Bylong Upper Public School

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Term 2 2014 Dates

June 26th  Mobile Library
June 27  Last Day Term 2
July 14th  Monday – First Day
        Staff
        Staff Development Day
July 15th  First Day Term 3
        Students return
July 18th  Friday
        Athletics Carnival
July 25th  Friday
        National Tree Day
August 1st  Jeans 4 Jeans Day

Police Visit

Senior Constable Rebecca Callaghan from Mudgee police visited Bylong School on Tuesday 13th May. Rebecca spoke to the children about stranger danger, emergency strategies and keeping safe. The children enjoyed asking lots of interesting questions and touring the police vehicle.

Kandos Centenary
3rd – 6th October
2014

Welcome Joanie

Joanie Glover will replace Amanda Desreaux on Thursdays during Term 3.

Welcome Joanie and we hope you enjoy your time at Bylong School
CLC Art Show
There were some fantastic art works on display at Mudgee PS. We enjoyed viewing the work completed by children from all over our area. Following the Art Show we ate our lunch at Robinson park and played on the equipment. Thank you to Joanie for driving us to and from Mudgee on the bus.

State Library Visit
We all enjoyed our visit to Kandos Public School to learn about some of the interesting historical items on display at the State Library of NSW. We saw letters from the first fleet, Captain Cook's shoe buckle and enjoyed a retelling of the amazing story of Mary Reibey (the lady on our $20 note).

Cross Country
We travelled to Rylstone on Friday 23rd May to compete in the Area Cross Country competition. We all walked the 3km course. Zali & Amelia ran the 2km course and Jack & Lachlan ran the 3km course. Everyone finished and tried their very best. Well done!! Lachlan Fifield and Rory were excellent spectators and cheered for their classmates. Well done everyone!!

Barnardos Family Strengthening Project - Triple P Program
Teaching children to co-operate.
As adults we are constantly bombarded with stories about children behaving badly and being out of control. Children who do not learn to follow instructions and basic rules often experience behaviour difficulties. When you want your child to do something, make sure you are prepared to back up your request, before you give them an instruction. Give the instruction then pause for 5 seconds before saying anything else. If they cooperate - praise them. If they complain or disobey, repeat the instruction, without raising your voice, and wait another 5 seconds. If they are still not complying, back up your request with an appropriate consequence.
For younger children, a routine called ‘quiet time’ can be very helpful. This involves sitting your child in a specific spot and requiring them to wait quietly for a couple of minutes. After quiet time, repeat the instruction again and when your child cooperates, praise them for doing as they’ve been told.

For more information on the Triple P program go to www.triplep.net or phone Leza at Barnardos Mudgee on 63721422.

Gonski Explained
The following link has been provided to help to explain what is meant by GONSKI funding in a simplified way for parents. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xylDiOl7RG1
Reforms to P & C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent & Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P & Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P & C Associations.

Each school’s P & C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

Cycling fun

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website.

The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to: http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html