

# BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL



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**30 November 2018**

**Term 4 – Week 7**



Year 12~2018 Formal



## Principal's Message

Schools are dynamic places and each year we undertake a number of transitions with our students. In the last few weeks alone, Batlow Technology School has commenced orientation for our new 2019 Kindergarten students, Year 6 students have participated in high school programs, the Year 12 students have finalised their studies and attended their final Graduation Dinner and finally the Year 6 students will attend their Graduation Dinner next Thursday.

It is important to our staff, that we conduct these experiences, as it serves to recognise significant milestones in the students' education.

Currently staff are finalising the last assessment tasks for the year and these will contribute towards the reporting process which is well under way. The individual reports will be issued in the final weeks of the term. I would encourage parents to discuss aspects of the reports with our teachers and Year advisers prior to the school vacation.

As the final weeks of the year zip past, staff are also preparing for presentation night which will be held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 6.00 pm. This is a most positive evening, providing staff and the community a further opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of students.

Students will also be recognised for their ongoing commitment to school life through their inclusion in either the Primary or Secondary Wellbeing excursions. The merit system for 2018 closes this week with successful students receiving an invitation to attend next week. There will be a minimal cost to students to participate in the wonderful activities planned. I am confident that the students will not be disappointed.

After an extremely long break from school dances, Mr Bell has reignited the Batlow School Disco. The evening was split into two sessions allowing primary and secondary students to celebrate comfortably with their peers. The disco was an opportunity for students to celebrate the 150 years that our school has been established. The success of the night was well supported by the great tunes that DJ Steven Stuenkel provided. The dance floor was crowded throughout the night with outrageous singing and unique dance techniques... and that was just the staff. Apparently, Mr Kass and students have developed the 'Batlow Shuffle'. Students were very appreciative of the opportunity and have strongly encouraged staff to consider another disco in 2019. A special thanks to Mr Gorrie and his technical team who maintained a terrific light show throughout the night.

As we are now into summer, the urge to go swimming increases. The ability to swim for any Australian child is a necessity. The Primary staff have once again developed a comprehensive swim program for all Primary students regardless of their ability. Primary students will have the opportunity to develop their aquatic skills over the next ten days. Ex-student, Hannah Collins, will assist staff this year.

Have a great week

Greg Hodges  
Principal



### BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Principal

Mr Greg Hodges

Relieving Assistant Principal

Mr Anthony Carroll

Head Teacher

Mr Mark McDonell

Relieving Head Teacher

Mr Andrew Piper



## What's on at BTS

**Each Tuesday** (except Week 4 and Week 8)  
Robotics 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

**Every Thursday**  
Home Learning Club 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

**Thursday 29 December 2018, Friday 30 November 2018, Tuesday 4 December 2018, Wednesday 5 December 2018, Thursday 6 December 2018, Monday 10 December 2018 until Friday 14 December 2018**  
Primary Swimming School and Water Safety

**Wednesday 5 December 2018**  
Kindergarten 2019 (9.00 am until 3.00 pm)

**Wednesday 5 December 2018**  
Love Bites Year 9/10

**Thursday 6 December 2018**  
Year 6 Dinner

**Friday 11 December 2018**  
Rotary Club of Batlow  
Carols by Candlelight

**Friday 14 December 2018**  
Welfare trip, Year 7-Year 11

**Monday 17 December 2018**  
Welfare trip, Kindergarten to Year 6

**Wednesday 19 December 2018**  
Presentation Night 6.00 pm  
Last day of 2018

School Canteen everyday

## LEARNING HUB NEWS



First student to complete our Term 4  
Christmas Puzzle Reading Challenge.

Leela is pictured with her prize of a Christmas decoration.

Well done Leela!

### P&C

Meet on Week 4 and  
Week 8 of each term in  
the Learning Hub on  
Tuesdays at 6.30 pm.  
**All welcome to attend**

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK, WEEKS 6-7, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Tobi Crouch (Year 1); Chelsea Rowley (Year 2);  
Angelus Simpson (Year 6) and Jaymin Gould (Year 4)

Jaymin Gould with family members



## BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL – AN ‘EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS’ SCHOOL (EAFS)

Since its inception in 2012, EAfS has been at the forefront of working towards better outcomes for students in the early years of schooling in both Literacy and Numeracy. From 2012 to 2016 the EAfS Phase 1 Action Plan took effect. It was developed to address the widespread inequalities in learning outcomes known to exist from the earliest years of schooling in NSW schools serving low socio-economic status communities. A total of 448 schools received support through the Action Plan. These schools enrolled more than 41,000 students K-2. The schools were widely distributed geographically across NSW.

The evaluation of the 2012-16 action plan provided some important lessons to inform its next phase. In particular, the importance of:

- targeted support from schools sectors
- school leadership
- instructional leaders
- quality teaching
- Data analysis and formative assessment.

Batlow Technology School joined Phase 2 of the EAfS in 2017.

The **NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017-20** has committed an additional \$340 million over 4 years to maintain and extend the focus on instructional leadership. Early Action for Success Phase 2 is the department's implementation of the strategy's priority to continue to focus on intervention in the early years of schooling.

Early Action for Success Phase 2 aims to improve students' performance through a targeted approach in the early years by:

- early identification of the level of attainment in literacy and numeracy of each individual child from Kindergarten to Year 2
- differentiating teaching practice that focuses on the needs of the individual student
- using targeted interventions in literacy and/or numeracy according to need
- Ongoing monitoring of student progress against the literacy and numeracy learning progressions.

The role of Instructional Leader at Batlow Technology School is to invest time and support in the K-2 area to create a real shift with high levels of monitoring, responsive teaching, planning and teaching that is matched to students' needs.

The strategy involves the following:

- early identification of the level of attainment in literacy and numeracy of each individual child (K-2) and tailoring a specific program of learning to that child's needs
- change in teaching practice from a focus on the whole class to a focus on the needs of the individual student
- Ongoing, close monitoring of individual student progress against the Literacy and Numeracy progressions through Data collection.
- Evidence-based use of tiered interventions in literacy or numeracy according to need.

I was appointed Instructional Leader K-2 in 2017 and I am committed to implementing the structures and support needed in our school to improve student outcomes.

Paula Cooper  
Instructional Leader



## CREATIVE ARTS MEETS [HOME] SCIENCE

Students in Year 2-4 have been making puppets – we began studying puppets in Term 3 as a merging of Creative Arts and Science. We began by studying toys that ‘push’ and ‘pull’ which led to looking at marionettes and then making puppets using various materials. The students have learned to sew and create toys.

Here are a few photos:



Rebecca Foster, Year 2/3/4 Teacher

### **BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL** **2019** **PRIMARY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**



Year	Equipment
K/1	Headphones, library bag and a hat.
2/3/4	Headphones with microphones, pencil cases (max 20cm x 30cm to fit on desk), USB, library bag and a hat.
3/4/5/6	Headphones with microphones, pencil cases (max 20cm x 30cm to fit on desk), USB, library bag, a hat and painting shirt.

**NAMES NEED TO BE CLEARLY MARKED ON ALL EQUIPMENT**



## DEEP SPACE VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

Ex Batlow Student Lisa Horsley, is the Research Coordinator for ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGrav) at the Swinburne University of Technology in Victoria.

Lisa has offered Batlow Technology School the opportunity to participate in an innovative experience for our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Lisa from Swinburne University in collaboration with OzGrav's programs will present students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in deep space within our Solar system and think creatively to problem solve and complete a range of scientific literacy and numeracy based activities about the objects within our Solar System.

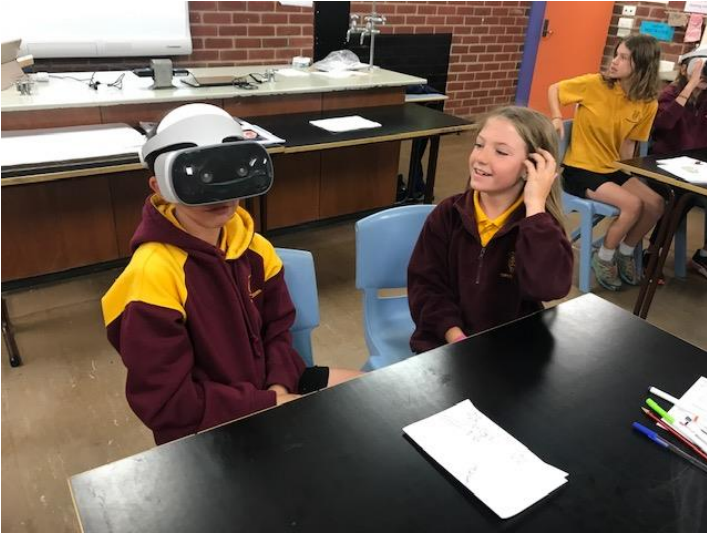


OzGrav Schools Program combines classic scientific modelling with immersive virtual reality. In this incursion, students will collaborate in teams to create a model of stellar evolution by collecting and analysing data from a virtual trip to nearby stars. Students will use the laws of physics and the freedom of virtual reality to learn about how stars change over time and the tools scientists can use to study stars.

Students worked in teams to collect data in a stand-alone VR headset. They analyse data about a star's temperature, size and composition, to create a model to understand the life cycle of a star.











## Christmas Prizes

Prize Winners  
Announced at  
Assembly Week 9

Entries to be  
given to your  
teacher lunchtime  
Friday Week 8.

You can have  
your work  
proofread by your  
teacher.

Write for fun,  
Make readers  
laugh.

# FRIDAY WEEK 8 CHRISTMAS WRITING CHALLENGE

## Write a Christmas Story

Write a short story (no more than 500 words) about something special that happened from one of the Christmas pictures above. Your story should be properly punctuated, have paragraphs and make sense when you read it aloud. You can hand your writing to your teacher either typed or written by hand. Just make sure that your story is your own work.

Batlow

Technology  
School

Primary Writers





## 150 YEARS' CELEBRATION DISCO

On Thursday 15 November 2018, Batlow Technology School held our 150 years celebration-Disco at the school hall. Primary students attended from 4.30 pm until 6.30 pm and High school students from 6.30 pm until 9.00 pm. The students dressed in an array of styles to match the fun theme: 'Fashion trends throughout history!' Staff dressed as the stars from the hit band ABBA and showed off their moves-at least the ones they could still remember.

The students were enthralled with the outstanding DJ style of the one and only DJ Stuenkel who was supported by his grooving apprentice Kurt Stuenkel. The disco had delicious party food and drinks in a canteen coordinated by the wonderful SRC and the building was lit by an impressive array of colourful lights controlled by the student stage crew. The parents commented that the dancing was to a superb level with even Mr Hodges attempting to 'Floss'.

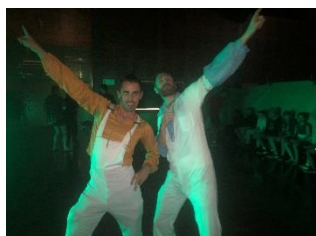
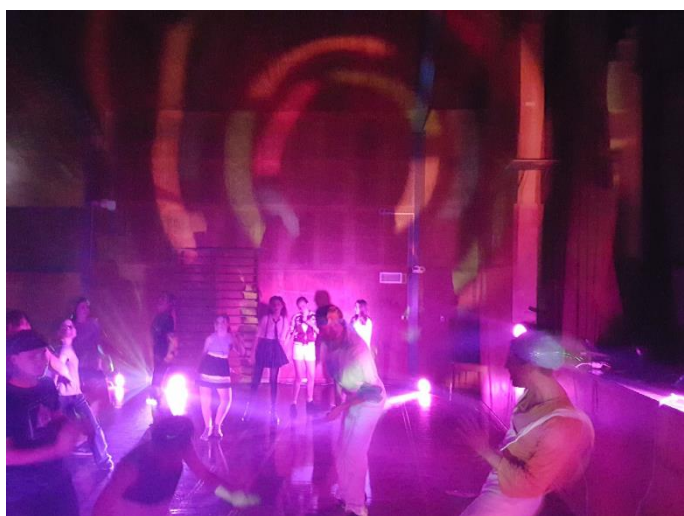
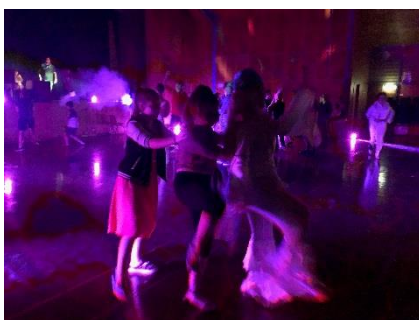
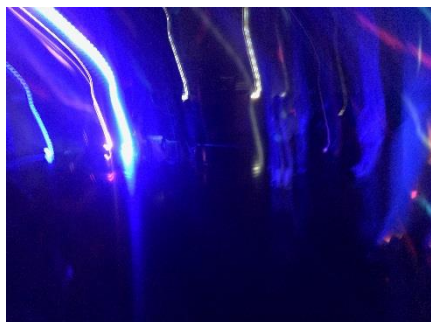
Dylan Taylor was noted for inventing the 'Batlow step' a move that shall enter the local style for years to come and a multitude of students won prizes throughout the many primary dance games and as well as following the high school dance leaders.

The music reflected the diverse interests of the kids but was predominately classic Australian songs and the legacy of Rock and Roll from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The behaviour of all the students who attended was so outstanding and positive that the school has decided to make it an annual event.

Thank you to the staff for their support dedicating their own time for our students, thank you to the parents for helping your children dress up and teaching them not only a great taste in music but all your best moves. Finally a huge thank you to DJ Stuenkel for supporting locals and putting your personalised spin on this event.

What a delightful way to celebrate the way Batlow Technology School has impacted the community. Do not forget to keep watching the music channel to add to your groove for next time!

*Mr Christopher Bell, Organising Teacher*







## GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK EXCURSION

This year's mandatory fieldwork excursion for Geography allowed students from Years 7-10 to discover the gold rich waterfalls in Adelong. The students braved the gloomy weather to walk around the track, climb the rocks and get up close to the old gold processing site. The students were fascinated with the idea that our communities developed from a small group of people seeking their fortune and embraced the exploration of nature.

They were elated to realise Batlow's involvement in the local gold rush. Several students acknowledged that this was their first ever visit to the hidden gem and have identified the wish to return and swim in the warmer weather during the Christmas holidays. The students practised various skills on the day, which included identifying native flora and fauna, reading maps, drawing geographic sketches and synthesising information from the useful signage established by the local council. Tourists acknowledged how well behaved our students were and smiled at their excitement for the adventure.

Thank you to all staff and students who made the day so enjoyable, we look forward to more geographic adventures in the future.

*Mr Christopher Bell, English/History Teacher*





## YEAR 12 FORMAL

Friday 9 November 2018 saw the students of Year 12 celebrate their last official day at Batlow Technology School. They finished their HSC exams and were ready to celebrate with their families and teachers. Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2018, you are all a credit to your families, Batlow Technology School and our community. I am very proud to have been your Year Adviser and all of the year group displayed wonderful maturity and positive interactions on the night.

The students all looked beautiful in their evening clothes and have grown into fine young citizens, they are all excited to be entering the next phase of their lives and I wish them all the best for their futures.

*Mrs Michelle Wainwright, Year 12 Year Adviser*





## ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within seven days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the seven-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

## HYNE TIMBER MILL-TUMBARUMBA

Nine students from Batlow Technology High and Tumbarumba High had the opportunity to meet and greet with Hyne Timber leaders, learn about the apprenticeships/vacancies along with our recruitment process. They also toured the site last Thursday 22 November 2018.



## BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL TO RECEIVE AIR-CONDITIONING

The first round of the \$500 million Cooler Classrooms Fund will provide schools with new air conditioning units that will give students healthy and comfortable learning environments.

Schools in areas that have an average maximum January temperature of 30 degrees or more will automatically receive air conditioning. While all other schools can apply for funding on a needs basis. Previously only schools with an average maximum January temperature of 33 degrees or more were air-conditioned.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the NSW Government is delivering on their commitment to providing healthy learning environments where students and teachers can thrive, no matter the weather.

"From Tumbarumba to Mullumbimby, Bathurst South to Cecil Hills, students and teachers around NSW will benefit from new air conditioning in their school," Ms Berejiklian said.

Education Minister Rob Stokes said the Cooler Classrooms program was both economically and environmentally sustainable.

"We're installing solar panels and 'smart systems' alongside the air conditioning units, so schools can offset their additional energy use and efficiently heat and cool their schools," Mr Stokes said.



The 40km/h school zones operate at all school sites on gazetted school days, including school development days. The 40km/h school zone slows traffic around schools. The 40km/h speed limit must be observed, even if school children cannot be seen.

Most school zones operate from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm on gazetted school days.

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. They are identified by red/orange school zone signs to show non-standard times. Signs at these schools show the times that apply.

All NSW schools have school zone flashing lights to warn drivers that they must slow down to 40 km/h. Drivers caught speeding in school zones during double demerit periods face more severe penalties. The Centre for Road Safety website lists the [publically notified school days in NSW](#)



## School uniforms

The wearing of school uniforms by students helps build self-confidence and a sense of connection with their community. It is important that school uniform requirements are developed in collaboration with the school community.

## FLASH-READ COMPETITION

Flash read competition was created by Mr Bell in an effort to promote reading particularly to students who love a challenge or struggle to read through a novel over extended periods of time. Gateway Bookshop was kind enough to support this idea by donating one gift voucher to each of the participants who accomplish the challenge.

The contest requires students to read an entire teen fiction novel within the allotted two-week period. The selected novel is a dystopian text written by Kass Morgan called 'The 100'. The novel is the first in the series by Morgan and its popularity is ever increasing as it inspired the hit TV series with the same name currently showing on TV. The novel focuses on teen protagonists and the futuristic peril that they must overcome to



ensure survival. Fifteen students volunteered for the competition and our hope is that they are all able to dedicate the time during this busy period to achieve their goal and spend their Gateway Bookshop vouchers in time for Christmas!

The novels must be completed by lunchtime on Friday 7 December 2018. Good luck and happy reading!

*Mr Christopher Bell,  
English/History Teacher*



## BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL 2019 SECONDARY BOOK AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



Subject	Equipment and/or Book Requirements
<b>Year 7 and Year 8</b>	
Art	1 x 11" by 14" black plastic covered Art Diary A3 (can be purchased from the school \$8.00) has 60 pages 1 x 2B pencil, 1 x black fine line felt pen (eg 0.4)
Computer	1 x A4 display folder
English	1 x 180 page book and A4 display folder
Geography	1 x 128 page book (not shared with History) and A4 display folder
History	1 x 128 page book (not shared with Geography) and A4 display folder
LOTE (language other than English)	1 x 128 page book A4 1 x display folder
Maths	1 x 196 page 5 mm grid book (practical) 1 x 96 page lined (theory) "MUST HAVE CALCULATOR" \$21.00 available from school office
Music	A4 Music exercise book with <b>manuscript</b> section in middle, plus, display folder to hold loose leaf sheets. Thumb drive, headphones
PDHPE	1 x 196 page book 1 x display folder
Science	1 x 128 page book (A4 size)
Technology (mandatory)	Apron \$6.60 available from school office + canvas bag for job storage
<b>Year 9 and Year 10</b>	
Drama	1 x A4 Art book (can be purchased from the school \$3.50) or 1 x 196 page book
English	1 x 196 page book and A4 display folder
Food Technology	1 x 64 page book Container (plastic type) for practical lessons
Geography	1 x 180 page book and A4 display folder
History	1 x 180 page book and A4 display folder
Maths	1 x 196 page 5 mm grid book (practical) 1 x 96 page lined (theory) "MUST HAVE CALCULATOR" \$21.00 available from school office
Music	A4 Music exercise book with <b>manuscript</b> section in middle, plus, display folder to hold loose leaf sheets. Headphones
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)	1 x 196 page book 1 x display folder
Physical Activity and Sport Studies (PASS)	1 x 196 page book
Science	1 x 128 page book (A4 size)
Industrial Technology	Apron (\$6.60 available at school) and USB
Design and Technology	1 x 128 page book

Please note: All students (Year 7 to Year 12) require a thumb drive, which will be used for all subjects.

Please note: request for financial assistance is available, in writing to the principal



Year 11	
<b>Ancient History</b>	1 x 256 page book, 1 x display folder and palm cards
<b>Modern History</b>	2 x 128 page binder books or 1 x display folder and palm cards
<b>Biology</b>	1 x 256 page book (A4 size) 1 x display folder USB A4 binder folder
<b>Construction</b>	Long sleeve shirt
<b>Design and Technology</b>	Folder A4
<b>English</b>	2 x display folders and loose leaf paper, 1 x 256 page books and palm cards
<b>Hospitality (VET)</b>	Folder A4
<b>Industrial Technology</b>	Apron (\$6.60 available at school) USB
<b>Mathematics</b> - General 1 - General 2 - Advanced Maths	1 x 196 page book 5mm grid book 1 x 196 page book 1 x 256 page grid book or equivalent "MUST HAVE CALCULATOR" \$21.00 available from school office
<b>Metal and Engineering (VET)</b>	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplied by school
<b>Music</b>	Headphones, Clear display folder, 1 x 128 page book and A4 music book with manuscript in the middle
<b>Sport Lifestyle and Recreation (SLR)</b>	2 x 128 page books
<b>Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)</b>	1 x 256 page book 1 x display folder
<b>Society and Culture</b>	1 x 256 page book, 1 x display folder and palm cards

Year 12	
<b>Ancient History</b>	1 x 256 page binder books or 1 x display folder and palm cards
<b>Biology</b>	1 x 128 page book (A4 size) 1 x display folder
<b>Design and Technology</b>	Folder A4
<b>Drama</b>	2 x 128 page books and 2 x 180 page books
<b>English</b>	2 x display folders and loose leaf paper 1 x 256 page binder books and palm cards
<b>Hospitality (VET)</b>	Folder A4
<b>Industrial Technology</b>	Apron (\$6.60 available at school) + USB
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<b>All students will need:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>black, blue and red ballpoint pens</li> <li>ruler marked in mm</li> <li>a scientific calculator (<i>EL-531 Sharp</i> - available from the school for \$21.00 GST inclusive)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>glue stick</li> <li>pencils (HB or 2H)</li> <li>eraser (soft)</li> <li>dictionary</li> <li>coloured pencils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>set of headphones</li> <li>highlighters</li> <li>geometry set</li> <li>apron \$6.60 available from the school</li> <li>thumb drive</li> </ul>

**Please note: that liquid paper, permanent textas and metal rules are banned at Batlow Technology School**

## STUDENT RELATED COMMUNITY NEWS



Chayse Membrey in Year 6 has been recognised for his motorcycle racing throughout the Riverina. In recent months, Chayse has been placed first in the 'Leaping Log' endurance racing and placed second in motocross.

The photo show Chayse proudly displaying his 'Encouragement trophy' awarded by the Wagga Wagga Motorcycle Club for 2018.



## 150 YEARS CELEBRATION DISCO

