin Winterflood for coordinating the visual arts program this year and for working with the school and the P&C to hold the art show. We also look forward to the Mother's Day Bobbara Walk on Sunday. Happy Mother's Day to all our mums, granmums, aunts and special people in our lives.

Lest We Forget





Road Safety

With new families joining our school and our student numbers growing, we ask that you 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.

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.

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

NAPLAN

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. NAPLAN will begin Tuesday the 10th, with writing, with Year 3 participating in a paper test and Year 5 an online test. Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy will follow throughout the week and be conducted online for both years. NAPLAN will be held in the school hall under test conditions. To support your child through NAPLAN, ensure they have a good night sleep each night and healthy breakfast to start their day. Students will need to bring with them a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the test.

A note was sent home last week to families of students in Year 3 and Year 5 with information about NAPLAN, however if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Platt or Mrs Arabin at school.

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Mother's Day Breakfast



All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends

Please join students and staff on Thursday 5th May at 8:30am at Binalong Public School for a pancake breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day.

The breakfast will take place under the covered eating area.

School Community Charter

A detailed infographic titled 'School Community Charter' from the NSW Government. It features a central image of four smiling students. The infographic is divided into several sections: 'What our schools provide', 'Positive environments', 'Communicating with our schools', and 'Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:'. It also includes a 'Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.' banner and a 'We work together with the school' circle. The bottom right corner has the NSW Government logo and the text '© NSW Department of Education'.



School Community Charter

Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide
NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



Positive environments
It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

- Parents and carers can expect:
 - To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
 - Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
 - Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
 - To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/whats-new/2018/04/11/parent-carer-student-complaints-process

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities. To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of slurs, stereotypes, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



School Community Charter
education.nsw.gov.au

Enjoying a book with our Buddies!



From the SRC

We are so excited to be back for Term 2 2022. This term we are looking forward to having more events and fundraisers.

We are also still having ice creams on Tuesdays because we know that everybody loves ice cream.



On Wednesday we will be bringing back meal deals, starting next week. We will be cooking soup and you will get more information on the meal deal flyer.

Watch this space for more information on exciting events to happen.

Thank you

Grip Leadership

On the 2nd of March Year 6 went to Grip Leadership at Wagga Wagga. It was a wonderful experience for us in Year 6 to go and learn so much about what a good leader is and all the steps to becoming a great leader. We all had heaps of fun joining in on activities and more. We also learnt great skills for life.

Grip Leadership Conference





Easter fun







Binalong's Got Talent







Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. If you need help using the website and the answer cannot be found on the [PRC Support](#) site, please contact us

at prc@det.nsw.edu.au

Students in Years 3 to 6 have been learning how to add the books that they've read to their personal reading logs online and students in K-2 will be provided with a paper-based personal reading log that parents can record books on. These will be collected later in the year and individual records will be added to student reading logs.

2022 Challenge dates

- Challenge opens: Monday 28 February 2022
- Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 19 August 2022
- Challenge closes for coordinator validations: Friday 2 September 2022

Healthy Lunch Box

As we head into the cooler months, it's really important to keep eating fruit and veg to help support a healthy immune system and help fight off winter colds. The [Healthy Lunch Box website](#) is a great resource to provide inspiration to your school community.

[What's in season for autumn?](#) – the autumn months brings an abundance of produce that has ripened over summer and are at their best for us to enjoy.



Healthy recipes

Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Zucchini muffins



Ingredients

2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
1 carrot, grated
125g tin corn kernels, drained
1 small red onion, finely diced
1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
6 eggs, beaten
1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.

Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.

Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.

Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

For more recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Layered mixed potato bake



Ingredients

Olive oil spray
2 large potatoes, peeled & thinly sliced lengthways
1 large sweet potato, peeled & thinly sliced lengthways
2 zucchinis, thinly sliced lengthways
½ cup frozen corn kernels
½ cup frozen peas
8 eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup reduced-fat milk
½ cup reduced-fat Ricotta
½ cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated
1 tsp fresh thyme, leaves picked

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line and spray a 20cm square cake tin with olive oil.

Steam the sweet potato and potato until just tender.

In the base of the cake tin, layer half of the sweet potato followed by half of the potato, then ¼ cup frozen peas and ¼ cup frozen corn. Top with a layer of half the zucchini. Repeat.

Mix the eggs, milk, ricotta and ¼ cup of the cheese in a jug. Pour over the vegetables. Top with remaining grated cheese and the thyme.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden and set. Cool for 5 minutes before serving.

For more recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



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Week 1



Covid-safe settings



Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test. If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test. If the

second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hayfever, the student or staff member can return to school.



We will continue to support the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) in our school. Workers and volunteers on school sites must meet mandatory double vaccination requirements.

Regular School Happenings

Monday - Sports day - Sports uniform required. Visual arts (day swap with music) with Mrs Winterflood

Wednesday - SRC Meal Deals

Thursday - Bush School for students in Years 3-6

Friday - Sports day, library and music.



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

Monday 2 May - GRIP Leadership, Wagga (Year 6)

Tuesday 3 May - SRC Mothers Day stall (gifts for \$5 / \$10)

Wednesday 4 May - NSW Teachers strike

Thursday 5 May - Mother's Day breakfast, 8.30am

Friday 6 May - Small Schools Cross Country @ Bongongo

Week 3

Friday 13 May - Scripture

Friday 13 May - National Walk Safely to School Day

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 onboard 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

Art Show



BINALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
ART SHOW
DOORS OPEN 5.30PM
OFFICIAL OPENING 6PM

FRI
6TH
MAY

Announcing Operation Art Entrants & Showcasing the BPS Art Program!
Donation Entry + Light Food & Refreshments Available

This is a COVID-19 Safe Event

 Stay at home when unwell

 Practise good hygiene

 Maintain physical distance

 Keep our school environment clean



BINALONG'S BIG WEEKEND

6, 7 & 8 MAY 2022

BINALONG SCHOOL ART SHOW

Friday 6 May, 5.30pm at the School

Binalong Public School is holding it's annual Art Show showcasing the BPS art program and announcing the Operation Art entrants.

Donation entry, light food & refreshments available.

This is a fundraiser for the BPS Art Program by the P&C.

For more info see our Facebook page @binalongpandc

BOBBARA WALK

Sunday 8 May, 9am-1pm

Donation entry

BBQ & refreshments available

Lifts to the top - \$20 p/p

*Get amazing panoramic views,
great selfie opportunity!*

For more info see our Facebook page
@binalongpandc

A Binalong School P&C Fundraiser

Local businesses also open:

- Cafe on Queen • Minson Art Glass
- Clancy's Antiques & 2nd Hand
- Kosseris' Store • Binalong Rural Store
- Hotel Binalong • The Old Produce Store
- Binalong Community Club
- Binalong Fuel & Mechanical

BINALONG COMMUNITY MARKETS

Sunday 8 May, 10am-2pm

(& every 2nd Sunday of the month)

@ Cafe on Queen

More stallholders welcome

For more info see Facebook page

@binalongcommunitymarkets
or contact Carilyn on 0428 412 090

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER & RAFFLES

at the

Binalong Community Club

Sunday 8 May, from 5.30pm

For more info see Facebook page

@ BinalongCommunityClub



NEWS FROM COUNTRY KIDS CLUB BINALONG



The children have been talking about different experiments this past month. A lava lamp was made one afternoon. The children found this both interesting and fascinating.



The children at Country Kids Club have always enjoyed playing with the LEGO and the creations that are made show imagination and skill. These skills have recently turned to experimenting making different designs to create keychains. A lot of thought went into how they could be made to go faster and how they could be made to stay spinning the longest.

Country Kids - Before and After School Care

Country Kids are running a before and after school care program each week day at Binalong Public School.

Morning - 7.00am - 9.00am

Afternoon - 3.00pm - 6.00pm

To make a booking please call 6236 8305. Child Care subsidy available.

Our Sponsors

Cafe QUEEN BINALONG

15 Queen Street, Binalong
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Public Notice



BINALONG TENNIS CLUB
OFFICIAL OPENING
SAT MAY 7th @ 4pm

The Binalong Tennis/ Netball Association would like to invite you for a Sausage sizzle and a hit of tennis on our new courts.

BYO racquet and Esky

Soft drinks will be provided 😊

We will be thanking all our major sponsors, regional MP Wendy Tuckerman and various members of the community for their contributions to the project.

We hope to see you there!!!