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# Batlow Technology School

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## Dedication to Mrs Menon

*The unveiling of a sign which will be installed on the present "C" Block, renaming the building the "Christine Menon Infants Building" took place on*

*Friday 8 November 2013*

*Mrs Penelope Power and her two children attended the dedication assembly before joining the staff and students in our*

*"Celebration of Learning Day" activities which marked the end of the 2013 school year at Batlow Technology School. Students begin their new year of learning on Monday 11 November 2013*



### BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Principal

Mr Michael Rathborne

Executive Teachers

Mrs Vicki Dodd

Mr Mark McDonell

Mrs Amelia White

Miss Marian Williamson

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Kindergarten Full Day Transition

Thursday 14 November 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.**

What a fantastic week! An extremely well attended Presentation Night that was a huge success followed by a wonderful "Celebration of Learning Day". Thanks to all staff, students, community members and special guests who were able to join us and help make these events such a success.

Just a few statistics; 50% of our students had above 95% attendance, just under 10% had 100% attendance for the school year. Missing school puts gaps in your education so it is wonderful to see so many students with such high attendance. I know that there were significant numbers of students with between 90% and 95% attendance as well.

100% of students were awarded Bronze level; 93% Silver; 76% Gold; 42% Platinum; just on 10% received Double Platinum level and 5% of students achieved the new "Learning Super Hero Award".

Congratulations to each and every student for their efforts in 2013 I know I speak for the staff when I say we are all very proud of you.

A thought for future;

**The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it. But that it is too low and we reach it. Michelangelo**

Have a great fortnight.

## Celebration Day



*Miss Sharni Williams pictured left, (a former Batlow Technology School Student and Captain of the Australian Women's Rugby Union Sevens team) was a special guest at Presentation Night and "Celebration of Learning Day" activities*

*The late Mrs Menon's daughter, Mrs Penelope Power, pictured above with her children were special guests at the dedication assembly and also attended the "Celebration of Learning Day" activities*

# Presentation Night



***Abbie Melrose - School Dux***



**Lilly Kirkby Year 10 and Brendan Ironside Year 12  
recipients of the  
Australian Defence Force Long Tan Awards for  
Leadership and Team work**



***Ben Howell  
Most Outstanding Primary Student***



***Mitchell Williamson-Roe  
Academic Excellence in Primary***





*A full list of Award winners will be published in the next issue of "Scoop"*



#### MY MOTTOS

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



**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!***

## HOW2LEARN REPORT FROM YEAR 8

How we learn in Year 8 has been both exciting and challenging this year. Students have been introduced to new ways of learning and thinking about their education. One of the biggest changes has been the implementation of learning journals.

Here are a few examples of their learning journeys:

**Resourcefulness:** Use a calculator in Maths - Rahil Pratap

**Resilience:** Cleaning my room - Brianna McVean

**Resourcefulness:** Asking my friend for help - Imigine Shoemark

**Resilience:** In dance, learning new routines - Loren Murrell

**Reflectiveness:** I remember to lay up in Basketball - Joel Williams

**Responsibility:** Looking after my little brother - Michael Ellicott

**Resourcefulness:** Asking meaningful questions in English - Taylah Bowman

**Resilience:** Managing distractions in class - Hannah Collins

**Reflectiveness:** Reflecting on words I spelt incorrectly for spelling - Jacqueline Osborne-Jaques







## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Just a reminder that the first full day of the transition to Kindergarten program will begin this Thursday 14 November 2013. The bell will ring at 9.00 am for students to come into class. Students will be required to bring; recess, fruit for "Crunch and Sip", lunch, a hat and a drink bottle. Parents can pick their children up from the front gate at 3.20 pm.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child to help support them to become more **reciprocal**, **resilient**, **resourceful**, **responsible** and **reflective**.

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.**

## FOR SALE BY TENDER

Batlow Technology School has 'surplus to needs' 18 bookcases available to be purchased by tender.

- 17 bookcases - 2 m high , 90 cm wide and 18 cm deep
- 2 bookcases - 1m high, 120 cm wide and 30 cm deep

The tender process will end on Monday 18 November at close of business – 3.30 pm.

**The tendering process is as follows:**

Address your envelope to: **Confidential - The Principal**

Place your tender inside and seal the envelope.

The following information is required:

- Tender for bookcase/s
- Your name
- The amount tendered
- A contact phone number or mobile number

Successful tenders will be notified by telephone, payment will be required before pickup. Arrangements should also be made to pick up the item/s during school hours.



## Community News

**TUMUT REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL TRIALS – TUMUT BASKETBALL STADIUM**

**SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2013 FOR THE 2014 YEAR.**

10.00 am for Under 12's, 11.00 am for Under 14's, 12.00 pm for Under 16's and 1.00 pm for Under 18's.

Please bring a drink bottle and appropriate footwear. Persons interested in coaching or managing teams please contact Jason Beavan 0418 430 905.