

Robotics

This term our Robotics day concentrated on the programming and flying of drones. We were joined by Hay SOTA for the day as the students refined their pilot skills. Our thanks to Vicki Kempton for helping the students advance their STEM skills.



Hay SOTA and BPS students learning the finer points of drone f flying.

In the kitchen

The students have enjoyed their cooking sessions with Mrs Turner this term, including producing their very own individual chicken pies, ceaser salad and apple pie with apples from the Kitchen Garden. However the highlight of this term was Show Cooking day in preparation for the annual Hay Show. The students all made biscuits, picklets and decorated cup cakes. Thanks to everyone who made it possible to enter 21 separate items!



Taste testing the icing

Kitchen Garden

In the garden

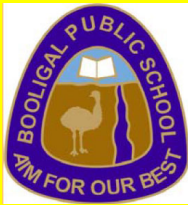
The students have been busy in the garden as we prepare for Spring plantings. This has included a complete refurbishment of the strawberry beds ready for an abundance of fruit this summer. Cucumbers, chilli's and tomatoes have also been planted ensuring a bumper crop to use next term in the kitchen.

Dusty Plum helped our garden guru Michelle Spence to create a worm farm. Using composting plants, cardboard and water , the worm farm is now home to 1000 worms (4 x different types). The worms will provide “worm juice” a super concentrated fertilizer as well as a nursery for worms to be put into our beds.



Show prep—in the thick of it!

School Dates					
26 Sept	Last day of Term	28 Oct	Robotics	6 Sept	Super Friday
14 Oct	Students return	2-6 Nov	Swimming		
22-25 Oct	School Excursion	9-13 Nov	Swimming		
31 Oct	Hay Cricket Blast	Robotics	12 Dec	PRESENTATION NIGHT	



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Happy Days: Dusty Plum, Lily Plum, Grace McLean, Max Spence, Lach Spence & Hope Job

Principal’s Report

Firstly I would like to congratulate Hay Public School on their 150 year anniversary. We are very fortunate to have a close working relationship with HPS which is of enormous benefit to both school communities.

We have had some outstanding achievements by our students this term at a State and National Level. Lachlan Spence won the Dorothea Mackellar, National Poetry Award, David Maher Prize for Small Schools, with his entry *The Forgotten Tree*

Congratulations also to Lily Plum and Dusty Plum whose Operation Art entries were selected for the Top 50 Touring Exhibition from over 800 entries.

In sport, Grace McLean competed in the Inaugural PSSA Girls Rugby 7’s tournament in Sydney with the Riverina team finishing 8th our of 12 teams.

Max Spence will be joining his Hay Public School teammates in Wagga this week, where they will

compete in the finals of the Trent Barrett Shield.

This Term the school has also completed its External Validation. The process reviews the education goals and programs of the school against outcomes. The process is extensive, and is finalised with a peer review. I am pleased to say that Booligal Public School received outstanding reviews of our teaching, programing and overall student achievement and well being. It was pleasing to know that our goal of providing a well rounded education, sourcing expert knowledge and supporting student well being was recognised by the Department.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the community to attend our annual Presentation Night to be held on **Thursday 12 December 2019.**



### Dorothea Mackellar Award

In September Lachlan Spence travelled to Gunnedah to accept his award for the Dorothea McKellar National Poetry Competition. Lachlan's poem, *Forgotten Tree*, was chosen as the winner of the David Maher Award for Small Schools. This is the second year that a student from BPS has won the award and we would like to thank Fleur Cullenward who conducted an expert poetry workshop with the students in preparation for the award.

#### Forgotten Tree

I hear a loud noise to my side,  
I fly towards it, using sound as a guide,  
The land is barren and no good for crops,  
Then all of a sudden the noise stops,  
I land on a branch so I can see,  
Alone in my forgotten tree.

A rusty ute was making the sound  
A man steps out, onto dry ground,  
His ute must have run out of fuel,  
I notice his finger bares a jewel,  
It glitters in the sun so I see,  
Alone in my forgotten tree.

If I could swoop right down with speed,  
I'd grab that jewel a prize indeed,  
I need to think of a masterplan,  
To steal it from this lonely man,  
It would be easy I can see,  
Alone in my forgotten tree.

I see his face and it looks sad,  
if I steal that jewel, I will feel bad,  
I realise that this man is alone,  
And a long way from his home,  
His life is the same as mine I see,  
Alone in my forgotten tree.

For days on end I watch this man,  
I see him suffer, his face is bland,  
The process is so very slow,  
Oh how I wish he would just go,  
In the night he dies, I see,  
Alone in my forgotten tree.

I watch the Goanna's feed on him,  
The foxes too, when the light is dim,  
His memory is haunting me,  
Alone in my forgotten tree,  
There I see his bones sink in,  
I choose to leave the ring with him,  
Alone in my forgotten tree.



Lachlan Spence with David Maher at the award ceremony

### Operation Art

On 14 September the annual Operation Art winners were announce and we were very excited to learn that both Lily Plum and Dusty Plum's entries had been selected for The Touring 50 Exhibition. The 50 artworks (chosen from over 800 entries) will tour regional centres before being donated to Westmead Children's Hospital to form part of their permanent collection.



Lily Plum & Dusty Plum with their winning entries

### NSW PSSA Girls Rugby Sevens

Grace McLean joined Emily Caughey (Hay Public School) at the inaugural NSW PSSA Girls Rugby Sevens tournament in Sydney recently. The two day carnival, held at St Mary's, saw teams from all over the State compete in the seven a side game. The girls were very lucky to have the opportunity to meet the whole Australian Women's Rugby Sevens team. The Riverina Team was joined by gold medal winning player, Alicia Quirk who is originally from Wagga. Alicia helped coach the girls for some of their games which saw them finish 8th out of 12 teams.



Grace McLean with her Riverina Team & Alicia Quirk

### CWA Public Speaking

Lachlan Spence, Grace McLean and Max Spence recently competed at the annual CWA Public Speaking competition held in Hay. Each speaker chose a topic set by the CWA and prepared a 2—3 minute speech. Once the competitors had completed their prepared speech they were then given 10 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech on the topic of BBQ's. All of the students spoke extremely well. Congratulations to Jimmy Houston (HPS) for winning the Stage 3 competition and Josh Gardener (HPS) for winning the Stage 2 competition.



Max Spence, Grace McLean & Lach Spence at the CWA Public Speaking Contest in Hay.

### Trent Barrett

It was great to have three of students invited to participate in the Trent Barrett Shield. Lily and Dusty Plum joined St Mary's at the Leeton carnival and enjoyed participating in the girls league tag and boys tackle.



Dusty Plum with his St Mary's teammates

Max Spence was invited to join HPS Team Red for their hit out at the Griffith carnival. Max helped his team to four wins, which saw them progress to the finals of the Trent Barrett shield to be held in Wagga on Tuesday 24 September. Good luck Max and HPS Red.



Max with his HPS Red teammates