



"Flourish to the end"

# Hay Happenings

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Term 4, Week 9

3rd December 2014



**Creative Catchment Kids**

**K-6 Assembly**  
**Friday**  
**5th December**  
**9.30am**  
**School Hall**  
**All welcome**  
**Last school**  
**assembly for 2014**

include: Emma Johnston – Visual Arts; and Darnelle Filmer - Sport. Congratulations to these students.

## **Principal's Report**

### **Creative Catchment Kids Book**

#### **Launch**

Year 6 students Katie Arandt, Molly Christensen, Georgia Mijok, Charly Moorhouse, Gemma Tassell and Emily Headon were all excited to celebrate the launch of their book 'Blorey and the Bidgee'. The girls were part of the Creative Kids Catchment Program, sponsored by the Local Land Services, and received published copies of their books at an official launch last Thursday. Present were Mrs Stacey Staunton Latimer and Mr Owen Dunlop of the Creative Catchment Kids programme; Mr Michael Fayle from the Riverina Local Land Service; Mrs Alex Anthony, Chair of the Murray Local Land Service and Mr Terry Gorman of the Murray Local Land Service. Thanks to Mrs Cullenward, for her dedication and passion in being involved in this program and Steve Blore for providing the stimulus for the book and allowing the girls to spend a day on his farm. Whilst there, they interviewed Mr Blore and took many photographs. The book will be available at the state library, the town library and the school library.

### **2015 Student Leaders' Elections**

On Monday morning the whole school had the privilege of listening to twenty six self-assured young students who were

presenting their election speeches in order to run for the school parliament in 2015. Students were asked to outline the ways in which they would improve Hay Public School in 2015, making it better for our students. Some very interesting ideas were put forth such as lobbying for more local excursions, reducing the litter in our playground, improving the buddy system that is in place, and assisting with students who are bullied in the playground. Student leaders for 2015 will be announced on Friday morning at our K-6 assembly. Following this announcement the 2014 parliamentarians, incoming parliamentarians and members of the school staff will all vote for the positions of captains and vice-captains of our school. Announcements of captains will be made at our Presentation Day on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Proud and Deadly Awards**

Today, two students travelled to Deniliquin to take part in the Riverina Region's Proud and Deadly Awards. The 'Proud and Deadly' awards recognise the achievements and excellence of Aboriginal students within the school environment in the areas of sport, attendance, encouragement, academic achievement, citizenship, visual arts and leadership. Hay Public School students were accompanied by their parents at the awards ceremony held at the Deniliquin RSL Club. The award recipients

### **Swimming School**

Thanks to everyone who has made Swimming School a success over the past couple of weeks. Students have been very enthusiastic in their lessons with most coming to school prepared to swim every day. Students have shown great progress and are more confident in the water. Our expert helpers have been Gayl Munn, Daisee Pless, Bronwyn Hicks, Matilda Maynard, Shirley Hajek and Lily Lilburne. Thanks to Sarah Houston for her organisation in regards to Swimming School and teachers and aides who have also helped to implement the program.

### **End of Year**

As the end of the year winds down, students are reminded that they must not relax their standards of behaviour in the classroom and in the playground. It would be a shame for students to miss their end of year festivities such as Year 6 Farewell, No Greenslip Reward Pool Party and class parties due to poor behaviour. Students who are on monitoring cards at the time of these events will be ineligible to participate. The school rules and Code of Conduct still apply right up until the last day of the year.

Have a great week

**Carol Oatway**

**Principal**

**SWIM SCHOOL CHECKLIST**

- Swimmers
- Hat
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Goggles & t-shirt  
(optional)



Children are to bring the above items to school daily. Phone calls home will not be made for forgotten swim bags.

**KIDS- Remember to unpack your & dry your swim bag daily**

**Coming Events/ Sporting Dates**

10th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
11th Dec	Pool Parties & P&C Meeting 2pm Staffroom?
12th Dec	Reports Home
16th Dec	Presentation Day 10am
17th Dec	Last day school for students & staff including Mufti Day & Disco

**2015**

3rd Feb	Staff Return
4th Feb	Students Return
13th Feb	Swimming Carnival
27th Feb	District Swimming Carnival

**Helpers of Hay Public School**

An invitation is extended to all volunteers and helpers who have assisted our school in 2014 in all capacities, to join us for our annual Presentation Day morning tea on Tuesday 16th Dec.

This will be held at the 'Spirit of ANZAC' building at the Hay War Memorial High School immediately following our Presentation Day awards ceremony.

All welcome.

**Year 6 Farewell**

All students in Year 5 & 6 are invited to the year 6 farewell on Wednesday 10th December.

Cost \$5.00 per student payable to front office asap.

**Creative Catchment Kids**

Hay Public School students Katie Arandt, Molly Christensen, Emily Headon, Georgia Mijok, Charly Moorhouse and Gemma Tassell launched their very own published book 'Blore and the Birds of the Bidgee' last Thursday at the school hall.

This book was a result of the Creative Catchment Kids programme which is an initiative of the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Murray Darling Association. This programme is proudly funded by the Riverina and Murray Local Land Services. Creative Catchment Kids promotes sustainable agriculture, natural resource management and cultural heritage through a book writing program.

The girls have worked extremely hard all year producing their book. The book is a combination of non-fiction writing and creative prose. The girls used both photography and drawings to illustrate the pages. A copy of the book will now be housed at the State Library.

Hay Public School can be very proud of the achievements of the girls and their teacher Mrs Fleur Cullenward as they were the recipients of First Place in the Creative Catchment Kids Local Land Heroes 2014.



**Steve Blore and the Hay Public School students visiting wetlands at Torry Plains.**



### K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership Program

Kindergarten and Stage 1 recently participated in the responsible pet program which focuses on teaching students about dog safety incorporating:

- When dogs should be left alone
- Things we should not do to dogs
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog
- What to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog

Thank you to Abby the blue collie and her handler Shannon for travelling to Hay for this program.

### Stage 2 and 3 News

#### **Parliament Speeches**

Congratulations to the twenty six 2015 Parliament candidates who presented their speeches to the school on Monday. All students should be tremendously proud of their efforts. Their speeches were honest, heartfelt and a true reflection of their character. I wish you all the very best.

#### **Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell is next Wednesday at 6.00pm. Parents and year 6 students are invited to the formal part of the evening where students will be presented with their Year 6 booklet and the cutting of the cake. Year 5 students are then invited to join us at 6.30pm. Students are to dress in neat casual clothing.

**All students must be picked up from the hall by a parent/ guardian at the end of the night.**

**A reminder to some students that their recent misbehaviours may result in them being excluded from**

**the festivities.**

### **Library Stocktake**

Students with overdue books were issued with a notice yesterday. Please assist your child in locating their books and returning them to the library as soon as possible. We are currently undertaking a stocktake of the fiction, picture fiction and junior fiction books.

*Mrs Murphy*

*Assistant Principal Stage 2/3*

### **Sports News**

#### **2 Hay FM**

Thanks to Gemma Tassell and Emily Headon for confidently presenting our sports report on 2 Hay FM last Friday.

Congratulations also on the successful 'radio launch' of your book "Blorey and the Birds of the Bidgee'.

What creative and talented writers we have at HPS– Molly, Charly, Katie A, Georgia, Emily and Gemma– published authors. WELL DONE!

#### **Stage 2 Sport**

Stage 3 will continue swimming for sport this Friday at 2.00pm



### **No Greenslip Reward Pool Parties**

Thursday 11th December (Week 10) will be a MUFTI Day for all students K-6.

Students who have NOT RECEIVED a Greenslip in the last 5 weeks need their swimmers, swim shirt, hat and towel in a separate bag labelled with their name ready for some fun at the Pool.

K-2 10:00 – 11:00 am

Yr 3-6 12:00 – 1:30 pm

All pool notes need to be returned by Wednesday 10th December.

Students who have received a Greenslip in the last 5 weeks will remain at school.



### **Junior Cricket Coaching Clinic**

**Saturday Dec 6th**



Warren Smith, former Riverina Cricket Coaching Director and Coach of U19 Australian side, will be holding a junior cricket coaching clinic in Hay on Saturday, Dec 6th on cricket grounds 3 and 4 (where Saturday cricket is held, and in lieu of Saturday cricket). The cost will be \$10 per head and all ages welcome. Time 9 am to 12 noon. No need to book. Enquiries to David

Davies 69932135.

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**LUNCH LANE CANTEEN**

**Friday Special Lunch**  
**5th December**

**Crumbed Chicken Wrap**  
**Focus Sports Water Orders by Thursday please**



**\*\*PRESENTATION DAY LUNCHES\*\***  
**Preordered sandwiches only and orders in by Monday please.**  
**Canteen will be open for snacks at completion of Presentation Day**



Hay Public School is welcoming and friendly. We are proud of the academic, cultural and sporting opportunities we offer your child. Our strong sense of community is built on the fact that many current parents and grandparents were students here.

**Latest News & Features**

**How to get your child reading this summer!**  
 Children who thrive in school tend to have one thing in common – they enjoy reading. It doesn't really matter what your child chooses to read, the important thing for primary-school kids is to encourage them to develop the habit... [Read more](#)

**What parents should know about Instagram**  
 It's hard to keep up with all the social media platforms and apps our kids want to use. Instagram is currently one of the most popular social networks for school-aged children at the moment. It's a free, photo and video sharing... [Read more](#)

**When older kids struggle with reading**  
 When older kids struggle to read and write, the issue can become fraught for the whole family. Parents can lose their patience and blame the child or themselves and the child loses their confidence and begins shying away from... [Read more](#)

**Photo Gallery**

Grandparents' Day 2014 (22 photos)  
 Milo Cricket T20 Blast - 2014 (25 photos)

**Upcoming events**

- Swim School Nov 24 12:00PM
- HWMHS Yr 6 Transition Dec 3 All Day
- K-6 Assembly Dec 5 09:30AM
- Year 6 Farewell Dec 10 05:30PM
- Pool Parties - Reward Day Dec 11 All Day

**FREE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC**  
**FORTNIGHTLY AT COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**PH: 1800 450 046 for an appointment**



**FOR SALE- HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL HATS**

Two sizes available  
**\$10.00 each**  
 Available front office

**HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Murrumbidgee Matters, our school magazine, will be printed and distributed to all students who have paid their General Contribution Fee of \$25.00 for 2014.**  
**Magazines are available to purchase for \$10.00**

**SOUTHWEST ARTS Inc.**

Developing Arts & Culture across South West NSW

**2015 CREATIVE WORKSHOP PROGRAM**  
**MUSIC - VISUAL ARTS - PERFORMANCE**

South West Arts Inc. will be offering Creative Workshops across the region in 2015.

If you live in South West NSW and would like to attend workshops in your area, or have an artistic skill you would like to teach others, please contact South West Arts Inc.

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