Easter is quickly approaching and so is the end of term one. Where has the time gone? For the past couple of weeks school has been extremely hectic with fundraisers, transition, Easter art, craft and writing activities, the Finlayson Sport's Day, the Guyra Cross Country, professional development courses for teachers in using Ipads, leadership, School Plan writing and management, homework centre, applying for the new Sporting Schools initiative, a teddy bears picnic, English and numeracy assessments and completion of unit of work based on World War 1.
Transition
Welcome to Clem McKemey who joined us last week. For the past three weeks our eight transition students have been studying the letter and sounds s,c,k and a. Each day they complete a number of pre reading and pre writing activities based on the above sounds. They have been enjoying their cooking, craft, number, art, music, singing and sporting activities. I would like to congratulate our students from K-6 who have taken it upon themselves to make sure that our new students are always cared for in a kind and considerate manner.

Year Six Fundraiser - St Patrick’s Day
On Tuesday 17th March Patrick, Farren and Jessie held their first fundraiser for the year. All students from K-6 came dressed in a variety of green costumes and the leaders cooked tasty lamburgers and served these on bread for lunch. The students also received a juice and some green jelly. The leaders would like to thank Mrs Gittoes for kindly donating the lamburgers for this fundraiser.
The leaders raised over $150 and these funds will go towards their end of year gift to the school.

Transition Cooking Scones

Stage Classes
This term on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9.20 until 1.15 the 3-6 class has been split into stage groups and Miss Waters teaches stage two ( years 3-4 ) and Mr Gittoes teaches stage 3 ( years 5-6). In the morning each stage completes their English tasks including talking and listening, reading, spelling, handwriting and grammar and after morning tea each class completes writing and number activities. Each number session commences with table drills and its great to see that all students have improved their table skills and knowledge during the term.

By splitting the classes it has given the teachers greater opportunities to target students individual learning needs, interests and challenges as they can specifically target each stage outcome in English and mathematics strands.

Japanese Teaching Assistant
Our school will be hosting two Japanese students Chika Arino from 10th August until 4th September (4 weeks) and Mai Kawamoto from 12th October until 6th November (6 weeks).

Congratulations Letters
Last week Farren, Patrick and Jessie received a letter from the member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall congratulating them on being leaders at Bald Blair Public School for 2015.

Campout
This is an excellent positive program to support parents and their children.

Program has four essential ingredients:

- Educate
Parents learn about parenting strategies to support children’s development and emotional needs

- Inspire
Parents and children participate in meaningful conversation

- Connect
Parent’s acknowledge and celebrate their child’s qualities.

- Evaluate
Parents complete the evaluation form at the end of each Campout.
Program runs from Day 1 3pm until Day 2 9.30am the next day.

One parent and one child with a tent. Bring picnic dinner/breakfast. Or have it catered for or join together and share.

Cost Campout bag $15.00

The Snow Gum Alliance has organised a Campout for interested parents at Thalgarrah Environmental Centre on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd May. If you would like to attend this initiative please let me know as soon as possible.

Teddy Bears Picnic With Mrs Barker

Mrs Barker with K-2
Thank you so much to the wonderful students, staff and parents of Bald Blair Public School for making me feel so welcome and taking such good care of me. I have had the most wonderful term. Thank you.
K-2 have worked so hard this term, we have learnt some Mackatom language, completed our literacy unit on “The Very Cranky Bear” as well as building a shop in the corridor for our maths, learning about money and especially getting the correct change! Our science unit has been fun with looking at the Sky and Landscape to give us a hint on how to dress. We also planted some Flanders Poppies in a Remembrance garden together with some rosemary ready for ANZAC Day. Thank you K-2 for being such beautiful and helpful learners.

News with Mrs Purvis

It's hard to believe that it is the end of term one already! I would like to congratulate all the students on their hard work this term.
The boys and girls in 3-6 have been working very hard on learning their marimba pieces for this term. In Japanese they have been revising their numbers, colours, my name is and been learning about transport, farm vocabulary and Japanese culture.
I have completed running records on some students this week and I am pleased with the progress they have made. If your child has sight word lists as part of their homework could you please try to continue to go through these lists with your child in the holidays. It is always a delight to work with all the students at Bald Blair School and I look forward to term two.

Happy Birthday to:
Skye, Jasmine, Alice, Mac, Arthur & Jordie who have all celebrated Birthday’s recently.

Jordie Cullen

Jasmine & Skye

Wishing Everyone a very Happy & Safe Easter Break!

Julie & Staff at Bald Blair PS

School Resumes Tuesday 21st April
Today our school was privileged to receive a visit from the Tour de Rock’s promotional team. They talked to the students about their upcoming bike ride and healthy eating & exercise. Each student received a promotional pack from the group.

Our school scarecrow came first at the “Community Hub Garden”. Many thanks to Mrs Barker for organising and helping make this fine scarecrow.

Out & About at the Finlayson Sports!