DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

AUGUST
Friday 21st
Wednesday 26th
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th
SEPTEMBER
Tuesday 1st
Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 9th

Julie at Principals Meeting
Gymnastics
P&C Meeting
Julie at Principals Conference
Netball Clinic Afternoon K-6
Mrs McIntyre on Leave

This week it was a wonderful privilege to welcome Miss Chika Arino to our fabulous small public school. Miss Arino, a Japanese student who is training to become a primary teacher and she is here to improve her English and view our education system.

In the coming weeks Chika will be teaching a number of Japanese lessons to further extend, reinforce and consolidate our students knowledge of Japan and its culture, language and beliefs. Miss Arino has visited Australia before but she has never visited rural Australia. She would love to visit a farming property to see the animals and maybe some family is shearing. If any family would like to host Chika for an afternoon it would be truly appreciated and it would make her visit to Bald Blair Public School a trip to certainly remember.

Gymnastics

WOW what a spectacular program! All students from transition to year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed travelling to the Armidale Gymnastics Centre to participate in an excellent gymnastic program run by Mr Wally O’Hara.

Over the years Mr O’Hara has trained a number of New England gymnasts to State and National level for gymnastics.

Students have been participating in trampolining activities, forward and backward rolls, jumping into the foam pit, tumbling, high and low beam and high and low bar activities, stretching drills, gymnastic relays, ropes, balance and strengthening tasks.

It has been wonderful to see all students extending and improving their gymnastic skills. All staff have had the opportunity to gain more knowledge and skills in teaching gymnastic.
**NAPLAN**

This week I received our school’s NAPLAN results for 2015 and the results are amazing with the Year 3 school average results in reading, writing, spelling, numeracy, punctuation and grammar well above the state average. Year 5 results showed excellent growth in reading, writing, spelling, numeracy, grammar and punctuation from Year 3. The NAPLAN results show that our school’s strong literacy and numeracy teaching and learning programs are extending our student’s skills, knowledge and understanding in reading, writing, spelling, numeracy and grammar and punctuation. NAPLAN is only one form of assessment that we do at school and it provides teachers and parents with a snapshot of a child’s strengths and areas of need and support in May 2015. Since May all students have continued to improve in all key learning areas. The results will be sent home tomorrow.

**Chooks**

Our chooks are continuing to provide our school with delicious fresh eggs. Next week the students in stage 3 will be making some delicious quiche. Many thanks to Patrick and Jessie for being so diligent in looking after our gorgeous chooks.

**Principal’s Conference Friday 21st August**

Mrs Gittoes will be attending a Principal’s Network meeting in Armidale and Mrs McIntyre will be teaching K-2.

**Thursday and Friday 27th and 28th August**

Mrs Gittoes will be attending a Principal’s Conference in Tamworth and Mrs McIntyre will be teaching K-2.

**Library Books**

Could students please return any library books they may have at home as we are updating our library onto the OLIVER Library system.

**Miss Marshall’s Potato Lesson in K-2**

On Friday 7th August, Miss Marshall taught K-2 a lesson on germs and correct hand washing procedures. During the lesson students played the role of detective and were asked to investigate how germs are spread and determine what they could do to stop them from spreading. The lesson began with students dancing to music and clapping hands with their partners, by the end of the dance some “mysterious” glitter had appeared on the students hands (demonstrating how germs can be spread). With the glitter on their hands, students examined four different potatoes. The first had skin on it, the second did not have skin, the third did not have skin and the students wore gloves, and the fourth did not have skin and the students used hand sanitiser. These potatoes are now on display in our classroom, and each week we are predicting and recording the changes. After examining the potatoes students practiced correct hand washing procedure and sang happy birthday to each other. All of the students demonstrated a wonderful enthusiasm for learning, below is a photo which was taken during the lesson.

**To Zoe Kelly who turned 10 on the 9th August & Claudia McKemey who turned 11 on 10th August.**
For this week's science experiment I did bouncing bubbles. The science in bouncing glycerine bubbles is a fun and easy experiment the glycerine gives the bubbles more strength to bounce on your cotton gloves make sure that your gloves are clean because when a bubble comes into contact with dirt or oil the bubble will pop! Matilda

Science with Maryam
Dancing Raisins
What you'll need:
A clear glass
10 raisins
one table spoon of baking soda
vinegar
method:
1. Put one table spoon of baking soda in the clear glass
2. Pour the vinegar in the glass slowly
3. Then put all ten raisins in the clear glass
It is a very easy experiment to do. 😅😅😅😅😅😅😅😅😅