The Bilby Bulletin

Yesterday we were visited by Louise and Ron from the Bilby Bulletin: Small Schools, Big Adventures group. They started their tour with small schools from Rankin Springs, Wyalong, Collingullie and Lowesdale. They are aiming to create a collection of ‘zines’ (mini self-published booklets) for their Bilby Bulletin Travelling Arts and Cultural Exchange Library. Content will be hosted on the Akubra website in months to come.

The students were asked what it was like to live in Collingullie, what they do when it gets hot, what is grown on the farms around Collingullie and how they live their lives. From there each child got to write about something to do with Collingullie. We showed Louise and Ron the photos we took of our walk around Collingullie last week to visit our favourite parts of the village. Ron took some photos of us and interviewed some of us about how great Collingullie is. At the end of the day Louise presented our school captains with three new books for our library from Australian authors.
Calendar

Term 4
Term 4, Week 8
Thurs 26 Nov
Movie Night—WWPS
6:30pm

Term 4, Week 9
Mon 30 Nov
School Captain nominations due
P&C Meeting 3:40pm
Tues 1 Dec
Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge workshop day
Thurs 3 Dec
School Captain speeches
WWHS Show
Fri 4 Dec
Assembly
Visit from Director, Public Schools NSW—Mrs Nolan

Term 4, Week 10—Swimming School
Mon 7 Dec—Thursday 10 Dec
Swim School
12:00pm-2:00pm
Thurs 10 Dec
Extra Bluearth session
Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
Friday 11 Dec
Swim School
9:25am-11am
Pool Party
11:00am-2:30pm

Principal’s Note

All students and parents are invited to come and watch the movies tonight at 6:30pm at Wagga Wagga Public School that the Primary students have created to show what makes small schools so awesome. There will be a snack pack available for $5 on the night, consisting of a packet of chips, a popper and a chocolate. Join us on the red carpet to see why the students of the Community of Small Schools think small schools are so great.

Congratulations to Mrs Brett and the Primary students on the highly successful science day last Friday. It was wonderful to see all the different experiments that the Primary students created and were able to demonstrate. The Infants students were invited to predict what they thought would happen and then suggest why things had happened the way they had.

Yesterday we were lucky enough to have Louise and Ron from the Bilby Bulletin join us to discuss what makes Collingullie such a special part of Australia. Soon you will be able to see what we created online.

The last week has seen a dramatic increase in fluency with the students who were selected to read to every adult we had on site. Please keep listening to your child read every night and join us on focussing on fluency. You can help by: Firstly letting them show you what they know by reading a page. Help them as they decode any unfamiliar words. Then get them to reread the whole sentence until they can read it without stopping. Then they read the next sentence and read it over and over again until they can read it fluently. Then go back to the top of the page and read the whole lot until they can read it without stopping or making mistakes.

Next week is going to be very busy at school. Please feel free to join us for the P&C meeting, Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural workshop, Captain speeches or the final assembly for the year.

Rollover for the end of the school financial year occurs next week. Please ensure any outstanding accounts are finalised tomorrow.

Kirrilee Post
Principal

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Logan, Alex, Joseph, Caleb and Lacey are writing for the Bilby Bulletin.

Lucky Numbers

We continue to be grateful to the Crossroads Hotel for its ongoing support of our school. Each month we run Lucky Numbers at the hotel. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Lucky Numbers by buying or selling tickets. In the coming weeks Lucky Numbers will be run by:

4 December — Gunn Family
18th December — Hughes Family

What have we been learning in class?

From the Infants Classroom – With Mrs Koschel
We have had a busy week in infants this week. In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. Kindergarten have been focusing on solving problems using concrete materials and using groups or rows of objects to work out the answer. Year One and Two have been learning how to use pictorial representation as well as repeated addition and subtraction to solve math problems. In English for L3 we have been reading Herman and Rosie which the students have really enjoyed. They had to write what happened next in the story and there were some very creative answers – it is great that the students are putting so much imagination into their narratives. We are also looking at procedure writing as well. It was great to see so many examples of procedures from the upper primary students on their science day last week. Kindergarten have been learning about adding ‘s’ to make words plural and Year One and Two had the sound combination ‘spr’ as in sprout. We had a catch up with Bill from Blue Earth on Tuesday morning and on Wednesday afternoon the Bilby visit.

From the Primary Classroom – With Miss Post & Mrs Brett:
Our science day last Friday was very exciting and the students enjoyed the opportunity to share with the Infants class what they had been learning in their science lessons with Mrs Brett. We have been continuing to learn our musical item for presentation night which has been very challenging. We have finished our Maths testing and are still working on our writing tasks where we have been given a criteria on what we have to demonstrate. We are doing our best to finish our novel before the end of the term and we have been working crazily to finish our movies for the movie night tonight.

Wagga Wagga Community of Small Schools’ Movie Night

Theme: Little Schools are so Awesome!
Date: Thursday 26th November
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Wagga Wagga Public School

Come and view movies made by our students about why they think small schools are so awesome.

Bundyi Aboriginal workshop day

Next week we will be joined by Mark Saddler who will be running an Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge workshop day for all students. It will involve music and art as well as learning a bit more about our local Wiradjuri nation. You are welcome to drop by during the day to see what we are up to.
Year 6 Farewell—10th Dec

Earlier this year at the Year 6 Leadership days the Year 6 students decided that they wanted to have a combined Small Schools’ Farewell Dinner. This dinner will be held at Lake Albert at the Boat Club. Year 6 students, their parents and teachers are invited to attend. The cost per adult will be $30 a head and the Year 6 students’ meals will be complimentary on behalf of Collingullie Public School as our gratitude for the wonderful years they have given our school. RSVP and money is required by tomorrow.

Captain’s Speeches—Thurs 3 Dec

Our Year 5 students should be starting to think about if they would like to run for captain or vice captain of our school for 2016. Next Thursday, 3rd December, these students will be given the opportunity to address the school and give a speech on why they would like to lead our school next year. More information was given to our Year 5 students today. Parents are invited to come and hear the speeches.

Wagga High Performance—Thurs 3 Dec

A permission note will be going home today regarding the upcoming Wagga High School Performance next Thursday, 3rd December. Travel will be by bus and will cost $5 plus a gold coin donation.

Swimming School

Please put Week 10 in your calendar as Swimming School week. We will be asking for money after Rollover at the start of December. It will be $65.00 per child. (the School is subsidising $20 per child)

P&C Meeting—Mon 30 Nov

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 30th November in the library at 3:40pm.

Presentation Night—Tues 15th December

Please put Presentation Night in your calendar starting at 6:30pm. A plate for supper per family please.