From the Principal’s Desk

STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 4 on TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER.

Education Week Ceremony
Congratulations to our award winners.
Outstanding student achievement award – Jorja Kemp
Outstanding contribution to a school by a community member – Boggabri Men’s Shed
Outstanding contribution to a school by a member of the school community – Maria Grebert
Outstanding contribution to a school by a staff member – Kerrie O’Sullivan

Education Week Awards
At this week’s assembly the Outstanding student achievement awards will be awarded to students in classes 4/5, 3, 2, 1 and K/1. Unfortunately we were only able to send one student to Gunnedah last week to attend the High School ceremony so we sent the 5/6 recipient, Jorja Kemp. These awards highlight outstanding achievement of students who may not necessarily be the academic winners at presentation night, but who are dedicated and responsible members of our school community. Thank you to all the class teachers who have had a difficult time deciding on their recipients, I know that you are very proud of all the students in your class.

Northern Inland Football
The trails for the Northern Inland Football representative teams in both the Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) and Game Acquisition Program (GAP) for 2016 will be held in Tamworth and Armidale in October. If your child is interested in trailing for these programs more information can be found on the Northern Inland Football website. If you are having difficulties accessing this information please contact me.

Speakfest
On Tuesday, 8th September, four of our students travelled to Gunnedah South School to participate in SpeakFest. SpeakFest is a public speaking competition which showcases the public speaking talent of students in Gunnedah and District public schools. Congratulations to Keagan Vowels who gained 2nd place in the Stage 2 section, Anika Wood certificate of participation Stage 2 section, Lucy
Bomford who gained 2nd place in the Stage 1 section and Will Vowels who was highly commended in the Stage 1 section. What a fabulous effort you should be very proud of your effort.

Science Fair
On Thursday 10th September we held our Annual Science Fair. The Science Fair was once again a huge success with students producing some fabulous work. I know that the high school students had great difficulty choosing overall winners in each category. Winners in each year were:
Year 1 – Ebony Sullivan and Grace Seddon
Year 2 – Evan Smith
Year 3 – Cameron Chandler
Year 4 – Kaiya Grace-Hendrie
Year 5 – Jorja Kemp
Year 6 – Brianna Kerr
Miners Cup Rugby League and League Tag Day

On Friday, 34 year 3-6 students headed to Gunnedah to participate in the annual Miner Cup Rugby League and League Tag competition. All of the students who attended had a great time and represented Boggabri Public School with pride. Although we did not walk away with a trophy, I could not have been prouder of each and every student who attended. You all should be very proud of the sportsmanship you displayed and the effort you put in. Thank you to Melissa, Caleb, Craig and parents for assisting on the day. I look forward to attending again next year!

Miss Jacqui Jones

Magpies

It is the nesting season for magpies and we do seem to have a very protective bird in Boggabri. Please ensure that you take all precautions when bringing your children to school.

Some of the options you can try include:

- Walking on the other side of the road
- Wearing a hat with sunglasses on the back
- Using plastic ties on bike helmets
- Coming to school via a different route that bypasses the main street

Unfortunately this group of birds is attacking the smaller children, so please take care when coming to and from school.
Enrolments for 2016
The front office is currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Smart Start for 2016. If your child is attending kindergarten in 2016 at BPS, please complete and return an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Small Schools Public Speaking
Good luck to all our students representing Boggabri Public School at the Small Schools Public Speaking on Thursday.

Smart Start
In term 4 the Smarties will start their formal transition program into kindergarten. This program is only available for those students who will attend Boggabri Public School in 2016. If your child is attending Smart Start presently, but will not be enrolling in our kindergarten class for 2016, unfortunately they will be unable to attend Smarties next term. You should contact the school where your child will be enrolled to enquire about their transition program. If you are unsure where you child will be enrolled or would like more information about Boggabri Public School, please contact the office to make an appointment with me.

School Fees Smarties to Year 6
School fees are now being received at the front office. They are voluntary but are greatly appreciated to assist the school in paying for supplies. Fees are $40 for the first child (smarties to year 6) and $10 for any additional children. Invoices have recently been sent home as a gentle reminder to those families who have overlooked this voluntary payment.

Fruit & Veg Month
This month is Fruit & Veg Month. The theme for this year is, ‘Let’s Go Green!’
Each class will be taking part in activities that highlight this year’s focus. At the school assembly on Friday 18th September the infants classes will be singing a fruit & veg song. That day we will also dress in our favourite fruit & vegetable colours. So, ‘Let’s go Green!’

Woolworths Earn & Learn
We are now finalising all our vouchers for this program. If you still have some stickers at home can you please send them into the front office.

School Party
To reward those classes who have had 100% of students in uniform, we will be having a special class party. There are a few classes who only have 2 or 3 students who are out of uniform, please ensure that your child is in uniform. If they are wearing the blue shirt it needs to be buttoned up with the tie.
The overall school percent is at 87% of students in school uniform. Once we reach 100% we will have a school party. If your child is not in full school uniform for any reason, please let us know so that they can be exempt for that day.

We will not change over to summer uniform until term 4. Please ensure that your child is wearing winter uniform for the remainder of this term.
A big thank you to everyone for your support with the uniform.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I hope that all students come back next term refreshed and healthy ready for a busy and exciting 11 weeks.

Charna Wood
Principal

P&C News

Canteen Roster for this week
Tuesday 15th September – Jade Shoobert
Wednesday 16th September – Charmaine Waters
Thursday 17th September – Keely Brand
Friday 18th September – Maria Grebert

If you are unable to make your allocated time please try to find someone to take your place. Do not ring the front office. If there is no one found then students who have ordered for the day will be provided with a vegemite sandwich, and the money from the order returned home.

RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER........
The P&C has decided to compile a recipe book (last done by the school in 1998) made up of all your tried and tested favourites to then sell as a fundraiser and we NEED YOUR HELP!!!!
We are looking for your best recipes - they can be anything from a dip to main meal to dessert or biscuits. Anything yummy that you love to make!! Recipes can be dropped into the school, handed to a P&C member or posted on our FB page - don't forget to include your name and child's/grandchild's name & class (even the years you attended if you happen to be a past student). We will also be offering some advertising spaces for local businesses at $10 each if you know of anyone who would be interested. We are hoping to have enough to compile the book by term 4 - what a great Christmas pressie. So have a think and a search through your books and let us know!!!

**Community News**

**Busy Little Hands at Play**

Busy Little Hands at Play is held every first and third Tuesday of the month. Next session will be held tomorrow Tuesday 15th September at 10.00am-12noon in the Smart Start room. You can always check dates & times on Facebook – Narrabri Neighbourhood Centre or Busy Little Hands at Play. For more information Phone Kate 67923562 Tues-Thurs or email kate@ndcas.com.

**Sport & Recreation Camps**

Popular Spring Kid’s and Family Holiday Camps are available through Sport and Recreation and they are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots of fun. Further details please contact NSW Sport & Recreation 131302 or sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps

**Mobile BreastScreen**

BreastScreen's mobile breast cancer screening unit is due to commence screening Behind the Boggabri MPS, Oakham Street from Monday 14th September 2015. Early detection is vital. Call 13 20 50 for an appointment.

**Gunnedah Basketball Association Incorporated. Summer Competition 2015.**

Nominations are called for the short summer competition which will run for eight weeks commencing the 6th of October 2015. Nomination nights will be the 8th and 15th of September at The Judi Guest Stadium and will be taken between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Miniball (kindergarten to year 1) will be played on Tuesday nights. Seniors will be played on Wednesday nights. Fees Junior (5-18) $25.00, Senior Registered Player $35.00 and Senior New Player $55.00. Late registrations will not be accepted. Find us at http://gunnedahbasketball.com.au or on Facebook at Gunnedah Basketball Association Inc.

**Looking for something different for the kids these holidays?**

**My Golf coaching Clinics**

Boggabri Golf Club, Thursday 24th September. Programs will run from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Activities include Putting, Chipping, Pitching, the Full Swing and Modified Golf Tuition will be provided by Ray Robbins from Jack Newton Junior Golf. The activities have been developed by Golf Australia to be full of fun and entertainment and are simplistic in their nature. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to introduce their sons and daughters to the game of golf. Costs for the day is only $8.00. Participants will be registered with Golf Australia and receive their own starting Golflink number. To register for the Clinic and/or further details please contact Ray Robbins mobile 0409 388 868 or email ray@jnjg.com.au

**How to raise a child to be a giver**

By Michael Grose

*Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.*

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want…” “Give me…” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of...or they’re supposed to.
But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children may be self-centred by temperament I’m not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child’s propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children’s personal competencies tend to be higher on most parents’ wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids’ can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents’ greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

**1. Expect kids to help**
With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

**2. Think ‘gang’**
It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. "What’s in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What’s in the best interest of the family?" as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

**3. Don’t let them get away with meanness**
Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

**4. Develop a sense of other**
Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. "What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?" is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

**5. Encourage giving**
During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!
What’s on in the SMART Chef kitchen this week....... 

**THURSDAY 17/09/2015**

*Morning Tea*
Warm Milo - $1.00
Strawberry and Banana Cupcake - $1.00

*LUNCH*
BBQ Chicken and Vegie Kebabs on rice - $3.50

**FRIDAY 18/09/2015**

*Morning Tea*
Warm Milo - $1.00
Zucchini, Tomato, Bacon and Egg Slice - $1.00

*LUNCH*
Chicken, Egg and Vegetable Noodles - $3.50