The Batlow RSL auditorium was transformed into a glamorous venue for the Batlow Technology School Year 12 formal held on Saturday 31 October 2015. The twelve students were transported to the venue in a variety of hot rods and muscle cars, donated and driven for the occasion by local identities.

The red carpet was laid out for the guests of honour who were all beautifully dressed in formal attire.

Congratulations to Mr Ellicott on the successful organisation of the formal.
As we move into the final weeks of Term 4, it becomes more apparent that the 2015 school year is coming to a close. With six weeks remaining there are discussions around Presentation Night and the numerous behind the scenes requirements, Kindergarten Orientations, Year 6 into Year 7 transitions, final student reports, Batlow Technology School Trade Training Centre completion and whole school planning in preparation for 2016.

On assembly this week, I spoke about the merit system and how we have closed the 2015 tally count. This was to allow staff time to organise the Wellbeing excursions and notify students and parents of their selection for the trips. The merit system is a wonderful feedback tool for students as it provides recognition for positive behaviours and achievements. We acknowledge that students require feedback and therefore the issuing of merits will continue through until the closure of Term 4. Merits received during this period will be collated and accredited to those students for the commencement of the 2016 school year.

The Wellbeing team has been evaluating our strategies and have some additional activities planned for 2016 that will further recognise those students that are making the right choices and applying themselves.

K-10 student reports are to be issued on 10 December 2015. You may have realised that this is also the date for our Presentation Evening.

This year, Mrs Tofa and Miss McRorie have led the process of producing the 2015 edition of Birralee. This has been a welcome return for the publication after a year in recession. I must congratulate both ladies as they have provided an amazing item that captures the many aspects of school life in 2015. It has been printed at an extremely high quality and provides good value for money at $10.00. Copies can be purchased from the front office throughout the remainder of Term 4. I guarantee you will be absolutely delighted with the purchase.

Another Batlow Technology School publication that has been simmering away behind the scenes is our Community Garden Cook Book which is a project undertaken by the office staff. Another great purchase at $6.00! Mrs Williams has collated an awesome collection of recipes from various students, parents, staff and community members. This edition is thoughtfully spiral bound with durable clear plastic covers to provide ease of use within the kitchen. These will be available in the front office and would definitely make a cherished gift.

Staff are already aware of this special note, but I wish to share with our school community. This week my wife, Mrs Hodges, was in a Wagga medical centre having her mountain bike injuries seen to by staff and was seated near a couple from Gundagai who began some small talk and the conversation turned to the Batlow Hospital. They have a family member in extended hospital care at Batlow Hospital. They quickly noted that the highlight of their family member's week is when Batlow Technology School students arrive and participate in a selection of activities. These visits are in fact scheduled lessons that Mrs Arnall arranges weekly and is obviously much appreciated by patients. Fantastic effort Mrs Arnall and students!

Have a great week!

Greg Hodges
Relieving Principal
LEARNING SUPER HEROES
Bree Bowman
Brianna McVean
Taylah Bowman
Amy Glynn
Jack Gould
Tahlia Grant

DOUBLE PLATINUM
Kevin Miller
Jessica Osborne-Jaques
Hannah Collins
Tessa Cross
Elizabeth Larson
Dylan Bates
Gianna Noldin

PLATINUM
Kurt Stuenkel
Alexander Speechley
Rebekah Gardner
Zoe Taylor
William Lott
Hayden Heynes
Ngakau Ranginui
Tara-Lea Woodland
Ebony Brady
Aeden Anderson
Larson Matthews
Abigail Flew
Brendan Larson
Christopher Wilesmith
Aiden Larson

One further student has attained Platinum level but we do not have parental permission to publish his name or photograph.
VEGIE, CHICKEN & CRISPY NOODLE LETTUCE CUPS

Serves: 4 kids
Preparation: 15 minutes
Cooking: 10 minutes

Ingredients:
2 tbs olive oil
4 green onions, finely chopped
500g chicken breast mince
2 medium carrots, peeled and grated
2 celery sticks, finely chopped
2 tbs tomato sauce
8 small iceberg lettuce leaves (cup-shaped leaves from the centre of lettuce are required)
1 cup (50g) crispy fried noodles

Method:
- Heat oil in a medium frying pan over medium-high heat. Add green onions and cook for 1 minute. Add chicken mince and cook, stirring constantly to break up mince, for 5 minutes or until mince turns white.
- Add carrot and celery to pan and cook for 2 minutes or until warm.
- Stir in tomato sauce and toss well to combine. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Spoon warm chicken mixture into lettuce cups, top with crispy noodles and serve immediately.

Year 1/2

Year 1/2 students love it when they get the opportunity to cook with our Community Garden program. This fortnight students helped cook vegie, chicken and crispy noodle lettuce cups and strawberry pancakes for dessert, both were delicious.

With the students split into groups for dessert and main, every child gets to be a part of the food preparation and cooking process from reading recipes to peeling vegetables and cutting and dicing, stirring and serving. They are a part of the entire process which is always great fun.
WORLD TEACHER’S DAY
On Friday 30 October 2015 the teachers at Batlow Technology School were recognised for their contribution to the teaching and learning of our students. Breakfast was provided and cooked by the SASS staff and cakes were presented to the teachers in appreciation for work well done.

Students and other staff were very vocal in their praise of the time and effort put in by the teaching staff.

Well done to the teachers.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAYS
Students from Year 6 were involved in a half-day program aimed at making the move into secondary school in 2016 a smooth transition.

A full day of transition activities will be held on Friday 20 November 2016. These days are not only for our current Year 6 students, but also for any Year 6 students from other schools who may be thinking of enrolling at Batlow Technology School in 2016.

Further details can be obtained from Ms Pauline Tofa, Year 7 Year Adviser.

TUMUT BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS
Friday 13 November 2015 at 4.00 pm
Saturday 28 November 2015 at 12.00 pm