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# Batlow Technology School

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*Congratulations Lilly*

## LILLY KIRKBY IS OFF TO THE WESTERN FRONT.

At the end of last term, Lilly applied for a 2013 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship. Last week we were informed that she was one of twelve successful applicants chosen from schools in all systems across NSW.

Lilly will be visiting important sites in London and on the Western Front, she will depart on the 16 November 2013 and return on the 1 December 2013.

This is a wonderful achievement for Lilly, her family, our school and the community.

Congratulations and well done Lilly!



### WHAT'S ON AT BTS

**Mondays – (every week)**

School Banking

**Wednesday 30/10/13**

Principal's Assembly

**Monday 28/10/13**

HSC continues

**Thursday 7/11/13**

Presentation Night 6.30 pm  
Kindergarten transition

**Friday 8/11/13**

Celebration of Learning Day

**Monday 11/7/13**

New academic year begins

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

Principal's Assembly  
Wednesday 30 October 2013

In the school hall at 11.30 am

**BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL**

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**Thursday 7 November 2013**

**6.30 pm**

Students receiving awards will be given a letter  
with details on Wednesday 30 October 2013

# Principal's Message

**The capacity to learn is a gift;  
The ability to learn is a skill;  
The willingness to learn is a choice.**

Our Year 12 students and College I students are two-thirds of the way through the current HSC examinations and have just over a week to go before all the examinations are complete. I commend them all on the way that they have conducted themselves during this period. It has been heartening to see so many come to school to use the Library to study. It has also been good to hear from the College I students, in particular, who can now fully see the value of the approach and model that we have adopted.

I know that students across the rest of the school are approaching with some anticipation Week 6 and the roll over process – particularly our incoming College I students.

Schools are living organisms. Every six years the student body changes completely and often such changes are mirrored amongst staff. In 2014 we can expect to see many changes to staff for a number of reasons. Firstly, I need to publicly congratulate Mrs White on her permanent promotion to Assistant Principal at Thurgoona Public School and Miss Williamson who has accepted a position as Head Teacher Secondary Studies at Bowraville Central School. These are wonderful opportunities for them both as they further develop their knowledge and skills for the benefit of students across the state and we wish them well when they take up these positions next year. As replacements and other arrangements are put in place I will inform the school community.

A Parent /Teacher Afternoon will take place on Tuesday 12 November 2013 from 3.30 pm-5.30 pm. If parents are unable to attend during this time and wish to speak to staff please contact the school to make other arrangements. As per discussions with the P&C it was decided that we would shift parent /teacher afternoons to mid-semester to allow parents to have a bigger impact on their children's progress. This will be formally implemented in 2014. Accordingly, the dates for parent/teacher afternoons in 2014 are as follows; Tuesday 4 March 2014 and Tuesday 19 August 2014.

Mrs Dodd will be the sole Assistant Principal in the school from 2014 and again we will be staffing four classes; Kindergarten, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6. In the past there has been some confusion about roles of executive and I thought I would take a moment to provide some clarity. Despite the titles Head Teachers and Assistant Principals are exactly the same, they just have different areas of responsibility.

| Principal                     |  |  |
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| Assistant Principals          | Head Teacher<br>Mathematics/Science/Agriculture/TAS [Home<br>Economics, Wood, Metal] | Head Teacher<br>English/HSIE/CAPA/LOTE/PDHPE |
| Mrs White K-2<br>Mrs Dodd 3-6 | Mr McDonell  | Miss Williamson                              |

If you have concerns about your child's progress in a particular area then after the classroom teacher you should approach the relevant member of the school executive. If there are still issues after that step then the principal is your next step. Have a great fortnight.

Michael Rathborne

# Congratulations

to the following students who have  
reached Double Platinum this week!

**AIYANA IRNSIDE**

**BEN HOWELL**

**EMILY SCHULLER**

**These students will receive their level certificates  
at the assembly on Wednesday 30 October 2013**



Aiyana Ironside, Ben Howell and Emily Schuller are the last students to achieve "Double Platinum" on the Level System in 2013.

All students will begin their new year of learning on Monday 11 November 2013.

**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS  
WILL RECEIVE THEIR LEVEL  
CERTIFICATES AT THE NEXT  
ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY**

## **PLATINUM**

Kate Kynaston

Mitchell Williamson-Roe

Caitlin Giblin-Crane

Akira Speechley

## **GOLD**

Aiden Larson

Michael Ellicott

## **SILVER**

Tahlia Grant

## **BRONZE**

Joshua Leonard-McLean

William Harris



## **APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL – THANK YOU**

The school farm held a successful stall at the festival on 19 October 2013. Over the year we had prepared the plants and vegetables we had for sale. We also sold some plants on behalf of Gould's Nursery. They then kindly donated half of the sale proceeds back to the school. Thank you to Jamie and Rebecca of Gould's Nursery for their kind donation.

We would also like to thank Tammy and Stuart McVean for also helping on the day.



Our brains are like muscles.  
They get stronger the more we use them!  
*We know that we can get smarter.  
That is the way our brains work!*



#### MY MOTTOS

- ☺ No pain, no gain
- ☺ Learners know trying hard matters
- ☺ I can look for ways to improve



## HOW2LEARN REPORT FROM STAGE 2

### THE DAY I DISCOVERED TEAM RECIPRO

By Preston Morton

One windy stormy day, the air was as dark as the world in complete blackout. I was slowly walking around with my teeth chattering repeatedly when suddenly a waft of smoke shot up from the ground! It was team Recipro!



The great and worthy opponents came from the Riverina, they were here on a huge mission. Their names were Innovatrix, Rezilia, Strategex and Ethicon. But the bravest one of all was Collabro! He uses his strong arms to gather up people in order for them to work together as a team.

Strategex can use his power to think quickly and learn real fast while Ethicon looks after his team and gives support to team Recipro in times of need.

I asked if I could join their wonderful and exciting group. Collabro thought for a moment and then said in a deep dark voice "are you brave enough and strong enough to be part of such a group?"

I stood there in silence as he rattled off further questions for half an hour. Then I awoke from my own little world and listened to what he had to say. Collabro offered me a special potion that I should drink to provide me with special powers. I drank it down in one big gulp!

I felt a strange sensation run down my body. I felt so amazing. Collabro said "Preston, you will from now on be known as Learnatrix. You will help us to help others by empowering them to find out what to do when they don't know what to do".



I was astonished. It was the best day of my life. I couldn't wait to get out there and help my friends to be the best that they can be by simply being resilient, responsible, resourceful, reflective and reciprocal.



# Community News

## **TUMUT EAGLES TWILIGHT SOCCER COMPETITION**

The Eagles are running a summer twilight competition for junior and senior players. Juniors and sub-juniors will commence on Monday 11 November 2013 and seniors on Friday 15 November 2013. All players must be registered and paid up before they play. Self-registration can be done on the MyFootballClub website or with Matt Henman at Tumut Exhaust and Brake or on Wednesday 30 October 2013 between 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm at the Bull Paddock. Enquiries 0408 846818.

## **BATLOW CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP**

Do you care for someone with health issues? A support group has been formed in Batlow. The group meets every second and fourth Friday of the month at 12.30 pm in the RSL Club Auditorium. For more information contact Margaret Pullen on mobile 0488 535 301

## **BATLOW APPLE TREE LEARNING CENTRE - HALLOWEEN DISCO**

Thursday 31 October 2013, 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm

Batlow Bowling Club, Cost is \$2.00 per child or \$5.00 per family.

Prizes awarded for Best Dressed. Hotdogs (\$2.50), fruit boxes (\$1.00), lolly bags (50c)

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**

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## **BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL BIRRALEE 2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER FORM**

**Pre-order your copy now and return this order form to the school office by Monday 5 November, 2013.**

**Please Note:** parents who took advantage of the early payment and discount of the voluntary contributions by Friday 12 April, 2013 will receive a free copy of Birralee 2013.

You do not need to fill out this order form, it is only for other parents/students/community members who wish to purchase a school magazine.

*If you are unsure if you qualify for a copy of Birralee, please contact the school office on 69491208.*

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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of Birralee 2013 at \$8.00 each including GST.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is in Year \_\_\_\_\_ child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) Date: \_\_\_\_\_





On Friday 8 November 2013 the school will stop to celebrate the achievements of students for the 2013 academic school year. On this day students will have the opportunity to come together to engage in learning activities that allow them to explore their creative and curious minds through art, cooking, dance and design.

**We look forward to celebrating with all of our Batlow Technology School learning superheroes!**

