FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS
I attended the EAfS Forum in Sydney on Thursday and Friday. The first day of the conference was devoted to the research around effective early learning, with a focus on Marie Clay and the work of Helen Timperley (who attended from New Zealand). As well we were fortunate enough to have two academics from British Columbia address us on a theory called the Enquiry Spiral.

The second day of the conference was dedicated to the analysis of data from the program. Part of the EAfS program is the collection of data every 5 weeks to inform planning. We were given an opportunity to see how the data is used and how it is collated.

As you would all be aware, we have begun to institute elements of the L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) strategy in both infants classes. This will continue to be implemented with the assistance of an L3 Trainer. We will also be training Miss O’Connor in TEN (targeting Early Numeracy).

We also have a temporary Instructional Leader appointed to the 6 Rural and Isolated Schools in our cluster. The role of the Instructional Leader is to support the school to effect change in the infants with the EAfS program. Another employment process will take place next term to attempt to fill this position in a more permanent capacity.

QUADRANGLE REDEVELOPMENT
The grass in the quadrangle looks excellent! The work done by the P&C to get this area ‘underway’ is greatly appreciated. We have a number of small alterations to the garden beds to take place now before the next round of plantings etc.

NEW PHOTOCOPIER
The school will receive its new photocopier next week. Our current copier has served its purpose for quite some years and now needs to be replaced. The copier that will replace the current machine has all of the same features but is faster and more economical than the current one.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
GO PATERSON! That is all I really need to say about this topic!

With my best regards,

Jaemie Bennett
Principal
THE SCHOOL VEGGIE PATCH
Year 1 and 2 have been busy in the veggie patch getting it ready for our winter crop. We planted our snow peas, broad beans and onions on St Patrick’s Day so they will be ready to harvest in the spring. We also potted up broccoli, cabbage, brussel sprouts, kale and turnip seeds in the green house and we will plant them in the patch when they have grown into seedlings.

We have planted lots of seeds and after we have planted out what we need, we are happy to sell the leftovers to the community for a donation.

WORM FARM
Our worm farm is up and running. Year 1 and 2 followed a procedure to build the worm farm. We have approximately 6500 happy Red Wrigglers living in our worm farm, who will turn our fruit and veggie scraps into compost for our veggie patch.

SPORTS NEWS
Milo T20 Blast Development Day
The T20 Blast Milo was a huge success. Our students combined with 5 other schools to develop their cricket skills. I was very proud of all the children who participated enthusiastically and represented Binalong Public School with pride.

School Sport
This week and next week students will be preparing for the athletics Carnival.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – GO GILBERT!!!
Don’t forget our athletics Carnival is next Friday 27th March. The day will commence at 9am and finish at the conclusion of the events. Parents and friends are welcome to join us and help out.

Camilla will continue to have lunch orders on the day and all family members are welcome to order lunch too. We will be having a picnic lunch approximately 1pm on the oval.

Miss O’Connor
Class Teacher

KINDER
This week kinder used their reading, following directions, counting and measuring skills to make pancakes. They were able to share the very yummy pancakes with the whole school and still have plenty left over for themselves. Our special thanks to Mrs Hodson who helps us each Tuesday morning. Kindergarten parents who would like to help out in the Kinder room each Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday would be most welcome to join the class in Term 2. If you are interested please chat with Mrs Morse.

Excitement is now mounting in anticipation of a particular bunny!

ATTACHMENTS
1. Absence Note
2. Hume’s Heyday Festival
3. Spencer Swim Safe Flyer
4. P & C Minutes
5. Creative flyer
6. Healthy Active Kids tips
7. Netball flyer

K/1 & 2 LIBRARY
In library Each Tuesday afternoon the children have been reading and hearing about the adventures of a very persistent pigeon. We have been sharing a series of stories written by Mo Willems about a naughty pigeon titled Don’t Let the Pigeon On The Bus!, Don’t Let the Pigeon Touch the Books! and The Pigeon Needs a Bath!

Library reminder to children ( and parents to assist) to bring their library books and bags each Tuesday please.

THANK YOU
A huge thank you to parents who have continued to busily cover books for the classes. This has been a mammoth job alongside the consistent levelling of all the readers.

Our special thanks also to Robyn Winterflood who has been assisting with accessioning of library books and preparing them for borrowing. Thank you Robyn.

NARRATIVE WRITING IN PRIMARY – MRS SMITH
Primary enjoyed exploring ways to write using the title of “Journey”. We looked at the aiming audience, how we can keep them interested in reading our work and how to write in sequence. Well done Primary.

The cave
A little family lived in the woods. The two little children went into the woods. Sarah went into the cave. Her sister Chelien said to Sarah “don’t go in the cave” but she didn’t listen. Now Sarah was lost in the cave.

Chelien went to get her dad. Chelien said to her dad “Sarah is lost in a cave!”

Her dad Shane went to find her in the cave. Shane slayed the dragon.

Sarah was saved by her dad.

Chelien, Sarah and Shane went home to see their mum Sam.

P & C NEWS
So you think you can create?
WATCH THIS SPACE