SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK

Top - Harvesting from the garden and work as usual in the Prep to Year 2 classes

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Clancy, Emily, Jossie, Cooper, Tilly, George

Great Effort  Active Learners
Cormack, Chloe, Alex, Mia, Georgia, Haley,
Emily, Jamie, Jessica, Cory

Gotcha Champs - 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350
Klaus, Dominic, Shawn, Corey, Georgia,
Kelisha, Lachlan, Jake, Iesha, Olivia, Julia
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

### Every Day Counts
As the year is drawing to a close, I take this opportunity to give a timely reminder to all that every day counts. There is significant teaching and learning time remaining until the last day of the School year, Friday 9 December. For students, parents, staff and the School Administration, this means that it is business as usual at Dirranbandi School.

For our students, this means they are to attend every day and actively participate in learning. For parents, continue to encourage active participation and attendance every day. For staff, this means the usual preparation and delivery of the program of instruction remains the priority.

*Let's make sure every day of learning really does count!*

### Transitions for 2016-2017
Transition activities are continuing for the key 2016-17 transitions - Kindy/home into Prep, and Years 6 into High School. Year 6 students have been participating in the high school form room every Wednesday morning. For the last two weeks of school they will spend lunchtimes in the high school area. Next week our 2017 prep students will be joining as for their transition days.

### Coming Events
- **Prep Transition Days** 30th November, 1st and 2nd December
- **Prep Parent Information Session**, Thursday 1st December
- **Balonne District Swim Trials**, Friday 2nd December
- **Everyday Heroes**, Monday 5th December
  Year 5 to Year 9 students will attending motivational and student welfare workshops in St George. We will be travelling up on the school bus. Thank you as all permission forms have been returned.
- **Rewards Day**, Wednesday 7th December
  ⇒ Prep-Year 6 are going to the Water Park at Lightning Ridge
  ⇒ Year 7-Year 9 are having a pizza and pool party at Dirranbandi Pool
- **Year 6 Graduation Parade / End of Term/Year Parade**, Friday 9th December
  at school parade area from 8:50am. Please join us as we celebrate ... 
  ⇒ Year 6 students start to their last day of Primary school
  ⇒ Principal Awards, Attendance Awards and Gotcha Awards
- **Student Reports** - Mailed home Friday 9th December

### Thank You To ...
- Our School Chappy for visiting and assisting at our school every Thursday.

### Well Done ...
- Students and staff for your work preparing for Speech Night. We look forward to seeing your performance on the night.

### Congratulations To ...
- Last week's attendance winners Prep - Year 2.
- All students for improved attendance. This term our whole school attendance is 88.2%, higher than any other term this year. Well done!
- Miss Lucy Gardiner and Mrs Jen Miller on a professional and engaging presentation of Dirranbandi’s Age Appropriate Pedagogies Project (AAP) in Toowoomba. The AAP project focuses on the Early Years of learning and will ensure students at Dirranbandi School have a strong foundation to set them up to be successful learners in future years.

**Until next week - Andrea Killen - Principal**
2016 TERM 4

Week 9
Monday - November 28
Parade 2:30pm
Homework Centre
Year 7-10 Swimming

Tuesday - 29 November
Sporting Schools

Wednesday - 30 November
Tuckshop
Prep Swimming 11:30am
Year 1-2 Swimming 12:30
Year 3-4 Swimming 2:00
Prep Transition Day

Thursday - 1 December
Chappy Visit
Instrumental Music
Homework Centre
Year 5-6 Swimming 12:30
Prep Transition Day

Friday 2 December
Balonne District Swim Trials
(9-15 Year Old - Bring Togs)
Playgroup
Prep Transition Day
Prep Parent Session
Free Pool Party

Week 10
Monday - 5 December
Parade 2:30pm
Everyday Heroes - St. George
Year 7-10 Swimming

Tuesday - 6 December
NO Sporting Schools

Wednesday - 7 December
NO Tuckshop
Rewards Day

Thursday - 8 December
Chappy Visit
NO Instrumental Music

Friday 9 December
Playgroup
Year 6 Graduation Parade
End of Term Parade

2016 SWIMMING TIME TRIALS INFORMATION
The Balonne District Swimming trials are very early in 2017, (Friday 3rd February). This date only leaves us 9 school days to hold a school carnival and undertake the process of providing times to the Balonne District team Manager. In light of this, we are holding swimming time trials at the end of this school year. These are the times that will be submitted but they do not record any school records. We will then hold our Swimming Carnival, which has always had the focus of participation, later in the term, around week 5.

Please take note of the details below:
Who: Students who are 9 years – 15 years (that is students born 2007 - 2001)
When: Friday 2nd December
Time: 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Where: Dirranbandi Community Pool
What: All 50m+ events, medley, no relays

Freya White - P-10 Health & Physical Ed Teacher

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop Wednesday 30th November
Sold Out Of ...
Potato Wedges
Sausage Rolls
Plenty Of ...
Little Party Pies - $1.00
Large Pies - $2.50
Medium Pies - $2.00
Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Apple Poppers - $1.00
Frozen Yoghurts - $1.50
Fandangles - $1.00

SPEECH NIGHT - P&C RAFFLE
$1 a ticket
Webber BBQ is 1st prize

A NOTE FOR THE YEAR 5/6 PARENTS
Where has the year gone? The students have put in enormous amounts of effort to get their assessments complete. I am very proud of the effort they have displayed, and hope you enjoy seeing their English assessment which I will be sending home this week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week Mrs Maureen Wise will be in 5/6, I trust the students will be well behaved while I am away and know that they always enjoy their time with Mrs Wise. I will still be at school so please don’t hesitate to contact me if you need anything. Learning is still occurring, with students carrying on from their English unit by turning an information text into a picture book for a younger audience. We will be consolidating fraction/decimal/percentage knowledge and skills, as well as order of operations (BOMDAS) in Maths. Stay tuned for photos from our end of year Kitchen Garden Party (Friday 25th November)!!

Have a fantastic weekend! Miss Betts

WEBBER BBQ is 1st prize

SWIMMING
SWIMMING has started again!
WEEK SIX to WEEK TEN for school PE.
Can parents/ guardians please make sure your children have the following items for swimming:
• swimmers
• sun shirt
• towel
• goggles/swim cap
• school hat
• swimming bag
• sunscreen (if a special one is required)

It would also be APPRECIATED if parents/ grandparents could please come along and join in with students lessons, especially in the lower primary school grades.

• PREP – Wednesday 11:30-12:30
• Year One and Two – Wednesday 12:30-1:30
• Year Three and Four – Wednesday 2:00-3:00
• Year Five and Six – Thursday 12:30-1:30
• Year Seven to Ten - Monday 12:30-1:30

SECONDARY SNAPSHOT
Busy, busy!! Life in B Block is very busy. Assessments are just about all completed. Students have been fantastic active learners to ensure that they have met all the requirements set by teachers. We look forward to seeing many family members at Speech Night.

2016 SWIMMING TIME TRIALS INFORMATION
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dirranbandi Pool Committee
Invites the ...
Dirranbandi Community
to celebrate our new pool surface and storage shed

Friday 2nd December
6pm—8pm
FREE entry
FREE sausage sizzle

Normal pool guidelines apply:
- **Under 5** must be with a parent or guardian
- **5-10 years** must be with adult over 16 years (maximum of 3)
- **Under 4** must have a swim nappy

WANTED - 2LT PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES
The Kindy children have been learning about recycling and they have discovered a great way to recycle plastic milk bottles!! They need help to collect 700 of them! Please drop in any you have to Miss Norma at the Kindy.
*(We have already received 100 bottles - Thankyou!!)*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DIRRANBANDI ARTS COUNCIL INVITES YOU
to attend the official opening of the ...

Beersheba Sculpture
Date: Friday 9th December 2016
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: 51 Railway Street Dirranbandi

RSVP: 30th November 2016
Phone: 07 46258245
Email: dunwold@bigpond.com

Please join us after the opening for refreshments at ‘The Goods Shed’
Dirranbandi was a point of embarkation for many men and their horses who fought in the Great War & the erection of this sculpture in Dirranbandi is the first memorial in remembrance to those who fought in wars in 50 years.
We are planning for the opening at 5.30pm, Railway St near the Goods Shed, at dusk as this is the time when ‘the Charge’ occurred. Dirranbandi has had a long association with the horse from the early days and continues today with stock work, the Show, Campdraft, Pony Club and Polocrosse.
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