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Pilliga Public School Newsletter

The little school that's BIG on learning

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6 Ways Athletics

It took 3 attempts but we finally held the 6 Ways on the 28th. The day was a huge success with the carnival running smoothly, the community help with the various catering and most importantly, how well all the students participated.

I have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback by teachers and parents from other schools and this is a real credit to our school and community.

A special mention to Trish Wilkins, who worked tirelessly on preparing the admin side of the carnival which is often misunderstood on how time consuming that task is and also how crucial it is to an event like the 6 Ways running smoothly. Similarly, to Kate Slack-Smith for putting the program together and helping to nut out all the logistics of how the day could run the most efficient.

James Currey prepared the oval for us. His influence and insistence that Pilliga is not overlooked at the Narrabri Council is very much appreciated, as is his time and effort outside of work hours to pick up equipment from Burren and return it. Also, moving the hired toilets and being there on the day outside of work hours to help set up, then pack away that afternoon/night.

Finally, Mark Wilkins was on hand to help James after hours and re-marked our oval on the Monday before the carnival as the rain had washed the paint away. Mark was also here to set up and pack away.

People like these guys (and I know there are plenty in our community) are what make a great community like Pilliga.

The run down of the day

The day began with the traditional Mach Past, followed by School chants. While both St Johns and Burren showed that we have much to learn in marching, Pilliga did a reasonable job with the march. During the chants, again Burren demonstrated a great chant which was sung to the tune of 'We Will Rock You' but with the words changed. It was Bourke/Walgett School of Distance Education (BWSODE) that stole the

6 Ways run down continued..

show with a 'rugby team' like chant lead by a very enthusiastic staff member!

The events began after the chants and from the beginning it was clear to see that all the students were going to give it their best. Pilliga Public students did themselves proud in their efforts as not one student gave up in any of their events. Jorden Pagett came very close to equalling the Juvenile High Jump record but just kept nicking the bar on his last jumps. Jorden showed why he was the 2 Ways Juvenile Boy Champion by winning his 100m, 200m, 2nd in 800m, 1st in high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. He was rewarded at the end of the day with the 6 Ways Juvenile Boy Champion. Congratulations, Jorden!

Luana was also going great guns and achieved runner up 11 yrs Girl Champion.

A great example of school spirit was our relay. All our students were desperate to be involved and try to win the races and although we didn't come a place, the attitude and participation was a highlight.

A big thank you to Mila for getting involved in the parent/teacher relay this year. He was in fine form too and ran through a hamstring injury he sustained mid way through his run! In the end Burren retained the parent relay trophy, so, well done Burren!

Once all points were added up and the enrolment of each school taken into account, it was Gwabegar Public School that took out the final points score and the School trophy, Congrats Gwabegar! Burren were 2nd and Pilliga Public 3rd.

Zone Athletics

It is wonderful that all our junior, 11 yrs and senior students made it to Zone for various events and this was held last Friday. I am still awaiting all results of the day, but I do know Lillianne will be continuing on to Tamworth in the Regional Athletics for the second year in a row with her 2nd place in Shot Put. What an awesome achievement!

Variety Bash

With the Variety Bash coming through this Friday, we will be selling raffle tickets for a 'Pilliga Hamper'. In this hamper is all different sorts of Pilliga related things. E.g. Pilliga shirts from the pub, stubbie holders, stickers from the Café and also an Akubra hat. We are hoping these items will be something different for the drivers and something they want to win. We will also be selling tickets down at the bore and it will be drawn by one of the last drivers so they can take it to the winner if it is one of them.

A reminder that all are welcome to come down and see the cars, but most won't stick around too long as they have a morning tea organised in Burren Junction.

Excursion

On Monday 31st August we will be setting out for our major excursion to Sydney. The final program will be handed out shortly. Thank you to those families that have already paid the excursion out in full. It is greatly appreciated.

The 2nd payment of \$50 is now due. Please see myself or Mrs Wilkins before payment.

Aboriginal Dance Workshop

We have an opportunity to participate in an Aboriginal Dance Workshop being held at Coonamble Public School on August, 27th. There **was** a cost of \$25 per student to attend but that has been covered by funding from the workshop. This means that the only cost is the \$5 for the bus. I will send another note home and please support this, as it is very fortunate to receive this for free. Students will have the opportunity to develop their dance skills through participation and it is specifically designed to give Aboriginal students the opportunity to explore their heritage, discover and engage through contemporary dance.

Mr Pagett's Raffle - Trailer Load of Wood

Congratulations to Ellen Doolan on winning the Firewood raffle. We raised over \$400. Thank you, Adam!

G'day from Playgroup!

NO! Playgroup has not changed to a Tuesday! A small error occurred when the calendar for the month was published in the school newsletter. We would never make such a significant change without discussing it with our playgroup parents!

I'm glad so many parents were able to take the opportunity to get some lovely photos of their children at Gwabegar on Monday. This is our thank you gift to our regular attendants so we can't wait to see the finished product! It can take a little while to receive the photos back from the photographer, but I will notify you as soon as they come back so you can pick them up.

This week in playgroup we focused on fine motor skills as well as early literacy. As you can see in the photos below we enjoyed some play dough out in the sun.

The malleable properties of play dough make it fun for investigation and exploration as well as building up strength in all the tiny hand muscles and tendons, making them ready for pencil and scissor control later on. Play dough is the perfect medium for imaginative play and can represent so many things in a child's eyes.

We also enjoyed playing/learning with our new soft material alphabet letters, making simple words. When children play with writing and reading, they are actively trying to use and understand and make sense of- reading and writing long before they can actually read and write.

See you next Week!

Lisa and Fran 



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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Assembly @ 8:50am Playgroup Photos	Mrs Lord away @ TENS training Playgroup	Mr Lord away - EA4S conference	Mr Lord away - Principals' conference	Mr Lord away - Principals' con-		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Transition Assembly @ 8:50am		Playgroup		Variety Bosh		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Transition Assembly @ 8:50am		Playgroup Mrs Lord @ L3 training	Mr Lord away @ PPA meeting	Mr Lord away @ PPA meeting		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Transition Assembly @ 8:50am		Playgroup	Aboriginal Dance Work Shop @			
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Excursion!						