TEACHER PARENT/INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 1 March 2016
3.15 pm until 5.15 pm

See your child’s teachers in the following locations:
Primary Staff – Learning Hub (Library)
Secondary Staff – Rooms A9 and A10 (Science Labs)
A9 - TAS/Maths/Science
A10 - Teaching and Learning

SWIMMERS PERFORM WELL

Hannah Collins, Ryley Collins and Luke Stuenkel represented Batlow Technology School at the Zone Swimming Carnival in Tumut last Friday. All three students will now represent the Zone in Leeton on Friday 4 March 2016.

Congratulations to these students the individual results are published elsewhere in this “Scoop”
Principal’s Message

It is often the case that we need to view our life from different perspectives in order to fully appreciate what we are fortunate to already have in our lives.

This became quite evident throughout the Japanese Leadership Tour that I participated in last week. Most applicable to our Batlow School setting would be the overall quality of education our students experience. After selected visits to both secondary and an ‘elementary’ school (K-9), I walked away with an increased appreciation of what Batlow Technology School offers all our students. It is sometimes as little as having grass to play on. The opportunity to play on a natural surface during and after school was extremely minimal. Then just to have the personal space is an added luxury.

I intend to present a photographic account of the experience at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 15 March 2016. I would be delighted to have parents attend and discuss the relevance of our students undertaking studies in Japanese language and culture within our current Language Other Than English (LOTE) courses.

Another opportunity for parents and teachers to elevate their communication is through the special evening tomorrow night. All Batlow Technology staff will be available to specifically discuss your child’s current progress. These are highly productive in supporting your child’s education. Having to wait for your child’s school report at the end of Term 2 is not desirable as twenty weeks of school would have past at this stage.

If you are unable to attend, you may contact the school and arrange an alternative time with the teaching staff.

Please mark in your calendar, Wednesday 30 March 2016. Several of our senior students have produced an hour-long musical performance evening. Students from across the entire school have nominated themselves to be involved. Hope to see you there.

Thank you to Mrs Gorman for managing our school in my absence.

Have a great week.

Greg Hodges
Principal
9/10 HISTORY
On Thursday 18 February 2016, 9/10 History 1 were invited into Year 5/6 classroom. Students participated in learning about the Industrial Revolution. Primary students were able to engage with high school students and have fun learning about history.

The 5/6 class were separated into groups where they could work on building upon their historical skills and knowledge. The 9/10 class displayed great leadership potential, engaging with younger students and were very committed to their task.

FAR OUT
On Tuesday 23 February 2016 students from Years 2 to 6 were joined by students from St Mary’s School to attend a presentation from the State Library on Early Australian History, which is part of the Stage 2 History syllabus.

The ladies from the State Library told the story of Captain James Cook and Mary Reibey. Students from the audience dressed up and role played parts of the story. The ladies told the stories and shared original artefacts and art works with the students from early Australia.

All students were thoroughly entertained and learnt a lot about our history. There was no cost to our school, the show is part of a regional series of shows being conducted by the State Library.
The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March 2016 and 8 April 2016. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A non-consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Thursday 10 March 2016. The FAQs and copies of the non-consent form, including translated non-consent forms, are available from the website above. For more information, please contact Ms Rebecca Foster (English / Drama / Art Teacher).

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**

On Friday 19 February 2016 several of our secondary students travelled to Tumut to swim at the Zone Carnival. We received some excellent results against strong competition. Our student’s results are:

**Hannah Collins**
2nd 100 m Backstroke, 2nd 50 m Freestyle, 3rd 100 m Breaststroke

**Ryley Collins**
3rd 100 m Freestyle, 3rd 100 m Butterfly

**Luke Stuenkel**
3rd 50 m Freestyle

These students will represent Batlow Technology School at our Zone in Leeton on Friday 4 March 2016.

**SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

It has been a great start to the term seeing many students coming to school ready to learn by bringing the appropriate equipment to their lessons. This is something that we would like to see continue from K-12.

As a general reminder, to both students and parents, headphones are a necessary tool used for learning at Batlow Technology School. For hygiene issues it is recommended that all students have their own set of headphones for use in all lessons using computers or laptops.
BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL
HOMEWORK 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.

BATLOW SHOW
The Batlow Show is fast approaching!
This year it will be held on 2 April 2016.

Batlow Technology School have been allocated space in the pavilion for an art display. This is open to K-12.

The theme of the art display this year will be ‘Celebrating Diversity’.

Any student who is interested in contributing their work to the art display this year please see Miss Smith or Ms Foster for further information.

CANTEEN
SPECIAL WEEK
Week 6

Monday 29 February 2016 until Friday 4 March 2016

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HEADPHONES
It is preferable that all students at Batlow Technology School have their own set of headphones or ear-pods for use when using the computers. The office has headphones available for sale.

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.

Community News

TUMBARUMBA-BATLOW MINOR LEAGUE
2016 REGISTRATION DAY
Friday 4 March from 4.30 pm at Tumbarumba Sportsground (AFL oval) Rugby League and League Tag Register online at playnrl.com Further information phone Nikki Wilesmith 0427238064 or visit facebook page Tumba-Batlow Minor League

TUMBARUMBA RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB
Boys are needed for the Under 16 and Under 18 competition. Please contact Larry Collins 0400674342 if interested.

BATLOW SHOW
Saturday 2 April 2016
Find all the information at:
www.batlowshow.com.au

Clare’s Laugh n Learn Academy
Registered School Age Care

Clare Miller
90 Pioneer Street
Batlow 2730 NSW
clare.miller1997@gmail.com
0475381009

Before and After School and Vacation Care CCB and CCR available to eligible families www.ghchildren.com.au
The Merit System - PRIMARY

The Batlow Technology School merit system aligns to the school values. Students will receive merit awards based on their ability to demonstrate our school values and abide by our Core School Rules.

**What happens as a result of being on this level?**

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A list of students current merit level will be placed on the canteen notice board every fortnight.
The Merit System - SECONDARY

The Batlow Technology School merit system aligns to the school values. Students will receive merit awards based on their ability to demonstrate our school values and abide by our Core School Rules.

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| Learning Superhero (340 merits) | • A framed certificate awarded at Assembly  
• Attend ‘Reward’ excursion  
• Recognition on school notice board, Scoop and Skoolbag  
• Choice of $30 school canteen voucher or gift card |
| Double Platinum (250 merits) | • A certificate awarded at assembly  
• Photo in “Scoop”  
• Attend ‘Reward’ excursion  
• Choice of $20 school canteen voucher or gift card. |
| Platinum (140 merits) | • A certificate at assembly  
• Photo in “Scoop”  
• Attend ‘Reward’ excursion in Semester 1 and 2. |
| Gold (70 merits) | • A certificate at assembly  
• Name and photo in “Scoop”  
• Attend ‘Reward’ excursion in Semester 1. |
| Silver (50 merits) | • A certificate at assembly  
• Name in “Scoop” |
| Bronze (30 merits) | • A certificate at Year Meeting  
• Name in “Scoop” |

What happens as a result of being on this level?

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# Managing Inappropriate Behaviour

1. **Low level classroom or playground incident.**

2. **Teacher deals with incident and, if satisfactory outcome, a Sentral entry detailing incident and actions is written and checked as complete.**

3. **Teacher deals with incident by giving one opportunity for detention and, if outcome is unsatisfactory, a Sentral entry is referred to Head Teacher or Assistant Principal detailing the incident and teacher actions attempting to resolve issue are indicated. Entry is checked as further action required.**

4. **Teacher issues student with an after school detention. Parents and students are notified of this by the teacher. If an after school detention is not possible, the student will complete a series of lunch detentions with the Principal. This will be equal time to an after school detention. Principal will notify student of date with a reminder slip.**

5. **Principal satisfactorily resolves issue. Sentral entry referral is edited to include actions of the Principal. Entry is checked as complete.**

6. **Student does not attend an after school or in school detention for Principal, with no acceptable explanation, then suspension will result for continued disobedience.**

7. **If suspension is implemented, Principal commence process for return from suspension.**

8. **If violent or threatening behaviour occurs the Principal is notified immediately. Parents notified and Police if necessary. Immediate suspension may result.**