Principal News

It is hard to believe that it is already Week 7 of Term 1. The time has flown and much has happened – Swimming Carnival, Science Day, ‘Wider than Gwydir’ to name a few.

Our English Unit – ‘From Here to There’ is well underway and students have written information reports on different methods of transport. We are currently looking at narratives and the use of direct speech (It was amazing to discover the number of words that can be used instead of SAID). Thank you to Jackson, Amara and Henry’s uncle who kindly let us look at his passports as inspiration for the stories we are about to write. I am sorry if your children come home saying that they want to go on a holiday to Canada, Mexico, Easter Island and many more.

Mrs Hayne is working through a science unit titled ‘Move It’. The unit explores forces and movement and integrates quite well with our English – ‘From Here to There’. Mrs Hayne is also teaching a Personal Development unit called ‘It’s Good to Be Me’ this term as part of PD/H/PE. The back of our classroom has some fabulous and quite accurate artworks of the children as well as information about themselves. This year, Mrs Hayne’s teaching days at Bullarah will be Tuesday and Thursday.
Swimming Carnival

It was a long time ago, but I wish to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of Bullarah students at the Swimming Carnival held at Collarenebri on Friday 5th February. It was a lovely day and all the students who participated tried their hardest and displayed great sportsmanship. Our congratulations must go to Bullarah’s very own ‘Little Mermaid’ Hannah Traynor who was 6 Years Girl Champion. I must also take this opportunity to thank Ben and Lee Traynor, Jeff Linke and Mrs Hayne who represented our school in the parent teacher relay.

‘Wider Than Gwydir’

Last Friday 5/6 students had an opportunity to participate in a program called ‘Wider Than Gwydir’ which has been organised by Mr Dan Van Velthuizen, Rel. Principal Warralda Public School. A short overview of the program is as follows - on a fortnightly basis, we have a VC with Years 5 & 6 (Primary) and Years 7 & 8 (Secondary) students around career options. Several interesting participants have been lined up who will either appear in person or link up via VC and talk about their profession / career / current job and how they got there. An example is a chef who travels the world on mining vessels; an inventor; an agronomist; a diesel mechanic etc - the list goes on! These people have incredible stories to share that really illustrate the opportunities that can be unlocked through education.

Students will complete a short online survey about their current career aspirations. They will also be given the task of preparing questions for the presenter. Mr van Velthuizen has also given the children a chance to design the logo for the program. The winning design will feature on all paperwork involved with the program.
The students enjoyed watching the science demonstrations by Cassie Carslake during her ‘Blaze of Science’ show. The children were given the opportunity to discuss simple electrical circuits, make ice cream, play with ‘elephant toothpaste’ and make predictions about the results of experiments. At the conclusion of the demonstration the children went back to class and drew labelled diagrams about the experiments.

Setting Bullarah ‘alight’ with science.

Jackson does not look too sure about using elephant ‘s toothpaste!

Making icecream

Eating the ‘fruits’ of their labour.