Scenes from the Annual Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 3 February 2016

The Annual Swimming Carnival was well supported by students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Although dark clouds and rain threatened to disrupt the carnival in the afternoon, all events were able to be completed. Bogong was the winning house wrestling the crown from Talbingo who has consistently been the winning house over the past several years.

What’s On at BTS

- Mondays – (every week)
  - School Banking
  - Tuesday 16 February 2016
  - P&C Meeting 6.30 pm in school library
  - Friday 19 February 2016
  - Zone Swimming Tumut
  - Tuesday 1 March 2016
  - Parent/Teacher Evening

BTS - P&C
Meet on Week 4 and Week 8 of each term in the School library at 6.30 pm. All welcome.
Next meeting Tuesday 16 February at 6.30 pm in library
Since the last edition of “Scoop”, we have had two significant functions at school.

Our Swimming carnival on the 3 February 2016 was a huge success. This was my first swimming carnival at Batlow Technology School. For all those parents and students who attended, you certainly did contribute to a magnificent day of sport. Both in the pool and in house groups, our students certainly grasped the idea of teamwork. House spirit at BTS is alive and kicking. Our newly elected house captains led numerous chants throughout the day and demonstrated how sport should be appreciated and celebrated.

As I mentioned at our assembly, I believe there was one particular highlight that truly demonstrated who we are as a school at this point in time. In a 100m freestyle event, young Ethan decided to have a go. Ethan has just achieved a personal best over the summer holidays in completing one lap. He decided he would accept the challenge of four laps under race conditions. Although his lap times will not appear in any record books, he was able to draw the admiration from all during his mammoth effort. Each lap, the whole school regardless of sporting house colours, chanted his name to encourage him to finish and he did. A very special moment on all levels of school life, (photographs in this edition). Thank you to Mrs Arnall and staff for your encouraging, supportive efforts.

Our first formal assembly was conducted on Wednesday 10 February 2016. The three Primary captains showed outstanding skills in leading the entire assembly. Kurt, Rayleigh and Georgia quickly demonstrated the skills required to lead the primary school.

Lilly Kirkby was named as our Year 12 Dux for 2015. Congratulations Lilly! Unfortunately Lilly was unavailable for this assembly as she is currently on a holiday before commencing university.

The assembly was also an opportunity to formerly present the school SRC and House captains with their badges, (photographs in this edition). I am delighted that so many of our students apply to be considered for these prestigious leadership roles.

Another milestone for our school commenced on Thursday 11 February 2016. Our Year 11, preliminary students commenced their selected TAFE delivered Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses at the Riverina TAFE campus in Wagga Wagga. Every Thursday, our school supplies a bus to transport these students to these courses. The courses provide our students access to pre-apprenticeship certificates and in some courses, entry into university. We are absolutely excited to be able to offer this breadth of subject courses to our senior students.

The development of any child’s education requires a strong relationship between school and home. Obviously through strong communication, parents and teachers can greatly assist each other. One of these opportunities will be the Parent/Teacher Evening on Tuesday 1 March 2016. We would appreciate the opportunity to sit and discuss your child’s progress through school at BTS.

A further opportunity to become involved in your child’s school is through involvement in our very active P&C. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 16 February 2016 in the BTS ‘Learning Hub’, (library)

Greg Hodges
Principal
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
A special assembly was held on Wednesday 10 February 2016 to formally announce the Batlow Technology School HSC Dux from 2015 and to present and acknowledge our 2016 school leaders.

Lilly Kirkby was officially named as our HSC Dux for 2015, unfortunately Lilly was unable to attend the assembly, we hope to get the opportunity to have Lilly come into our school at a later date.

Primary SRC Representatives
Holly Casey-Patterson, Jake Ashe, Kurt Stuenkel, Georgia Pate, Riley Gould, Noah Gardner, Rayleigh Gould, Brock Ashe, Jaymin Gould, Emily Murphy

Secondary SRC Representatives
Back row: Samantha Wilesmith, Connor Jeffrey (School Captains), Aiden Larson, Dylan Bates

Jounama House Captains
Tahlah Bowman, Connor Jeffrey
Kurt Stuenkel, Georgia Pate

Talbingo House Captains
Jed McAlister, Hannah Collins
Trevor Ashcroft-Hanson, Rebecca Gardner

Bogong House Captains
Dakota Armitstead-Hanson, Amy Glynn, Rayleigh Gould, Riley Gould

HAT REMINDER
Parents are reminded that we have a “NO-HAT NO-PLAY” policy at Batlow Technology School. This refers to all students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Any students without hats are not allowed to be in areas that are not shaded. Please remember to send a hat to school with your children.
Batlow Technology School Home Learning Centre 2016

When: Every Thursday afternoon, Week A and Week B

Where: The Learning Hub (School Library)

Time: 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Parents need to sign a permission slip from the front office in order for your child to attend. All students will be required to use this time wisely and bring any home learning they have.

For further information: Please contact Ms Pauline Tofa.

KEEP THE DATE FREE
Tuesday 1 March 2016
Parent/Teacher Evening

Community News

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