FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Well another successful term is drawing to a close. How quickly does it go? Only a short report from me this time as we are currently on the Whole School Excursion in Dubbo. It has been a tremendous week. The children have been beautifully behaved, and engaged and enjoying all the planned activities. Some special events this term have been the various Athletics Carnivals, the Bourke Horse Sports and the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all the students who participated in these events. Special mention and congratulations to Kathie McGrath from the Bourke Campus, who won her Regional Discus event and has qualified for the PSSA State Athletics Carnival at Homebush next term. This is a fantastic achievement and we all wish her the very best of luck in this event. Congratulations also to our spelling champions - Jerry Fisher from the Bourke Campus who won the Regional Senior Spelling Bee, and sister Millie, won the Junior Division. They will both now represent our school at the State Final.

Spelling Bee next term on Nov 5th. No rest for you guys in the holidays, heads down practicing spelling!! The Bourke Horse Sports were held on Friday 12th, and well done to all the students who rode. It takes much planning, preparation and travelling to compete in these events, and special thanks to the parents who make it possible for their children to attend. We have a busy Term 4 coming up but until then, I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.

Kind Regards
Wendy Hay
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

15th September – Whole School Excursion – Dubbo
19th September – Last day term 3
7th October – First day back
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

• **Kate Bartlett** – Being more independent in the school room
• **Luke Humbert** – Wonderful progress with sounds and writing
• **Mulloka O’New Dawn** – Improved confidence and great recordings this term
• **Katie McGrath** – Consistently completing her work to a high standard this term
• **Grace Robinson** – Putting in an amazing amount of effort and making HUGE improvements in maths and english
• **Barney Mort** – Working hard to improve independent working skills and taking responsibility for the quality of his work
• **Percy Thwaites** – HUGE improvements in his writing tasks
• **Gilbert Thwaites** – Consistently neat work and a BIG effort with reading
• **Tully Ritter** – HUGE improvements in spelling
• **Ayden McLean** – Working hard in ALL areas
• **Teddy Tonkin** – Working hard to keep up to date in all areas, especially reading
• **Felix Henderson** – Terrific work on satellite and a HUGE improvement in reading

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!**

Our warmest congratulations to both Miss Sophie Slack-Smith, who announced her engagement this week, and to Miss Kimberly Nagle who is expecting the birth of her first child.

Spring is in the air at the Bourke Centre!

PARENTING IDEAS

**TEN COMMON DISCIPLINE MISTAKES**

Discipline is easy when children are easy. It can be downright tricky when children are difficult, have interesting personalities or are at one of the challenging developmental stages. It’s with kids in these difficult categories that we need to get our discipline techniques right.

Here are 10 common mistakes I see many parents make when trying to get cooperation from their children, keep them safe or teach them to behave well.

**Repeating Yourself**

If you do this, you are training your kids to become ‘parent deaf’. Kids learn more from respectful actions than your repeated words, so speak once – twice at most – then *DO* something.

**Shouting To Be Heard**
You will get better results by going below the noise baseline to get their attention rather than raising your voice.

Setting Limits Too Late
If you set a limit a few weeks after new object or situation is introduced (e.g. a kid gets a new mobile phone, a teen starts going out at night), you will be seen to be taking away a freedom. It’s better to set limits first then loosen them up later.

Setting No Limits
Boundaries, rules, expectations and standards teach kids what’s expected. Boys love them. They also like to push against them, so you need a firm backbone.

Failing To Follow Through.
Talk! Threaten! Nag! No way! See No. 1 above.

Making Consequences Too Harsh
“You're grounded for a month, Mr 6-year-old” is a tad harsh and will usually bring resentment, not to mention confusion. Stick to the 3 Rs:— Respectful, Reasonable and Related to the behaviour – when setting consequences and you can’t go too far wrong.

Applying Consequences when you, or they, are Angry
When anger is in the air, kids will become mad at you ... if they listen at all. Calmness makes a huge difference to effectiveness at the point of discipline.

Mixing Discipline with Counselling
Never mix the two as it sends mixed messages. If a child misbehaves manage that situation. If you suspect something negative is going on in their life, then deal with that at a separate time.

Deferring Discipline
Deferring discipline to a child care centre, preschool or school. This is taking the easy way out and teaches kids that you don’t have real authority. Have the confidence to be the authority and take a lead.

One Parent is Always the Bad Guy

This gets wearing. Also it’s hard to have fun when you are the tough cop all the time. If you are in a two-parent situation take discipline in turns. If you are parenting solo, bring “sparents” into the act.

We’ve all made mistakes when disciplining kids. Tiredness, emotion and lack of skill can get in the way of effective discipline. But part of the evolution and growth of you as a parent involves eradicating some of your old ways, and replacing them with new, more effective, more sophisticated ways of managing yourself and your kids.

Michael Grosse’s Parent Magazine can be read on line at the following link: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html

MICHAEL GROSSE

SPECIAL

SPORTING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Katie McGrath who has been selected in the Western Region Athletics Team. Katie will represent the Western Region at the PSSA State Athletics Carnival at Homebush in Week 2 of Term 4.

Katie won the Junior Girls Discus at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Dubbo on August 29th. This is a fantastic effort and we wish you well and Good Luck from all at BWSODE.
MERIT AWARDS

Walgett Students

Jamie – Wonderful handwriting / Great work in sounds.
Kelly – Great work in problem solving / Fantastic comprehension results / Wonderful work in mentals.
Ayden – Star Student! / Going up to Level B in Spelling Mastery / For his brilliant work showing
Darcy – Fantastic effort in handwriting / For his unbelievable artwork in ‘The Seaside’ and ‘Mini beasts’ / A wonderful improvement in writing his name.
Beatrice – For fabulous work in addition and subtraction work with maths / Exceptional work on comparative adjectives / A wonderful model of ‘The Fat and Juicy Place’ / Fabulous independent work in Maths Tracks units.
John – Excellent problem solving skills / Commendable start to his new set work.
Percy – Impressive work completed in maths / For his unreal idea and recount: “Percy’s Pushbike Tube Changing Business” / Awesome acrostic poem ‘Carp Bash’ / FAB work in problem solving / for his fabulous journal entry ‘The Budgie Cage’.
Emily – For a super fantastically illustrated and written story book / Her amazing paintings of Mini Beasts using the “press and lift” technique / Her exceptionally neat handwriting.

Tully – Cool creative writing skills / Brilliant journal entry / Outstanding efforts when working with circles in maths / Fantastic self-editing skills when writing / Super improvements in spelling / Unreal efforts in Maths Tracks recordings / Impressive persuasive piece on ‘Which is Better – Cats or Dogs?’ / Great job in decimals / Nailing percentages (%).
Gilbert – Excellent work using visual clues and images to interpret text meaning / His fabulous work in whole numbers.
Harriet – A magnificent effort in Maths Tracks recordings / Fabulous newspaper article ‘A Snake in The Schoolwork’ / Cool work with converting measurements in maths / Perfect procedure on how to make an Italian pizza / Excellent explanation of the Digestive System / OUTSTANDING efforts in the ‘Living Things’ unit / Fabulous fluent expressive independent reading.
Oscar – A fabulous effort in all Maths Tracks units / Interesting procedure “How to Get Water without a Tap or Rain” / For his terrific tips to remember when adding and subtracting decimals / Awesome maths work / Impressive work completed in the ‘Living Things’ unit.
Campbell – For his improvement in Inferential skills / An awesome attempt sounding challenging words in ‘The Newtown Tigers’ / For his unbelievable effort in Maths Tracks recordings / A sensational effort in independent reading / Times table wiz / His absolutely amazing work in the ‘Living Things’ grid / For his solid independent effort tin Maths Tracks units.
Mariade – Wonderful work in maths.
Teddy – A huge effort put into all work / Excellent result in maths assessment tasks / Reading and achieving amazing things with the 'All Blacks' / For his amazing paintings of Mini Beasts using the "press and lift" technique / For his phenomenal preparation and presentation of his satellite speech.

Robert – Awesome effort in maths.

Zari – Writing a very impressive recount / A solid effort in Spelling Mastery activities / A huge effort and fantastic work in 'Living Things' unit.

Zedi – A brilliant start to spelling conventions and great results in the 'big test' / An awesome independent attempt in reading comprehension / For fabulous work in interpreting and presenting data / A huge effort and fantastic work in 'Living Things' unit.

Bridget – For her 'rip roaring' report on the 6 Ways Carnival / An outstanding explanation on the Digestive Process / A wonderful result in maths assessment tasks / Awesome maths work / 'Purr-fect' handwriting.

Max – Star work in all areas / Terrific research and description of the 'Hammer Orchid' plant / Awesome butterfly print / His amazing paintings of Mini Beasts using the 'press & lift' technique / for his sensational work in 'Let's Keep Safe' / His wonderful improvement in writing his name.

William – Neat work in all written work / Great work in mentals.

Felix – For his phenomenal sounding in story writing / Amazing sounding out when reading and writing.

Western – A fabulous improvement in telling the time / For his huge efforts and wonderful presentation in 'Living Things' tasks / Awesome art work.

Millie – Great knowledge and contribution to music lessons / Mastering paragraph writing / Fantastic effort in her 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' unit / Excellent bookwork for her music.

Aaron – Enthusiastic contributions to music lessons / Awesome work in his English unit / Improving accuracy in mentals.

John – Outstanding participation in music lessons / Great commitment to 'All Blacks' unit.

Grace – For your enthusiastic contribution to music lessons / For an amazing 'Hating Alison Ashley' unit.

Jerry – For your excellent skills in the Music Appreciation class / For his outstanding 'Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' unit.

Barney – Making mature and confident contributions on Satellite / Outstanding effort and attitude in maths.


Murrumba – Huge effort on the Home Visit.

Kate – Music award / Beautiful handwriting / Extended responses in her Wombat Stew unit.

Jon – Brilliant work in mentals.

Calum – Working hard to catch up on his work / Amazing response to his Grid task 2D Animal Basketball team.

Charlie – Working hard to improve the quality of his work each week / Achievement in maths.

Jess – For working hard to catch up on her work and being a great addition to Stage 3.

Malcolm – For his ongoing effort in all subjects / Trying hard in tough circumstances.
Sophie - Fantastic effort in spelling / Improvement in her writing.
Emmett - Increasing his length of writing.
Katie - Verbal description of her Rainbow Room / Fantastic work in her “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” unit.
Mulloka - Great recordings.
Brandon - Trying hard to learn difficult maths concepts.

The Regional finals of the Spelling Bee were held on Thursday 11th September. John Robinson, Millie Fisher, Harriet Morris and Jerry Fisher all participated and special mention and congratulations to Millie and Jerry who won their Junior and Senior Divisions and now progress to the State Finals on Nov 5th.

WELL DONE

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2014
Congratulations to the children participating in this year’s Moorambilla festival.

Where are the children from?
Baradine, Binnaway, Bourke Walgett Distance Education Centre, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coolah, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Dubbo, Dunedoo, Gilgandra, Goodooga, Gulargambone, Lightning Ridge, Mendooran, Narramine, Nyngan, Orana, Trangie, Walgett, Warren and Wellington.

What are the children doing?
They will dance, sing, compose, paint, weave, play drums and learn about indigenous traditions and stories of their region. Up to 200 children will work with TaikOz, the Song Company, and choreographers from Queensland Ballet. They will learn to sing, write and read music with award-winning Artistic Director Michelle Leonard, composers Alice Chance, Andrew Batt-Rawden and Andrew Howes and pianist Ben Burton. They will work with Walgett visual artist Frank Wright and textile artist Fiona Fagan. They will work with the National Opal Museum, Lightning Ridge, on digital media and large-scale projected animation. They will perform with Sydney Symphony Orchestra Associate Concertmaster violinist Kirsten Williams and saxophonist Christian Leanard.

What are they learning?

LIBRARY NEWS

Winners of the Book Week Colouring In Comp are:

Infants: Emily Tonkin
Primary: Azaria Jones

Congratulations girls.

Term 3 LIBRARY AWARD goes to:
Calum Robinson

Congratulations to you Calum.

Loretta Robinson
Library
loretta.robinson@det.nsw.edu.au

SPELLING BEE

WELL DONE
Moorambilla supports the work already being done in your classrooms. These activities fulfil the NSW Creative Arts K-6 Syllabus Student Outcomes and they also fulfil the 7-12 Music NSW Syllabus requirements.

**What else will they learn?** You will see a difference in your students as their confidence, resilience and self-esteem grows from their active participation in the program and their opportunity to connect to their community. This is particularly assisted by the program's Indigenous Youth Leader Justin Welsh.

**What can you do?** If you haven't seen these movies about the kids – check these out! Moorambilla Voices [https://vimeo.com/55433015](https://vimeo.com/55433015) Film IMAXed OUT [https://vimeo.com/100070589](https://vimeo.com/100070589).

**Stay in touch!** We are broadcasting LIVE from the concert this year on ABC Western Plains Radio. Your whole school community can stay updated through the daily blog we publish online as the children progress through the camps.

BLOG [http://moorambillablog.wordpress.com](http://moorambillablog.wordpress.com)

The Gala Concert is on Saturday September 20th in the Coonamble Pavilion & on sale online in September on our website [www.moorambilla.com](http://www.moorambilla.com)

Stay tuned! Later this year the ABC will broadcast a special documentary all about Moorambilla called **OUTBACK CHOIR**.

**An excerpt from the Moorambilla Blog:**

*Tully Ritter lives between Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge on a property called Dunumbral. “I play the violin and I can read music – sometimes I sing along with the violin while I play the notes. I usually sing by myself at home – I like...**

*Moorambilla because I have friends around to sing with,” says Tully.*

“Tully has a beautiful singing voice,” says Artistic Director Michelle Leonard, “What is extraordinary about Tully is the tenacity she has shown since I first saw her three years ago. I know she has worked on her pitch and breathing and this year she is becoming one of our vocal leaders – she epitomizes what Moorambilla is all about.”

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

![Birthday wishes](image)

Happy Birthday to Azaria who turned 11 on Sept 9th

Hope you had a great day.

Happy Birthday to Bridget who turned 10 on Sept 15th
SPORT REPORTS

Barwon Zone Athletics
On Friday August 8th, nine students from BWSODE travelled to Collarenebri for the annual Barwon Zone Athletics Carnival. The weather was warm and perfect for running and jumping.

First up in the 100m sprints, place getters were Campbell 2nd, Emily 3rd and Teddy ran well to get 1st place. After this we competed in the field events. Bridget tried very hard to come a well-deserved 3rd in the discus. Percy showed off his talents in the shot put and discus taking out 1st place. Well done Percy.

Campbell sprang into action and jumped into 2nd place in the long jump. Teddy proved to be unbeatable with a jump of 3.30m taking out 1st place in the long jump. Teddy also received 2nd place in high jump. Well done Campbell and Teddy.

Students were next gathered for the 200m sprint. All students tried very hard and everyone was cheering for them. Teddy ran well to win his race and I came 2nd. Next we lined up for the 800m – it’s a killer! I was very nervous and I was very proud of my school friends who ran because it is a hard race. We all ran well and finished the race. Harriet had a great run and came 3rd. I’m pretty sure. Teddy ran 1st and it looked like he didn’t slow down the whole race!

Once all the field events were completed we lined up for relays. The relays are my favourite because it is a team event and there is lots of cheering and school spirit! The Senior Relay - Percy, Harriet, Gilbert and Tully all ran very well, especially Gilbert who was very keen.

Our senior relay came in 4th! We were very proud.

Finally, our Junior Relay lined up - Campbell, Teddy, Beatrice and I made a formidable team. WE WON!!!!!! I was so excited! GO BWSODE!!!

My brother Teddy performed very well. He was awarded Junior Boy Champion.

That is pretty cool! All up, it was a great day!
By Emily Tonkin Yr3

Bourke District Athletics 14th August

The relay team from BWSODE at the Bourke Carnival.

Some of the Athletics Team relaxing between events at the Carnival.

Bourke BWSODE
Western Region Athletics Carnival in Dubbo

B Relay Team Aaron Humbert, Charlie and Barney Mort, Millie Fisher
At the Western Regional School Sports Carnival held in Dubbo on Friday the 28th August, eight students from our school were there to compete. We were lucky enough to have two 4 x 100m relay teams with Malcolm and Jon Bartlett, Jerry and Millie Fisher, Barney and Charlie Mort, Aaron Humbert and Katie McGrath all there to run their hearts out.

A lot of these children were also there to compete in their own individual events, with a lot of PB’s being recorded on the track and in the field. Katie McGrath threw her own personal best in the discus with a throw of 21.28m earning her first place in the junior girl’s discus. This now earns Katie a trip to the State Carnival in Sydney in October.

Both our relay teams ran very well earning a spot in the final where we finished fourth and sixth. Congratulations to all our competitors, you represented our school in a fantastic manner!

Walgett BWSODE
North West Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth
On Friday 29th August, Percy, Harriet, Ted, Campbell and Emily attended the North-West PSSA Regional Athletics Carnival held in Tamworth. Unfortunately the weather conditions weren’t the best on the day but that did not deter the students from competing to the best of their abilities.

Up first were the 100m age races where Campbell and Teddy competed. Teddy made it through to the final and Campbell was only one place off progressing through to his. These are amazing achievements considering there were over 40 students competing in the heats.

Up next were the Small Schools Relay heats where our team, who comprised of Teddy, Campbell, Harriet and Emily progressed easily into the final. Our team didn’t place in the end but watching their expertise and precision in the changeovers was a sight to see and you would have thought they had been practising for weeks with each other (we know that definitely wasn’t the case).

Percy was up next in his discus where the competition was red-hot and he performed to the best of his ability. Teddy finished off the day by competing in the 800m, long jump and 200m. In all events, he performed brilliantly and I think he will be a force to be reckoned with in the long jump next year.

It was a long day for all, but worth the trip. I was lucky enough to be there this year to see some of our students compete and on behalf of the school, we are so proud of their fine efforts on the day. They should all be congratulated on their amazing achievements.

By Miss Warden