



Pilliga Public School Newsletter

The little school that's BIG on learning

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Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day we shared with Gwabegar at the Combined Swimming Carnival this year. It was a beautiful day that was made superb by the amount of participation all the students displayed throughout the day. Our newest Kindy were the loudest cheer squad we have had in awhile and it was a great demonstration of school spirit. The cheers and encouragement was returned with interest when the Juvenile swimmers did their novelty races. There were some close rivals in the water especially in the junior boys' and girls' divisions. The overall points went to Gwabegar, who just pipped us by the smallest of margins! Congratulations Gwabegar!

On an individual results, a huge congratulations goes to:

Kira Moore: Junior Girl Champion

Esther Knowles: Senior Girl Champion

Samual Pagett: Junior Boy Runner Up Champion

Jordan Mitchell: 11yr Boy Runner Up Champion

Zone Swimming

Last Friday, Narrabri held the Zone Swimming Carnival. This year we had Kira Moore, Jordan Mitchell and Esther Knowles make it through to Zone. Kira and Esther both made it for Free Style and Backstroke and Jordan made it for Free Style, Backstroke and Breaststroke. All three enjoyed the day and gave it their best in all their races. Pilliga Public School is very proud of their efforts, well done!

Cricket

The past 2 weeks has had both Gwabegar and Pilliga combining once a week to be coached by Eliza Bunner from Cricket NSW. It was another great opportunity to combine our two schools and have the students enjoy each other's company and learn some handy skills in the process.



Pink Stumps Cricket Day

For the 3rd year in a row, Burren Junction Public School is hosting a Pink Stumps Day this Friday 26th February at the Burren Town Oval to help raise money for the McGrath Foundation so that they can continue to provide valuable breast care nurses all over Australia !

They hope to raise at least \$2000.

If you would like to donate online with your credit card, please copy this link into your web browser to Donate. Remember every little bit helps.

<http://pinkstumpsday2016.gofundraise.com.au/page/psdbj>

HealthWISE

This Wednesday, 24th February, HealthWISE Narabri will be starting 1hr sessions each week for 4 weeks on health related issues. The program consists of the following:

24/2 - Dale Hartin - Exercise Physiologist

2/3 - Bruce Winter - Bullying and Mental Health

9/3 - Meg Howgate - Dietician (including a cooking session!)

16/3 - Chloe Orman - Dental Health

The sessions will cater for all student K-6.

Special Leadership Assembly

Monday 29th February, we will be holding a special Leadership assembly beginning at 9:15am. We will be introducing our new school leaders for 2016 and it will be a great opportunity for parents to support their children and our future leaders.

Collaborative Classroom Conference

Next week, from the 2nd—4th March, I will be in Sydney for the Future Schools Conference. This will be an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of Collaborative Classrooms and provide direction for future training or learning for our staff to maximise the benefits from our new learning environment that will be created through the new school furniture that is arriving the following week.

New School Furniture Arriving for Collaborative Classroom

On Monday 7th March, our new school furniture will be here! It is very exciting as it will increase en-

gagement in our students by providing new learning spaces and learning hubs as well as compliment our current teaching practices.

To allow for a smooth set up of the furniture, we will be combining with Gwabegar and have the students spend that Monday there while the classroom is set up. This will be a normal school day but with the added bonus of having a day with Gwabegar at their school.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Friday 11th March. Please ensure the sports school uniform is worn with navy blue pants/skorts, white socks and black shoes (if possible).

Playgroup have been included as well. More information will be sent home when it arrives.

Coming Up

Pink Stumps @ BPS - 26th Feb

Leadership Assembly - Monday 29th

New School Furniture - Monday, 7th March

School/Playgroup Photos - Friday, 11th March



