DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

JUNE
Thursday 25th  Assembly & Talent Show 2pm

JULY
Tuesday 14th  First Day Term 3
Wednesday 15th  Transition Commences
Friday 24th  Armidale PSSA Athletics
Wednesday 29th  NO TRANSITION

AUGUST
Wednesday 5th  Rugby Day at Kingstown
Wednesday 12th  Gymnastics
Wednesday 19th  Gymnastics
Wednesday 26th  Gymnastics

Week 9 and it is hard to believe that there is only one more week and it’s the holidays. The last two weeks have been extremely busy with all staff spending hours writing and editing student semester one reports. Bridget McKemey is to be congratulated on coming ninth in the North West PSSA Cross Country event at Coolah, an awesome Questacom visit, talent show auditions, new chooks arriving, our school garden has been dug ready for its winter planting, playgroup, Homework Centre, Wacky Science Wednesday, a new cubby house is waiting to be erected, Sporting School’s is in full swing with students participating in bowling activities and transition. School is certainly a great place to be. The last couple of days has seen rainy weather (fantastic for the farmers) and all students are to be commended on their excellent play indoors. Hopefully it will fine up soon and allow everyone to get some fresh air.

Reports
I would like to sincerely thank all of my staff for their massive effort in writing and editing student reports for this semester. Staff have spent many hours preparing these quality documents and it is a credit to their professionalism, dedication and commitment to our wonderful school. Many thanks to Mrs McIntyre for aligning the reports. It was truly appreciated. Now the reports need to be printed, bound and handed out. All reports will be sent home next Thursday and parent-teacher reports will be held in week 2 of term 3. Dates to be sent out after the holidays.

North West PSSA Cross Country
On Friday 12th June, Bridget travelled to Coolah with her parents to participate in the NW PSSA Cross Country event and she came 9th out of 62. Wow! What a spectacular result! Bridget is to be commended on her enthusiasm and desire to improve her result from 2014 when she came 30th. Her dream now is to make it to Sydney next year and I have the greatest confidence on knowing that she will succeed because if Bridget has a dream then she will achieve it.

Chooks
Many thanks to Mr Ray Hickman and the Lyon family for donating some chooks to our fabulous school. They have settled into their gorgeous home and now we are waiting anxiously for some delicious eggs. Thanks to the senior boys for caring for our chooks but I must say that when one chook escaped last Friday afternoon it was so funny watching students try and put it back into the coop. The young chook explored the school grounds and I think after being chased by some boys decided that it would prefer to go back to its home so it did. Our youngest students from town couldn’t believe how fast a chook could move.

Garden
Thanks Mr Deeks for rotary hoeing our garden. After the holidays we will plant out our winter crops.

E-Gats
Congratulations to Patrick Hickey for being accepted into the New England 2015 online E-GATS program for gifted and talented students. This program is extremely difficult to enter because you must submit an essay promoting yourself, you have to supply your NAPLAN results and sit a GAT maths test. Next Monday and Tuesday Patrick will be attending a Camp at Thalgarrah Environmental Centre and here he will meet his mentor and other students in the program. In term 3 Patrick will participate in a ten week program where he will be involved in an innovative online program that provides challenging experiences and tasks, he will be exposed to a variety of gifted and
talented programs and he must complete a special project of his choice.

**Transition**

**Transition will commence again on Wednesday 15th July. There will be NO Transition on Wednesday 29th July.**

**Gymnastics**

Our school will be travelling to the Armidale Gymnastics Centre next term as part of the Australian Sporting Schools program. Transition students will be accompanying us.

**"Student of the Week"**

Patrick - Selection to attend E-Gats
Ashlee - Improvement in maths, spelling & public speaking
Bridget - Coming 9th at North West PSSA at Coolah

Farren - Completing tasks with a positive attitude
Brooke - Improvement in reading and spelling
Darcy - Improvement in spelling results

**School Director Visit**

Mrs Sue Brown, Director for Northern Tablelands had to postpone her visit last Monday to our school until early term 3.

**Questacom**

On Friday 5th May our school had a visit from Questacom and it was an excellent afternoon of fun and experiments. The two teachers were very impressed with our student’s science knowledge and they certainly challenged and extended our students science knowledge, skills and understanding about scientific facts. The science show consisted of experiments involving air and fluid and a number of students had an opportunity to participate. It was an excellent event and I’m pleased to report that a number of our students travelled to Armidale last Saturday to participate in more activities involving science.

**Talent Show**

A number of students auditioned this week to see if they could participate in next week’s Assembly/Talent Show and I’m pleased to say that a group have been selected and I look forward to seeing the acts next week. The acts chosen had obviously done a lot of practice at home before participating in the audition. Well done!
Sporting Schools
This semester our school was selected in the Australian Government Initiative Sporting Schools. Miss Waters has been doing bowling and all the students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At the present time we are organising a couple of afternoons at the local Bowling Club to practise taught skills.

Wacky Science
Wednesday With Claudia

I did make tiny bits of tissue jump with static electricity

What you need:
A comb
Tiny bits of tissue
And a head full of clean hair

What to do:
First you rip tissue as small as you can get them
Then you run the comb through your hair about 30 seconds or ten times
After that put it near the tissue without actually touching it and they should start to jump

What happens?
When you brushed the comb through your hair, tiny parts of atoms in your hair called electrons collected on the comb. These electrons have a negative charge. Tear up pieces of tissue until they are as small as you can get them...I mean really small! Then charge your comb again by brushing it through your hair, and bring it close to the tiny pieces of tissue. If the pieces are small enough they will jump off the table to the comb the same way that the water was pulled to the comb.

Assembly/Talent Show will commence this Thursday at 2pm.

Wishing everyone a happy & safe holiday
The Staff at Bald Blair Public School