

## **BCS News**

I'm struggling to believe that we are already halfway through the year and that I have been here at Binnaway for 6 months. On the other hand, I have been made so welcome that I almost feel as though I've been here for years. I would like to extend my thanks to our families, students and staff who have worked together to support student learning over the last 6 months. I know as a parent it is sometimes challenging to juggle commitments and keep unwell students home however your efforts to do this have ensured that the number of students and staff off sick has been kept to a minimum. That said those who have been sick have often needed a week or more to recover so everyone has been putting in extra effort to support each other.



School photos are done and here's a taster of the whole school photo!

In the holidays we are participating in the "Share Our Space" program which means the playground, oval and basketball courts are all open during the day for families to enjoy. Please ensure students have supervision of a parent or carer as we want to ensure everyone remains safe at all times.

During the holidays keep your eyes open for community events. Supporting them means they will continue. Maybe try and get in some tennis as we are hoping to have some lessons for the students in term 3.

Week 3 of next term we are celebrating NAIDOC Week at school and will have a variety of events on each day. A timetable will be sent home soon but put aside some time on the morning of Monday,  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  August for the official launch of our NAIDOC celebrations.

Enjoy your holidays and stay safe, especially if you are travelling. See you soon!



## **Secondary News**

### with Ms Fraser

We are finally at the end of Term 2. The first half of this year has certainly flown by quickly. As the winter cold well and truly sets in a reminder that all students should be coming with warm clothing – it can be chilly in the playground with that biting wind behind you.

Secondary Reports have been written and will go home today. It is good to see our SRC becoming active again, with regular meetings and events. A big thank you to Ms Dainelle Meyers as patron for her support and encouragement of the students.

We have had Mr Paul Armstrong with us this term completing practical projects with all three stages. We are very grateful for Mr Armstrong assisting us in this area. Mr Armstrong is a very experienced and talented technology teacher who is working with all students to design and produce practical projects in the Technics room. Mr Armstrong has a detailed report of student projects elsewhere in this Newsletter. We are very lucky that we will have Mr Armstrong with us again next term.

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held Wednesday June 15th. We were lucky as we had good weather – a chilly morning that soon warmed up. It was unavoidable that we had a high student absence rate because of sickness – and that we also had staff out with sickness. A big thank you to Ms Wilson for organising the day, and for the Secondary students who assisted with setting up and packing up. We rely on our Secondary students to assist us with tasks like this and are grateful for those students who regularly turn up early to help set up and stay behind to help pack up. It was pleasing to see student participation on the day – we certainly have some speedy runners amongst our student body. K/1/2 joined us for their novelty events – thank you to Miss Mel, Miss Tiff and Mrs Marsh for ensuring these events ran well, and were fun and a success for our youngest students. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who provided a sausage sandwich lunch for all of us.

School photos have been taken – we look forward to seeing them soon.

I wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing our students back with us on Tuesday July 19th.

I will conclude with lines from The Man From Snowy River by Banjo Paterson:

And he ran them single-handed till their sides were white with foam.

He followed like a bloodhound on their track,

Till they halted cowed and beaten, then he turned their heads for home,

And alone and unassisted brought them back.

Joan Fraser **Head Teacher Secondary Studies** 



## **Primary News**

### With Ms Corbett

We continue to have many students and staff off sick these past few weeks with ill health. Thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell.

Jackson Thompson and Theoni-Jayde Foster have represented us at the **North West Cross Country Carnival** in Coolah and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

Our **Athletics Carnival** was a huge success with us being blessed with glorious weather and quite a few of our students had returned after so many were away on Tuesday unwell. Checkout the photos further in the newsletter.

This week our students also got to be involved in **The Koala Project** that is a jointly run program between WIRES NSW and the Warrumbungles Environmental Education Centre. A tree trough has been installed in the big Yellow Box Gum just outside our front office. It has a camera that is set to monitor what native animals visit our school grounds between 5pm and 7 am each day. The students in 3-6 will then work with the team from WNPEEC twice a term to check the camera and collate the data of what animals visited our tree trough. We are very enthusiastic to be a part of this project.

Last Thursday our students in K-2 welcomed other K-2 students from nearby schools for the annual **K-2 Tabloid Sports Day.** Mrs Hutchison prepared a range of games and organised the day's events. We look forward to sharing the event with you in our first newsletter for next term.

Ms Corbett @ Assistant Principal







# SECONDARY PRACTICAL PROJECTS

#### 7/8 Technology Mandatory

The Technology Mandatory class is currently building a passive mobile phone amplifier. This device enhances the volume and tone of a mobile phone a little and can serve as a charging station as well.

The production process introduces students to use a selection of measuring, marking out and cutting techniques. Students use rulers, tri-squares and a marking gauge for marking out. Tron saws and a bench hook have been used for cutting timber to length. The bench mounted disc sander has been used for cleaning up end grain and forming curves.

A demonstration of using a thicknesser and bandsaw was given during the construction process. Students are not allowed to use this equipment until later years, as it can be quite difficult for juniors to safely use it.

#### 9/10 Work Education

This group is also making the passive mobile phone amp as the construction of this project revises skills they have not used for some time. As this is a revision exercise the class should be able to complete it fairly quickly. When completed students will be allowed to select their own project in consultation with the teacher. Guidelines surrounding size, joining methods and finishing techniques will be given to each student in the form of a design brief. Each student is required to produce a Production Report which must include plans, materials list and a record of how the project was completed.

#### 11/12 Work Studies

This group will predominantly be working in metal. At the moment each student is developing their own project design for a mailbox.

Students have researched portable designs for their mailbox and as a result, they have gained ideas for their project. After producing sketches students have made scale drawings to determine the dimensions they will need to make their letter box. Before the actual letter box is made students will make a scaled down version from cardboard to check for mistakes.

#### 7/8 CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts)

At the moment this group is working on street art. The practical component involves each student producing a street art scene on an A4 sized piece of plywood which when finished can be mounted on a base. The base allows the artwork to be displayed and used as a tablet stand. If students choose not to use the base the art work could be hung.

Paul Armstrong **Technology teacher** 



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



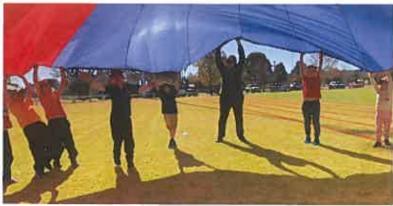














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# Free Holiday Fun

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## **Binnaway Tennis Club**

11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Friday, 8th July, 2022

Free BBQ lunch provided

Art and Craft activities

Children and Youth over 10 years old welcome

Sponsored by Binnaway Progress Association, Mackillop Family Services & Warrumbungle Shire Council





### What's Happening At Binnaway Central School

Monday 18th Staff Development Day at Mendooran Central School

Tuesday 19th Primary Library

Wednesday 20th Breakfast Club 8.30am

7-12 Sport

**Infants Library** 

Thursday 21st K - 6 Sport

Friday 22nd Breakfast club 8.30am

Week 2

Monday 25th Breakfast club 8.30am

Tuesday 26th Primary Library

Wednesday 27th Breakfast Club 8.30am

**7-12 Sport** 

Infants Library

Thursday 28th K - 6 Sport

Friday 29th Breakfast club 8.30am

# SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 19TH JULY

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P&C President: Marie Riordan