TERM ONE  19th FEBRUARY, 2016.

School Vision
We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Our challenging learning programs are delivered by high performing staff in an inclusive, safe and supportive learning community. We promote excellence and equity by ensuring all students become successful learners, confident, and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FEBRUARY
Friday 19th &
Saturday 20th
Guyra Show

Monday 22nd &
Tuesday 23rd
Mrs Gittoes Away

Thursday 25th &
Friday 26th
Principals Conference at Coffs Harbour

MARCH
Wednesday 2nd
Transition Commences
Friday 11th
Welcome Barbeque
Wednesday 23rd
Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 24th
Guyra Cross Country
Friday 25th
GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 28th
EASTER MONDAY
Thursday 31st
Finlayson Sports

APRIL
Friday 1st
Primary Principals Meeting
Friday 8th
LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

Welcome to week 4 and WOW the last couple of weeks have been filled with swimming practice, attendance at two swimming carnivals, completion of Guyra Show exhibits, tennis, daily fitness and all students eagerly engaging in their learning and settling into their new class routines.

Fitness, health and well-being are experienced by all students at Bald Blair Public School and this has been showcased over the past two weeks.

Congratulations to our swimming squad, years 3 to 6 students for winning the annual Guyra and District Swimming Carnival last Friday and then on Monday K-6 turned around and won the Small School’s Swimming Carnival. These results are truly amazing and a huge thank you to all of those parents who came and supported our fantastic swimmers.

Congratulations to:

• Archie Davidson for being awarded the 11 years Champion Boy for 2016 at the Guyra and District Swimming Carnival,
• Claudia McKemey Senior Girl Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival,
• Nakita Hoffman 11 years Girl Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival
• Zoe Kelly runner up 11 years Girl Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival
• Wylie Wright Junior Boy Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival
• Aidan Purvis runner up Junior Boy Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival
• Matilda Cullen Junior Girl Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival
• Alice Finlayson runner up Junior Girl Champion for Small Schools Swimming Carnival
• Jordie Cullen sub junior Girl Champion for Small School Swimming Carnival
• Ashlee Morgan runner up sub junior Girl Champion for Small School Swimming Carnival
• Arthur White sub junior Boy Champion for Small School Swimming Carnival

On Thursday our swim squad including Archie Davidson, Wylie Wright, Aidan Purvis, Claudia McKemey, Lettie Kerr, Alice Finlayson, Bridget McKemey and Ingrid Chilcott-Geere participated in the Armidale PSSA Swimming Carnival.
**Guyra Show**
This year all students from K-6 have submitted at least two entries in the art/craft section of the Guyra Show. Our dedicated school has entered quality pieces of art/craft in the drawing, painting, fibre, sculpture and mural sections in the pavilion. Many thanks to my highly committed and very supportive staff for giving up endless hours to mount, label and transport items to the show. I would strongly encourage all parents to take a few minutes at the show to look at the pavilion and see the brilliant display.
Good luck to those students who are entering items in the cooking, jams, needlework, vegetable, flower and photograph or participating in the ring events. The Guyra Show is always a great place to visit. ENJOY!

**Lunch boxes**
Does your child/children have a wrapper in their lunch box on Wednesday?
It is extremely important that as a school community we continually strive to become more sustainable and hence in 2016 we have commenced NUDE FOOD LUNCHBOXES on WEDNESDAYS. This means that we are strongly encouraging all students and staff to come to school with no wrappers in their lunchboxes.
Each week teachers are proud to say that more and more students and all staff have no wrappers in their lunch boxes on Wednesday. It has been wonderful to see students so proud of the fact that they have no wrappers and that they are now trying to remove wrappers on every day of the school week. Staff have also seen some excellent NUDE FOOD LUNCHBOXES coming to school. Great to see manufacturers providing some fine examples for consumers to purchase.

**Evaluation forms**
Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned the surveys sent out last week. All remaining surveys need to be returned by next Monday. See if we can achieve 100%.

**HATS**
Regrettably we live in an area that has the highest incidence of skin cancer in Australia. Parents are reminded:
NO HAT, NO PLAY. (No caps allowed)
All students and staff are required by Department of Education to wear a wide brimmed hat when going outside. If your child/children do not bring a hat then they are not permitted to play outside in the sun. They must remain under the COLA.

**Collection of Students**
Please note that all parents are to collect their child/children from the designated parking areas. No parents should park and collect their child from within the bus zone.
Did you realise that the fine is $319.00 if caught by a policeman.

**Recycled art**
This year I have the privilege to teach craft to all students from K-6 and over the coming months each child will require a number of recycled items that can be found at home.
Items include:
- Milk bottles (1.2 and 3 litre), an old boot or shoe, wool, lace, newspaper, old magazines, any buttons, buckles, beads, plastic drink bottle caps or small can caps. Keep a look out.
- This week I need every student to bring in an old shoe or boot so that it can be decorated. Buckles, beads, buttons or any other embellishments would be very handy.

**Library**
At the present time no students will be allowed to borrow any library books due to all books being put onto Oliver. Many thanks to Mrs Purvis who has been trying to get all of our books onto the new system. It is a mammoth job!

**Welcome barbecue**
Keep this date free:
Friday 11th March, 2016
5.30 for a 6pm start
Many thanks to Sally Chilcott-Geere for organising this event.

**Meet Mrs McIntyre The Classroom Teacher**
Mrs McIntyre will be having a meet the teacher afternoon on Monday 29th February from 3.45.

**Tennis**
Mr Peter Cole, our tennis coach was unable to make it last Wednesday so he will be here at school both Monday and Wednesday next week. Private lessons will be conducted on both of these days.

DON’T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS!!!
In Years 3-6 With Mrs Lenehan

In the classroom students have started off to a very busy term. We have finished all our formal assessments and have commenced our topics for the term. In science students are completing our brand new primary connections unit of work called 'plants in action'. As part of this unit students will be bringing home a camera to take a photo of a plant in their garden. In geography students are learning about Bali. We will be looking at brochures, customs, culture, food and beliefs. All students have been bringing in their homework which is excellent! Please note students will be completing fortnightly speeches. These are not projects and do not need to be a huge amount of work. They are brief speeches to learn and improve their public speaking skills.

Until next time..... Mrs Lenehan

Guyra Central School Swimming Carnival Report

Guyra Swimming Carnival Team
L-R: Aidan, Claudia, Alice, Archie, Matilda, Wylie, Bridget
M, Nakita, Korin, Mrs Lenehan, Kiani, Lettie, Zoe, Ingrid & Monty Finlayson the Bald Blair mascot!

Last Friday the 12th of February 13 students from our school participated in the Guyra Central Swimming Carnival.
All students are to be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour. Every child went in a series of events and when not racing happily cheered on their team mates.
We came second in the squad chant, which was a huge effort for our small group.
Congratulations to Archie Davidson who received 11 year old champion.
Congratulations to everyone else who received ribbons in their events.

Results:
Relays:
Jnr boys – 3rd place
Jnr girls – 3rd place
Snr boys – 1st place
Snr girls – 2nd place
Matilda Cullen – 3rd IM
Wylie Wright – 2nd IM, 2nd Breaststroke

Archie Davidson – 2nd IM, 3rd Butterfly, 1st Back, 2nd Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle, 11 year old champion
Lettie Kerr – 2nd Butterfly, 1st Back
Nakita Hoffman – 3rd Butterfly, 3rd Breaststroke
Claudia McKemey – 3rd Butterfly, 3rd Breaststroke

From the Office Lady Mrs Davidson!

Book Club Orders Due next Wednesday

Congratulations to our parent swim team consisting of: Deb McIntyre, Lachie Cullen, Simon & Soph Wright who put in a fantastic effort in the parent relay.

Small Schools Swimming Presentation