Principal’s Message

Over the past few weeks there have been many great things happening at Bullarah School. Students, Parents and staff joined together to celebrate Public Education Week on Thursday the 2nd August with a virtual excursion to NASA, followed by a morning tea. Thanks to all parents and community members who attended or sent in their apologies, it was great to talk about some directions for students and our school for the remainder of the year.

Today we said goodbye to the demountable building at the front of the school. This building has served the Bullarah School and community for many years and with the BER Classroom and refurbished library / administration building in full operation our need for this additional space was no longer required. Students enjoyed the opportunity to see the cranes at work, and were especially keen to retrieve all the lost items that had disappeared under the building over the years. This area will be returfed to allow for a greater play area at break times.

We also had a visit from the New England Technology Team who worked with Mrs Winter to install a new server and upgraded our computer systems. This means that our students are provided with access to all the latest software to ensure they are learning using all the latest technologies.

Finally, Congratulations to Isabelle and Jock for their efforts at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Moree. They achieved some great results, which can be found in the sports update. Well-done kids!

Pete Baum

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Week 5

Monday, August 13th
Tuesday, August 14th – Demountable Building removal
Wednesday, August 15th
Thursday, August 16th – P&C Meeting 2pm at school
Friday, August 17th

Week 6

Monday, August 20th
Tuesday, August 21th
Wednesday, August 22nd
Thursday, August 23rd
Friday, August 24th

There will be a P&C meeting in the school library on Thursday at 2:00pm. All welcome!
A current P&C magazine for each family has been sent home with students today. Limited additional copies are available from the school.

They also travelled all the way to NASA in Houston Texas where they spoke with an education expert to learn about rockets. Students made their own rocket and even joined in with the rocket dance.

Students have been learning about the Olympics in class with Mrs Haynes. They have been finding out about the history of the games and writing some terrific stories about an Olympic championship in Moree. They have produced some outstanding displays in the classroom and will soon be learning about the Paralympics and the Mascots.

Virtual Excursions

The Interactive Classroom has had a small work out with students utilising the resource to connect with other students for a videoconference on the solar system.

Our regional CAP consultant has offered access to a range of free videoconferences in the upcoming months and we are looking at talking with Australian Authors during book week 2012 and joining in with some science fun.
New Ipad

Students at Bullarah Public School have access to their own Ipad for use while at school. Students are learning how to use them to assist with their learning in all areas. They are using them to find information and have been completing a variety of reading, writing, mathematics and even creative arts activities.

On Friday last week Isabelle and Jock represented Bullarah Public School at the Hefferen Shield in Moree.

Jock came third in his shot put event and should be commended for his efforts in competing against older peers in the Junior Boys division. It looks like he will represent the North West Region in Tamworth in a few weeks.

Isabelle place 1st in the 11 years Shot Put and 2nd in 11 years Discus. Her effort was terrific and she should be praised for her great sportsmanship. Isabelle’s overall success and participation at the Hefferen Shield was celebrated with her receiving the 11 years girls’ runner up trophy.

Congratulations to Jock and Isabelle again and good luck in Tamworth on the 31st of August!

Isabelle and Jock with their Ribbons and Trophy.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion and the Coles Vouchers for schools have now come to an end. Please send in any stickers or vouchers that you still have at home so we can send off our cards and vouchers for official counting. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school and its students by collecting stickers this year.

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**EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND INFORMATION**

**Maths Monkey’s Quest**
The award-winning parent resource School A to Z has released a new maths game app. Maths Monkey’s Quest is a fun and interactive game designed to help sharpen your child’s maths skills. The game—suitable for students in Years 3-8—features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. Go to: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest)

**Join your local sporting club**
A new Australia-wide campaign has been launched to encourage people to join their local sporting club. Play for life ... join a sporting club urges all of us to get physically active and enjoy the benefits of good health. To find a sporting club in your local area go to: [http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport/)

**Sound advice on sleep**
Did you know it’s recommended that school-aged children get 10-11 hours sleep each night? For tips on how to make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep go to: [http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html)

**SEPTEMBER LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**
Bullarah School Classroom will be open as a voting centre in the 2012 local government general elections. This will be held across NSW on Saturday 8 September 2012.