DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 9th
Mrs McIntyre on Leave

Friday 11th
Mrs Gittoes at PPA Meeting

Wednesday 16th
Spelling Bee Final, Assembly & Book Character Parade

Friday 18th
LAST DAY OF TERM

Spring has sprung with beautiful blossoms, colourful pansies, golden daffodils and deciduous trees eager to open and sprout new, bright green foliage. Our GA, Mr Deeks, can’t wait for the lawn to start growing so he can start mowing. School is also buzzing not with the stinging type of bee but with the delight of students from K-6 who are so excited and enthusiastic about participating in the inaugural Bald Blair Public School Spelling Bee. Spelling sheets have been distributed and now students are trying to learn the words and I must say some are quite tricky. The first round of spelling bee will commence next week and all finals will be held on Wednesday the 16th September commencing at 12.00. Many thanks to Miss Waters for organising this wonderful challenge.

The chooks have been laying and it was great to see the eggs being the main ingredient in last Fridays healthy lunch day. The students made delicious quiche which was served with a scrumptious salad and banana bread.

Last Friday our school community also farewelled Miss Marshall and Miss Short and we wished them all the best in their teaching careers.

Last Friday the students and staff were dressed in various shades of yellow to help support Daffodill Day. The students and staff raised $62.00 for the Cancer Council. Fantastic effort!

All students are busy completing Father’s Day activities and I would like to wish every dad a very relaxing and special day next Sunday.

P&C Meeting

The term 3 P&C meeting was held on Wednesday 26th August and a number of issues were discussed. I would appreciate all parents putting aside the 6th and 7th November because that will be the next P&C’s working bee. Remember many hands make light work and the tasks that the P&C do for the school are truly appreciated and needed.

A Precious Gift

Today Mr Brian Irving donated an extraordinary gift to our school. A magnificent map of Australia (kindly cut out by Mr John Jackson from The Guyra Men’s Shed) which he had painted in his unique aboriginal style. It is just gorgeous and spectacular and just took our breathe away. We will certainly hang this treasure in a special place.
Congratulations to Brooke, Mac, Muhammad, Harry, Jessie, Darcy, Archie & Maddison who are all our Students of the Week!

Wacky Science

**Wednesday With:**

Muhammad

**Melting ice**

**Ingredients:**
- Ice
- Clear bowl
- Salt
- String

**Method:**

1. Put some water in the bowl cold.
2. Place the ice in the bowl.
3. Sprinkle the salt in on the long piece of string and watch what happens.

**What happens:**

The salt melts the ice and freezes the salt and the ice to the string and comes out.

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**In 3-6 Class With Miss Waters**

**Netball Clinic**

On Tuesday 1st September Claire from NSW Netball made a visit to our school to teach the students from Kindergarten to year 6 netball skills. Students were shown passing, pivoting, shooting and defending techniques. All students who were at school participated in a variety of games and were all given a flyer on how to register next year if they want to play in a competition. Many thanks go to Claire for her time and visit to our great school.

**Spelling Bee Update**

Spelling bee heats will be held next week in the classroom, so I hope all students are busy practicing their spelling words.

**Classroom News**

Students in years 3-4 have finished reading the Roald Dahl novel ‘Esio Trot’. All students were engaged with the literacy unit and have been asked to bring in recyclable materials to assist with the creation of their own tortoise catcher. Students are finishing up learning about information reports and have made great progress with their information writing.

Over the past 4 weeks in mathematics we have been learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. Students are becoming more confident in recalling their times tables and are getting much faster and accurate, well done!

Every Tuesday afternoon we complete our history unit on first contacts. Students are thoroughly enjoying learning about the voyage of the first fleet and the 11 ships that they travelled on. Students have been researching the convicts, their names, age and crime committed.

On Monday students in 3 and 4 were given an information research task on a country of their choice. They were given the criteria of what needs to be included and the information is to be presented
either by power point or poster. This will be due on
Tuesday week 10.
Please make sure all students continue reading their script
lines for the end of year concert, these need to be
completely remembered by the end of term. No scripts will
be able to be used when we practice.

Happy Birthday to
Kye Baker who turned
10, Peta Kerr who
turned 8 and
Darcy Grills who
turned 7 recently.

Out & About at Bald Blair