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QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 6

5 June 2025

What's been happening in 5/6 Bugali?

This term, 5/6 Bugali have jumped straight into our next English unit with enthusiasm and wonder. The mentor text, *Azaria: A True History*, by Maree Coote is a child-friendly picture book that depicts the events of the Azaria Chamberlain case. Through the text, students are examining themes of truth, perception, and the quest for justice in the face of adversity.

We have engaged in many meaningful conversations about the influence of the media, the importance of collecting all available information/evidence to ensure the truth is uncovered, and how easy it is for gossip and hearsay to sway the opinions of others. Students have applied their critical thinking skills to identify inconsistencies throughout the story and form their own opinions of those involved. It is safe to say that the story has captivated 5/6 Bugali and highlighted their sense of justice and empathy for others.



Principal's Report

It appears we have been consumed by sport of late and it doesn't appear to be slowing down. Term 2 is always exceptionally busy with events and the remaining weeks of this term continue this pattern.

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Quirindi Zone Cross Country last Friday. A new course was met with excitement. As you already know, our school has a tremendous amount of skilled cross country runners and we have 31 students who will compete at Coolah in the North West trial next week.

Best of luck to our students who are competing for selection in the Quirindi Zone Netball team this week. This team will trial for individual selection in the North West team. Again, selection to either of these teams is highly competitive. I know Miss Adams will have a tough time in her selections.

Congratulations to Jake Bright, Jax Colbourn, Percy Tourle, Spencer Tourle and Archie Webster on their selection to the North West Rugby Union team. The boys will compete in Newcastle at the beginning of August.

Good luck to our Open Boys' and Girls' Touch teams as they compete in the Tamworth Zone Knockout and Gala Day next week. Again, this is a highly competitive day. However, it is also a day where there is lots of play regardless of the result and an opportunity for students to improve their skills across the day. Thank you to Mrs McGuckin and Mr Evans for their support and organisation of this opportunity for our students.



Some concerns have been raised by community members regarding the number of students that are not wearing helmets when riding a bike or scooter. We only have one brain; a vital organ that is not easily repaired. One of my daily duties is ensuring the safe crossing of students at the top gate of our school. I readily talk with students who cross with a bike or scooter about the importance of helmets, wearing them correctly and the safe passage back home after school. Please ensure your children have access to helmets and remind them of their importance and responsibility when riding to school and around our community.

This week I had the pleasure of being in 1/2 Gugurrgaagaa. They had just been up to the school's garden and viewed our newest addition, the chooks. The students then had a morning writing activity to state what they would do if they were in charge of the school garden.

Next week, our students in years 3-6 will participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. This survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school. As a reminder, participation is voluntary and opt out consent forms have already been sent home. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/education-data-and-research/nsw-public-schools-surveys>.

Until next week, please take care.
Mrs Cara Cracknell, Principal

Student of the Week Awards

Class	Student of the Week Awards
K Dharri	Elora McDermott-Thomson
K Dhinawan	Carter Bell
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Penny Lamb
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Sophie Payne
1/2 Guni	Meg Watson
3/4 Yurrandaali	Lawson Horder
3/4 Yurayaa	Evan Thomas
3/4 Marayn	Knox Hodson
5/6 Bugali	Tanaya Bell
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Chloe Sheaffe
5/6 Buubumurr	Ella-Rose Goodwin
K/6 Bigibila	Haylie Clayton



Community consultation for Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School

The NSW Department of Education is consulting with the wider Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School community to understand what families and community groups are looking for and if there is a need to consider co-educational day and boarding offerings at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School.

Feedback from the community consultation process will be used to inform decision-making on the future educational offerings at the school.

Students, parents, carers and staff are invited to share their feedback via this [online survey](#), open from 9am Thursday 29 May and runs until 5pm on Friday 18 July 2025.

More information is available on the department's [website](#). If you have any questions, please email farrerconsultation@det.nsw.edu.au. Thank you for your support.



Merit Awards

Class	Merit Award
K Dharri	Elise Lobsey
K Dhinawan	Eric Flint
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Bentley Stennett
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Layla Woods
1/2 Guni	Odin Saunders Amici
3/4 Yurrandaali	Hazel McMahon
3/4 Yurayaa	Adele Lawson
3/4 Marayn	Ethan Musgrave
5/6 Bugali	Jai Oliver
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Jaxson Platt
5/6 Buubumurr	Willow Forsstrom



P&C Uniform Shop Hours

Open every Wednesday - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Uniform orders can be made at <https://gpsuniform.square.site>
Please place orders by Tuesday evening for class delivery on Wednesdays.

All orders will be delivered to students in their classrooms - **ONLY on a Wednesday afternoon.**

If you need to visit the Uniform Shop it is located on Munro Street.
Please remember EFTPOS sales only.

For any enquiries you can contact the Uniform Shop via email at gpsuniform@yahoo.com

Don't forget you can purchase hats from the school canteen on any day of the week.



DON'T FORGET!



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Tuesday 10 June 2025



**K-2
Athletics
Fun Day**

**Thursday 19 June
2025**


**SAVE
The
DATE**

**8 years and Over
Athletics Carnival**

Thursday 26 June 2025



Notes home this week

1. PSSA Girls and Boys Softball Trials
2. Regional Cross Country

Those selected
Qualifiers

Permission notes and payments due

Regional Cross Country

Note and money due by Friday 6 June 2025

Years 5 & 6 Chocolate Fundraising

Money due by Friday 6 June 2025

Please let the Office ladies know if you do not wish to receive another box of chocolates once paid. We still have quite a number of Easter Egg Chocolate boxes to sell before more chocolates can be ordered.

PSSA Softball Gala Day (Boys and Girls)

Notes due Friday 13 June 2025

North West Boys and Girls Touch Football Trials

Note due Wednesday 18 June 2025

Years 3 & 4 Excursion to Point Wolstoncroft

Payment due by Sunday 27 July 2025

Upcoming events

9 June 2025

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

11 June 2025

PSSA Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day

12 June 2025

North West Regional Cross Country

18 June 2025

P&C Meeting

Boys Softball Gala Day

19 June 2025

K-2 Athletics Carnival

20 June 2025

Girls Softball Gala Day

24 June 2025

North West Softball and Netball Trials

25 June 2025

North West Boys and Girls Touch Trials

26 June 2025

8 Years & Over Athletics Carnival

30 June to 4 July 2025

NAIDOC Week

4 July 2025

Last Day of Term 2



Bell Times

9.20am - School begins
11.20am - 11.55am - Break 1
1.30pm - 2.00pm - Break 2
3.20pm - School concludes



School Office Hours

8.30 to 3.45pm

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