



Booligal Bulletin

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Japanese Mask making with Mrs Clavel

Principal's Report

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017. I would firstly like to extend our best wishes to Mrs Mary-Ann Headon who has been appointed as Principal of Carrathool School for 2017. Mary-Anne was an invaluable member of our school community for the past three years and she will be greatly missed by both the students, staff and parents of BPS.

As one door closes another opens, and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Maree Clavel to the school as our second teacher for 2017. Maree will be teaching all children Japanese and HSIE, while also taking on the Stage 1 and 2 children for literacy and numeracy.

This year we will trialling a very exciting opportunity for the BPS students with the introduction of "Super Friday" which will see the students spend their Friday's in Hay being exposed to a wide variety of educational experiences that we would normally not be able to access, such as Ukulele and Calisthenics. We are very grateful to Hay Public School who have provided a room for us each week to be able to access these exciting opportunities.

We jumped straight into the pool and into the swimming carnival season with our first carnival held in our second week of school. All of our students participated with great enthusiasm. Congratulations to

Dimity McLean (11 Year girl champion) and Lachlan Spence (Junior boy champion). A big thank you to Robyn Person and Hay Public School for organising a great carnival and for including us in the Hay Public School Carnival. Last week all of our eligible students travelled to Hay for the Deniliquin District carnival. The BPS students once again showed great enthusiasm competing in all events. Congratulations to Dimity McLean (11 Year Breastroke) and Grace McLean (8 Year Freestyle) who have qualified for the Regional Carnival being held on Monday 13 March in Albury. A big thank you to all of our parents who assisted as time keepers and marshalls on the day., I know that your help is much appreciated by HPS who once again organised a very professional and enjoyable carnival.

A reminder that the Booligal Sheep Races will be held on Saturday 8 April. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year - any support you can give is most appreciated. We will also have our famous Easter Raffle on sale this week - look out for tickets or call the school to be in the running to win the prizes generously donated by Thunderstruck Shearing.

Linda Stewart
Principal

First Aid Course

As part of our Community Engagement strategy for 2016/17, BPS hosted a First Aid Course on 25 November 2016. Robert Marmont delivered a very informative session to sixteen enthusiastic participants including 3 of our senior students. It was great to see so many community members join us for this invaluable session. The day was a great success and we will be looking for other opportunities to bring the community together to learn new skills over the coming 12 months.



Mary Ann Headon and Ed Crossley practicing their bandaging techniques



Di Plum and Rachel Crossley enjoying the day



Community learning with Robert Marmont

Swimming Carnivals

The long hot summer has defiantly been an advantage to the Booligal students who have been competing in the annual swimming carnivals this year. All of our swimmers put in a terrific performance at the annual Hay Carnival. Most importantly the Hay Small Schools were hands down the most enthusiastic supporters at the meet, cheering on their team mates at every opportunity.

It was very encouraging to see such an improvement in times over just a few weeks with all of ours swimmers achieving personal bests in District Carnival held on 2 March. Best of luck to Dim and Grace McLean and all of the Hay swimmers, who will be heading to Albury for the PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival.



Hay SOTA and Booligal Public School getting into the spirit of the carnival.



Dim & Grace McLean are off to Albury

Kitchen Garden

We have had a massive couple of weeks in the garden and kitchen this term. In the garden we have been enjoying harvesting our Summer crops, preparing our beds for Autumn and planting the next lot of vegetables and herbs.

In the kitchen this month we have been using our potatoes from the great potato growing contest by making gnocchi by hand! We used our zucchini to make a delicious vegetarian cannelloni. We were most excited to be able to use our first crop of apples to make a fabulous apple and rhubarb pie.

In our next session we prepared a feast! We harvested all our remaining herbs and vegetables and we got cooking! We made beetroot dip with flat bread, our homemade gnocchi with spinach and basil in a tomato sauce , corn and zucchini fritters AND plum tart.

Thanks to all of parents for helping in the garden and the kitchen.



Grace McLean and Max Spence on apple cutting duty



Dim McLean and Lachie Spence rolling their potato gnocchi



Hope Job and Lily Plum working hard in the garden



BPS 2017 enjoying their homegrown and homemade feast

Coming Events / Birthdays

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| 8 March | Phil Kettle Writing Workshop |
| 13 March | PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival |
| 15 March | Milo Blast Cricket |
| 17 March | Super Friday (Hay) |
| 20 March | Debating (Deniliquin) |
| 21 March | Netball Gala Day (Griffith) |
| 28 March | Lily Plum B'Day |
| 5-6 April | PSSA Swimming Homebush |
| 6 April | Last day of school |
| 8 April | Booligal Sheep Races |

