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BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Term 1 - Week 8 (B)

WHAT'S ON AT BTS

Mondays – (every week)
School Banking
Tuesday 15 March 2016
P&C Meeting 6.30 pm in Learning Hub
Friday 29 April 2016
Photo Day

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Principal
Mr Greg Hodges
Assistant Principal
Mrs Vicki Dodd
Head Teachers
Mr Mark McDonell
Mrs Amanda Gorman
Principal’s Message

One of the most important requirements of any school is the ‘duty of care’ they provide to all the students and visitors to the school. In recent weeks this has become a major concern with students arriving just after 8.00 am on a regular basis. Although we have staff who utilise the early mornings to prepare lessons, they do not have supervision responsibilities. Students are not allowed on school grounds until 8.30 am. Once on school grounds they are to remain under the COLA in a centralised location. We seek consistent support in maintaining the safety of our children.

With the unusual run of extreme hot weather, it is difficult to accept that we are in autumn. Here in Batlow, we know that this can change relatively quickly. Now is the time that students should be acquiring their uniform for the cooler months ahead. Those students requiring assistance in getting a uniform are encouraged to discuss their individual needs with myself. There is absolutely no reason that a student of Batlow Technology School does not own a uniform.

Each year we provide students the opportunity to participate in a school survey. This survey is called ‘Tell Them From Me’ (TTFM). The purpose of the survey is to give a voice to students on how they perceive the school is meeting their learning needs. As you can imagine, the information is valuable in establishing direction for the school as we strive to provide the best learning experience for our students. Your child will commence participating in these later this week. Please encourage your child to think carefully about each response.

The H V Smith Trade Training Centre at Batlow Technology School has now been operating successfully for seven (7) weeks. This outstanding facility has numerous demands required for its use. One that we wish to explore further is the facility to be used for community groups outside of school hours. This Thursday evening, Batlow Rotarians will be visiting the site to gauge some of the possibilities. If you have further ideas in relation to using this valuable facility for community purposes, please feel free to come along and be involved in the discussions. One proposal at this point is to developed a “Mens' Shed” group. I am sure there could be many more uses for this wonderful facility. It would be nice to see some new ladies and men with ideas.

Tomorrow evening, the P&C will be conducting their meeting in the school ‘Learning Hub’ at 6.30 pm. We welcome new participants to come along and be actively involved in another facet of their child’s education. Meetings are brief with opportunities for everyone to have a voice. Our school is in a very dynamic phase in relation to teaching and learning, and the P&C members are provided current information which further shapes the learning environment at Batlow Technology School. Please come along and see for yourself.

Congratulations to Kurt Stuenkel and Ben Howell on selection in the PSSA Regional Boys’ soccer trials. The boy’s will now travel to Cootamundra to play their next match.

Have a great week.

Greg Hodges
Principal

Wanted

Egg cartons needed
for use at the Agriculture block
School News

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 available from the 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.

PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Batlow Technology School students represented our school at the PSSA Swimming Carnival held at the Tumut Pool. It was a sweltering day, but this did not stop our students in their effort and achievement on the day.

A special acknowledgement must be made of Riley Gould, Rayleigh Gould, Kurt Stuenkel, Ben Howell and Dylan Taylor who all competed in numerous events throughout the day. However, it seems that backstroke was the most successful stroke of the day with Riley Gould coming fourth overall in Junior Boys 50 metres and Ben Howell and Kurt Stuenkel both coming in fifth overall in the 11 Year and Senior Boys 50 metres backstroke. Well done boys!

A huge thank you is extended to the parents and community members who offered their support for the students and an extra thank you to those that helped with time-keeping on the day. It would not have been the success it was without your support.
PRESENTS

Chandler
A Mixed Up Musical

A COLLABORATIVE MUSIC PROJECT BY: STUDENTS FROM BTS

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY: DAKOTA ARMITSTEAD-HANSON and CONNOR JEFFREY

ORGANISING TEACHER: Mr Andrew Ellicott

6:30 pm WEDNESDAY
30 March 2016
BTS HALL
Batlow Table Tennis Association Annual General Meeting
Monday 21 March 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Batlow RSL Club
All players welcome to attend

BATLOW HOCKEY CLUB MUSTER DAY
Friday 18 March 2016
at the Batlow Hockey Fields
at 4.30 pm

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

Women4Women
Coffee, Cake and Colouring
Tuesdays at 2.00 pm
Come along to Batlow Bakery
or call Leanne 0427 322 373 or Tina 0412 831419

CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS
All materials and afternoon tea supplied. $2.00 to take part, Thursday 17 March 2016 and Wednesday 23 March 2016 in the Literary Institute (next door to library) from 3.00 pm until 5:30 pm. Under 8’s must be accompanied by an adult. Paint, draw, and make models from recycled materials.

All creations will be entered for your child in the Batlow Show on Saturday 2 April 2016. They can then be collected after 4:30 pm on the day. They might even have won a prize! Organisers are Sulari Goonetilleke and Sarah Kynaston. Helpers and donations of suitable materials gratefully accepted! For more information contact Sarah on 0428 396751
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