DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JUNE
Monday 2nd
Monday 9th
Wednesday 11th Gymnastics in Armidale
Public Holiday
NO ACTIVE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
Aboriginal Day with Nellie Blair
NO POWER
Wednesday 18th Gymnastics in Armidale
Wednesday 25th Gymnastics in Armidale
Friday 27th Crazy Hair Day & Last Day of Term

JULY
Thursday 17th P&C Street Stall
Wednesday 23rd P&C Meeting 6pm

The last two weeks have provided all staff, parents and community members the opportunity to see our student’s achieving outstanding results in a variety of academic, emotional, social and cultural areas. The students have successfully represented our wonderful school at two cross countries, an athletics carnival, the Thalgarrah excursion and our two school leaders at their high school transition programs.

There has been an increase in students attending the Active After-school Community program and numbers remain constant with our homework centre.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of hosting our School Director, Public School Northern Tablelands Mrs Sue Brown and she was very impressed with our delightful Public School. We discussed a number of issues and she also had a brief opportunity to view the students working enthusiastically in their classrooms. Mrs Brown was pleased to see all students wearing their beautiful school uniform and she thought that it was great to see students wearing their school tie and badge with pride and confidence. She thought that all the students were extremely friendly and polite.

Small School Cross Country
On Friday 17th May our school community travelled to Ben Lomond to allow our students to compete in the annual Small School Cross Country event. Our student’s has the opportunity to run against students from Red Range, Glen West Infants, Ben Lomond, Chandler, Ebor and Black Mountain.

It was fabulous to see that all of our students ran in each event and at the end of the day we had every student receive a ribbon and three students who received a champion’s medal.

I-pads
At the last P&C meeting it was voted unanimously to provide a donation to our school so that we could purchase I-pads for the students. Last Friday Mrs Davidson put the order in and our school should receive the I-pads over the next couple of weeks. Thank you! Every student will certainly benefit from our generous P&C’s kind donation.

K-2 Thalgarrah Excursion
What a wonderful day! It was a sheer delight to accompany our students to Thalgarrah so that they could participate in a variety of activities. The keen little environmentalists explored the centre, discovered what animals lived in the Garra River, participated in team building exercises and make a native, organic perfume. Our K-2 children thoroughly enjoyed the bus trip because for some it was a new experience.

Yousef Elyassa won Senior Boy Champion, Sophie McKemey Senior Girl Champion and Bridget McKemey Junior Girl Champion. Well Done! Many thanks to all of the parents who travelled to Ben Lomond the support our cross country squad. It was inspirational and all of the students truly appreciated your support.

PLEASE REMEMBER
NO Active Afternoon School Community on Wednesday 11th June.
School Photographs
Stunning, beautiful, magnificent, eye catching, spectacular and totally unique are just a few adjectives that I can think of to try and describe our school photographs. I really don't think that any other school in Australia would have school photographs like Bald Blair Public School. Mrs Davidson is to be congratulated on the awesome quality of photographs that she creates for our students and their parents and quality photographs just don't happen. Mrs Davidson puts in a lot of time, patience and dedication to produce such spectacular photographs. Thank you so much Donna. Parents can collect their child/children's photographs from the principal's office.

Active After-school Community
Next Monday all students and staff will travel to Armidale by bus to participate in an afternoon of gymnastics at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre which is situated in Kentucky Street. Mr Wally O'Hara, a fully qualified gymnastics instructor will be leading the afternoon of activities. Parents please note that all students need to be collected from school at 4.45pm. Please ensure you have returned your child's permission note.

Professional Development
All teaching staff members completed their second session on "Understanding Dyslexia and significant reading difficulties" yesterday afternoon and they are now writing SMART goals for their students. The course is allowing all members of staff to enhance, reinforce and consolidate their knowledge, skills and understanding of dyslexia.

Interesting fact:
There are 774,000 students who are enrolled in New South Wales public schools and sadly 55,000 students are absent from school every day.

Amidale Cross Country
Last Friday Yousef, Henry, Patrick, Jessie, Farren, Claudia, Maryam, Lettie, Zoe, Thomas, Wylie, Jasmine, Archie, Matilda, Bridget, Alice, Muhammad, Aidan and Abbott attended the Armidale Cross Country at Bellevue Oval in Armidale. All students showed excellent sportsmanship during the day and tried their hardest. Congratulations to Bridget and Claudia Mc Keme for their outstanding achievements on the day. Bridget came 4th and made it to the next stage at Coolah next month and Claudia came 8th and is reserve.

Active Afternoon and Communities with Miss Waters
As you all know this term we are focusing on Gymnastics. There has been over 20 students stay back for active afternoon sport, which is fantastic. Please ensure that your child/children understand that AASC requires active participation and students need to follow school rules within this hour. So far, most students are enjoying learning the different gymnastics concepts and movements.

We have looked at a variety of body movements, the handstand, safety forward roll and have just started on the cartwheel.

Students are very excited and eager to get to the gymnastics centre in Armidale on Monday. Please remind girls to wear appropriate pants or leggings when doing gymnastics.

Lake Keepit Excursion Years 3-6
Thank you to all families for returning your child/children's note. Bookings have been made and a final cost will be worked out shortly.
Thalgarrah Excursion

Last week the students in years 3-6 attended Thalgarrah for an overnight excursion. Students from Black Mountain Public School, Chandler Public School, Ebor Public School and Ben Lomond Public School also attended. On arrival the students were put into groups made up of students from the different schools. The students were shown how to use a video camera and discussed terms used in filming such as panning. The students were then required to create a storyboard for a film about Thalgarrah. The students had to draw a sequence of pictures on their storyboard and write the dialogue for the film. Once the students were happy with their storyboards each group went outside and started filming. On Thursday morning the students completed their filming and were then required to edit their work. At the conclusion of the day the students watched each group’s film. The students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and have certainly gained valuable skills from the activities they took part in.

Well done to the students who recently attended the Guyra Athletics Carnival at Guyra Central School. Our school won the overall best school trophy on the day.

NO POWER ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

Aboriginal Day

Nellie Blair and Brian Irving will be visiting our school on Wednesday 11th June for our school’s NAIDOC week celebration. The students will participate in a number of activities and the children will be provided for a cost of $2.00 pumpkin soup and a bread roll.

Has your contact numbers changed? If so please email new numbers to the school.

Parents could you please note that we are sending all notes, newsletters & permission notes to your email address…

Proud dad Lachie & Matilda Cullen at the Armidale Cross Country last Friday

Between now and the end of term I will share some of our 2014 school photos!

Regards Donna