

# Girilambone News

## The Principals Word

Hello all,

Well we are half way through yet another term, my how this term has flown.

We have had a great start to the term, week 2 saw the Small Schools Athletics carnival. This was a great day with all students doing themselves, their families and their school proud. The little people who were at their first ever athletics carnival participated with great enthusiasm as did the older students. Congratulations go to the following age champions; Sub junior- Charles Stanniforth, Junior equal champs were Tom Veech and Jayden Ebsworth, Senior - Jayden Pollard. Well done to you all. Tom, Ida, Jayden and Lucas qualified to go onto the District Carnival which is to be held in Nyngan on Friday of this week. We wish them well for this next level of competition.

Last week was our annual excursion to Lake Burrendong Sport and rec camp along with several other small schools including Hermidale, Marra Creek, Carinda, Quambone and Pilliga. The kids had a great time participating in activities such as; ropes courses (some high some low), the flying fox, grass skiing, archery, rock climbing, bush walks, damper making and lots of other activities and games. All children got involved in all the activities and surprised themselves with what they could do. It was great to hear the camp staff commenting about how polite and helpful the kids were and what a great bunch of kids we had. Ha we already knew that but it made me very proud to hear them say this.

I have resent home the survey regarding preferred methods of communication if you haven't already could you please complete it and return to the school as soon as possible as would like to move forward with this. Increasing school and community partnerships are one of the focuses in our current school plan Strategic Direction 2 Collaborative Partnerships. In future I would like our school newsletters to feature more community information. So if anyone would like something included in our newsletter please contact the school and let us know.

This week I am attending the regional principals conference in Orange. I am looking forward to listening to some of the

interesting speakers the conference has to offer, oh and catching up with the kids too that is an added bonus.

Next week I have an external validation panel meeting. This is a follow up to a very extensive self-evaluation process that I have been engaging in over the first part of this term. This is a process where the school rates their performance against a document called The School Excellence Framework. I have submitted my evidence and findings and the panel will be attending the school next Tuesday to discuss this with me.

Also next Tuesday we will be having a visit from the rugby league development officer to do a session with the kids. This should be a lot of fun and expose the students to rugby league and the skills required to play.

Monday of Week 8 10<sup>th</sup> of September will be school photos

That is all from me so until next time, bye for now.

Regards

*Angela Lewis*

Principal

## Outback Patrol

In week 1 of the term we had a visit from a wayward pirate, "Captain Rusty Barnacles" from Outback Patrol which is a Christian community service that brings religious education to isolated areas.

The children enjoyed his visit very much reveling in his bad pirate jokes, games and stories all designed to convey the goodness of god.



Ole Captain Rusty Barnacles spreading the good word.



Aye Aye Captain!

## Meerkat Productions "Boy"

Carinda, Quambone, Hermidale and Girilambone all traveled to Marra Creek in week 2 to watch the theatrical performance of the book "BOY" It was great to see how Meerkat productions bought the character to life.

It is always great to get all the kids together.



## Small Schools Carnival

A great day was had by all!!

This Friday we have the District carnival being held in Nyngan.

Good luck to Tom, Ida, Jayden and Lucas who will be representing the small schools.



*Small Schools are  
Great Schools!*

## Lake Burrendong Excursion

Last week the students from Girilambone Public School went to Lake Burrendong for their school excursion. Here are some stories about their favourite part of the excursion.

Last week we went to Burrendong. It was so much fun. My favourite activity was the flying fox, because I got to go down from a platform that was as high as a tree. I also liked cooking damper, which is a type of bread. The reason I liked it was because we got to eat it in the end! I love Burrendong. It is one of my favourite places!

Ida



At Burrendong I did mini-Olympics. I watched the bigger boys doing the flying fox. I made damper, it was yummy!

Ella

At Burrendong we cooked damper, that was my favourite thing. I had golden syrup on my damper.

Charlie



I saw the big kids doing rock climbing at Burrendong. I like playing with the parachute, it was fun.

Indy

At Burrendong my favourite thing was the Mini-Olympics. I also liked cooking damper and it was delicious.

George



