SCHOOL NEWS

Farewell Mr Bennett
This week we fare well Mr Bennett. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time. Mr Bennett will be remembered for everything he has done here at Binalong Public School.

School Communication
Please do not hesitate to contact the school directly with any concerns that parents or our community have regarding all school issues. At this time we need to be open with communication.

Welcome
This week we welcome the Christenson family to our Binalong Public School community. Noa has joined the year2/3 class and Morgan has joined the 4/5/6 class. It has been wonderful learning about Denmark and listening to the boys speak Danish. We hope they enjoy their stay at Binalong.

Language, Literacy and Learning (L3)
This year Mrs Smith and I have been very lucky to have access through Early Action for Success, L3 stage 1 training. This is a great opportunity for us to be able to expand on what we learnt last year and to be able to bring the best literacy program to our students.

L3, for those who are not aware, focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful Readers and Writers. It occurs as part of the daily literacy lesson within our three literacy classes.

This training takes place generally on a Thursday, 4 times each term for the remainder of the year. I realise that this is a big commitment and takes us away from the classroom, however the benefit and results we have seen in the students has made the program well worth it and personally making huge improvements in our teaching.

Clean Up Australia Day
Just a friendly reminder that this Friday 4th March, students will be taking part in Clean Up Australia Day. Please bring a pair of gloves.

Funky Hair Day and National Ride2School Day
Friday 11th March is Funky Hair Day for the World’s Greatest Shave and National Ride2School Day. We will be all meeting at the post office at 9am to ride, scoot or walk to school. Students in their funky hair and out of uniform will be making their way to school via the bike path. Back at school we will have a healthy snack of milo and fruit.

Rebekkah Kruger will be shaving her hair in front of the students at 11am, for the World’s Greatest Shave. All parents, siblings, family and friends are welcome to join us for the morning.

Harden Annual Truck and Tractor Show
Students have been invited by the Harden Historic Truck and Tractor Club to enter into a truck or tractor building competition. Students are asked to build a model of a truck or tractor out of Lego or Meccano. All materials are to be supplied by the student. The entries can be delivered to the Harden main show pavilion on the morning of the display. The Truck and Tractor Show will be held on Sunday 20th March at the Harden Showgrounds.

Man From Ironbark
Students will be travelling to Jugiong Public School on Tuesday 22nd March to watch a performance “The Man from Ironbark” and join in a day of
activities with the Jugiong students. Please see note for all details.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Milo T20 Blast Cricket**
We will be participating in T20 Blast Cricket on Tuesday 15th March. Please complete the attached note and return to school ASAP.

**Swimming for Sport**
This week is our last week for swimming. This week the footy bus will be taking us to the pool. Thank you to all those parents who offered to drive.

**District CDPSSA Soccer Trials**
Good luck to Jack, Charlie Oscar and Tom who are trying out for the District Soccer Team this Friday.

**Riverina Swimming Carnival**
We wish Maddie, Thomas, Thomasina, Charlie and Jack best of luck at Riverina Swimming carnival in Albury on Monday 7th March 2016.

**Sporting Schools**
Sporting School will commence again next week.

**Friday Sport**
Starting next week the students will be participating in Athletics in preparation for our carnival.

**YEAR 2/3 NEWS**
Over the past couple of weeks we have been reading a number of great picture books, including “Fire” by Jackie French. This story is a poem written about the Black Saturday Bushfires in Victoria and contains very powerful images and descriptions that really pulled on our heart string.

This is Thomas’s response to the book:

It was very sad and emotional, because it was real, it was like a monster because it burnt it all to the ground.

**Miss O’Connor**

**4/5/6/ NEWS**

In Primary we have been busy working on improving our reading and comprehension skills in grammar. The children are displaying great strategies in grammar and punctuation.

**Miss Hurley**

**LIBRARY NEWS**
Due to the staff training that takes place on most Thursday or Fridays students have been told that if they would like to change a book on a Wednesday to come and see me and I will open the library at Recess time. A normal Friday borrowing will still take place when possible.

**Mrs Smith**

**CALENDAR Weeks 7 & 8**

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**KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR ONE NEWS**

This week our class has been working on gaining skills in writing. We have looked at a base word and expanded it or rearranged letters to form other words.

Students need to know not just the name of a letter but its sound. This strategy helps students work out what a word is. Please get your child into the habit of sounds of letters.

Students have been given the next level of difficulty reading books in the classroom. For homework I am still sending easier levels for students to gain confidence in their reading.

**Mrs Smith**