Principal’s Report

The term continues to go very quickly with only a few weeks left. It has been a busy term with many activities happening both at and away from the school. I would like to thank all community members for their contribution and attendance at the various activities held this term.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving the Gold Merit award: Nikylah Byno, Kahleb Byno, Rebecca Reid, Lewis Reid, Shayarni Brown, Charlie and Emily Reid. Rosie and Corey Annis-Brown, Tori Knight and Krystal Nixon all received the Silver Merit award this term.

The term has been busy with many sporting events including several athletics carnivals, Goooodoga Indigenous Games Day and the Small Schools Sports Day. On all occasions, the students that attended behaved and participated in a positive manner and were a pleasure to take to these events.

Next week the whole school heads to the Gold Coast for our excursion with students from Enngonia and Wanaaring PS. All the relevant forms will be sent home today and I ask that you return them asap so final bookings can be made.

Next term I will be taking 4-6 weeks sick leave and have sent out an Expression of Interest to encourage teachers/executive from other schools to apply to replace me for the time I am away. I am hoping to make a decision on my replacement by the end of the term and will let all families know.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a second year student from UNE working in the school on her practicum—Josie Bolland. I would like to welcome Josie and wish her all the best in her endeavours to becoming a primary school teacher.

Early next term I will be asking parents to come to the school to review the Personalised Learning Plans of their children introduced last term. If you have any concerns or queries please call or come and see me at the school.

Small Schools Sports and Environmental Day at Bourke

Last week the whole school headed to Bourke for a Footy for Fun/Netty for Fun and Outback Outreach day. Along with other small schools and Bourke PS some of the activities on the first day included rugby league, netball and Traditional Indigenous games. Students were given the opportunity to develop their skills in all three games. On the second day activities included kayaking, nest box building, bug study using microscopes, bird-watching and Caring for our fresh water Country.

The workshops were delivered by staff from Environmental Education Centres from across NSW as well as CRL, Netball NSW and NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.
Mosman Prep School Visit

In week 5, 24 Year 5 boys and 4 staff, including the principal, from Mosman Prep School arrived at Weilmoringle for a week of cultural activities and a book giving ceremony.

Thanks to the hard work of Julie Greig and Meredith Ryles for organising the trip which both schools are hoping to continue into the future.

The concept began last year when Meredith (teacher/librarian) came to Weilmoringle for our first book giving ceremony and each term books have been donated to all the children of Weilmoringle from the community of Mosman Prep school.

The visit included the Book Buddies Program, booglie fishing, visiting significant cultural sites around Weilmoringle and culminated in a 'emu in the hole' and johnny cakes kindly cooked by the local community.

I would like to thank Judy Neale for the catering, John Kelly and Steven Byno for the 'emu in the hole', Kathy Kelly and family for the Johnny Cakes, Aunty Lesley, Aunty Josie and Fred Hooper for organising the cultural activities throughout the visit.

A great time was had by all.

Athletics carnivals

Over the term our students have attended up to three athletics carnivals and on all occasions have displayed fantastic sportsmanship and some great results.

Firstly we all headed to Bourke for the small schools carnival where the younger students were given a chance to have a go at running and jumping.

Then next trip was to Brewarrina for the District Athletics which resulted in all our senior students qualifying for the Regional athletics in Dubbo: Emily Reid received Junior Girl Champion and Charlie Reid received runner-up Senior Girl Champion.

At Dubbo our PP6 4x100m relay worked extremely hard to run 5th in their heat and Charlie Reid and Rosie Ania-Brown both threw well in the senior discus and shotput. Unfortunately Emily Reid could not make the trip due to illness.

Congratulations to all the students for all their hard practice and commitment leading up to these events.

Health and Safety Days

Thanks to the generosity of JIRT (Joint Investigation and Response Team) and Bourke Police, we have had several visits over the term to address child protection and health issues.

Senior Constable Kelly Edwards and Detective Cath Robinson have organized the days along with other service providers to address issues with parents and students. On both occasions we have had many family members attend for the workshops and lunches supplied by the Bourke group.

The term will culminate in a Blue Light Disco this Friday night organized by the same group and all families are welcome to attend. A flyer is included for your information.