Principal’s Message

We have continued to experience a very busy term and I am sure that the students are looking forward to a well earned break.

Last week our students from Years 3 to 6 enjoyed their excursion to Thalgarrah. I have heard about lots of the exciting activities and experiences that the students enjoyed. Thank you to Miss Bayley for accompanying the students on the excursion. It sounds like a fantastic time was had by all.

I would like thank all of the parents who attended our Healthy Lunchbox session at the last P&C meeting. There were some great options for healthy meals and snacks for our children. Packing a lunch box can be a difficult task at times and it’s easy to run out of ideas. I know that I certainly took some great ideas away from the session.

Some of you may have seen or met Ms Jenny Coutts around the school. We have been very fortunate in having Ms Coutts join us as a casual teacher. She has many years teaching experience and has taught a lot in small schools. We welcome her to Bendemeer PS. I would like to thank Ms Coutts for driving our bus last Friday to Tintinhull PS for the ‘Beat my drum’ performance.

This Thursday we will enjoy Bounty Day. This term we have chosen to go Tenpin Bowling at Tamworth Tenpin. Students will be able to play two games of bowling and enjoy a delicious lunch. It should be a fantastic day. I’m looking forward to bowling with the children!

As our term once again draws to an end I would like to thank you all for your continued commitment and support of your child’s education and our wonderful school. Next term will be very busy. We will be holding our Kindergarten transition program and our Intensive School Swimming Scheme.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful and happy break.

Ms Kylie Lacey
Principal (R)

Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
A. A. Milne

TERM 3 WEEK 8—31 AUGUST 2015

Wednesday 16th September
9am Assembly

Thursday 17th September
Bounty Day - Tenpin Bowling, Tamworth Tenpin

Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 3 - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Monday 5th October
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 6th October
Staff and students return

Tuesday 27th October
Kindergarten Transition - 8.45am - 11.30am

Tuesday 3rd November
Kindergarten Transition - 11.30am - 1.45pm

P& C Chocolates Fundraiser

The P&C have boxes of chocolates to sell to raise money for the school. Please contact the school if you are able to help in raising money for our P&C.

Next P&C - 8th October 2015
1st Thursday of each month @ 3:30 pm – in the library. All welcome.
Monday Journal- 7th September
Today we have had the opportunity to participate in the ‘Paddock to Plate’ Tour. We explored the world of a pastoral property dating from the 1830s, including a slaughterhouse, stables, poultry yards and milking sheds. The Saumarez property reflects the different worlds of work and leisure of the owner’s family members and the blacksmiths, stockmen, cooks and servants who worked here. We played artefact games and had a treasure hunt to explore the archaeology, history and working life of the property, traced food production and preparation from the farm to the dining table.
It was back on the bus this afternoon. We arrived at Thalgarrah to unpack. It’s been a jam packed day! We are now enjoying a hot chocolate, in our PJs in front of a movie—a much more chilled experience than our encounter with feeding lizard, stick insects and holding a pet snake earlier! We are all looking forward to more fun filled activities camp has to offer on Tuesday. We have been told we shall experience some more teambuilding games with our friends including a game of trivia with our new friends and teachers from Dungowan PS and Woolomin PS.

Tuesday Journal- 8th September
Mums and Dads- We survived our first night camping! We rose early to participate in an array of fun-filled activities at the Thalgarrah Camp. Principal of Thalgarrah, Matt McKenzie has taught us nature story iPad Photography, orienteering through the forest and a thrilling team building game such as Tribes and Territories to win our team totem! It’s now 9pm and we are playing a game of Trivia- its getting very competitive and we have learnt that Ezra has some wicked dance moves! C’mon Bendemeer we can win! We are looking forward to Crossin’s Mill at Uralla and the Aboriginal Cultural Centre visit.

Wednesday Journal- 9th September
It was time to pack the bus today as we farewelled Thalgarrah Camp at 9am with our wonderful photography artworks. These have been kindly printed, framed and given to us as small memento from Mr McKenzie to remember our time at Thalgarrah. We have been inspired by the Aboriginal Cultural Centre. We had a tour of the centre and gallery and have had the opportunity to throw a boomerang- we are yet to master this skill! We learnt about Aboriginal Bush Tucker. It’s 2pm and we have just boarded the coach after a yummy picnic lunch and walking and listening to picture stories at Crossin’s Mill at Uralla. We have certainly gotten a realistic insight into the life of famous Bush Ranger, Thunderbolt. Indeed he was quite a sneaky rascal! We are all tired (some of us are already snoring on the bus or listening to someone singing - Banana???) Yet we are very excited to return to school be reunited with our families and younger peers really soon to share with them all the wonderful stories about our time away.
Office Enquiries

We ask that parents/carers DO NOT enter the office at any time. Please access the office through the window in the foyer. It is inappropriate for parents/carers to be in the office due to the confidential nature of school documents.

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Bendemeer P&C Association Inc. presents...

The Bendemeer Prawn & Chicken Night

Saturday 14th November 2015
6.30 pm @ Bendemeer Town Hall, Bendemeer

TICKETS

Adults - $25
High School kids - $15
Primary School kids- $10
Under 6 - Free!!
Families - $70

Tickets can be purchased from Bendemeer School and on the night.

Great Food, Auction & Entertainment!!

On Saturday the 14th of November 2015 the Bendemeer P&C will be holding our annual Prawn & Chicken Night Fundraiser. It is a fun night out for all the family and includes a two course meal, entertainment and an auction. All of the money raised on the night goes back into our local small school.

Come along for a great night and help support Bendemeer Public School!!