

# BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

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30 October 2020

Term 4 – Week 3 (A)



COOKING UP A STORM AT BTS



# Principal's Message

Dear Parent

Welcome back to Term 4, as always, the year passes us by very quickly. Term 4 is always a very busy time. Year 12 students have commenced their HSC exams, we wish them well at this time and encourage them and their families to try and stay calm and relaxed as these students finish the final step of their schooling.

Currently, we are writing our 2021-2024 school plan, to assist us we would appreciate the attached survey to be completed by our parents which will support the school in the creation of our new school plan.

Term 4 will see: reports, presentation event, NAIDOC Week, Book Week, specific sport instruction, debating and formals occurring all within a COVID-19 safe environment. Students will be actively involved and engaging with learning activities to finish the school year.

Kindergarten orientation and Year 6 into 7 transition days are part of Term 4, if you have any queries please call the school office on 6949 1208.

Please remember, all students are required to wear hats on the playground, there is no supervision in the morning until 8.45 am. If your child is late to school, they will require a note of explanation so that we can update our attendance data.

P&C will be meeting next Tuesday 3 November 2020 in the RSL Club Boardroom at 6.30 pm, all parents are welcome to join us and discuss the latest happenings at Batlow Technology School.

Batlow Technology School has an executive staff which is Miss Fallon Assistant Principal Primary, Mr Piper Head Teacher and Mrs Kass Relieving Head Teacher, Secondary. We also have Year Advisers, Girls and Boys Adviser. Staff are here to assist parents with any queries. When you ring the school for support the School Administrative Office staff will ensure you are directed to the appropriate person.

Enjoy the next few weeks and please call the office for any assistance.

*Michelle Wainwright*  
*Principal*



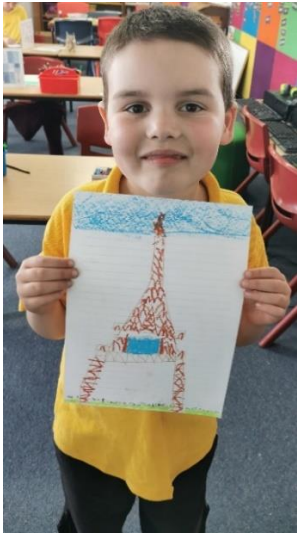
# SCHOOL NEWS

## KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1

### GEOGRAPHY – PEOPLE LIVE IN PLACES AND PEOPLE AND PLACES

Students in Kindergarten/Year 1 have been looking at people and places and the importance of these places and how to care for these places. Incorporating Visual Arts into our lesson, students chose a place that was important or famous and they represented this place by drawing it and writing about it. (Ciara Reid – Absent)

*Miss Cooper, Kindergarten/Year 1 Teacher*



Brodie-Eiffel Tower



Mira-Sugar Pine Walk



Charlie-Eiffel Tower



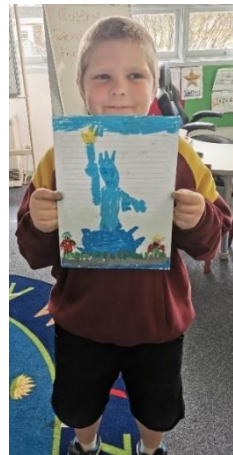
Kyle-Eiffel Tower



Josie-Home



Brent-Eiffel Tower



Tyson-Statue of Liberty



James-Sugar Pine



Harper-A famous museum



Damon-Sugar Pine

### P&C

Meet on Week 4 and  
Week 8 of each term in  
the Batlow RSL Club  
Boardroom at  
6.30 pm.

**All welcome to attend**



## EGGS YEAR 3/4/5

Mr Dewar and his spring chickens had a cooking eggs-travagana in Week 10 last term, making ten egg cups, two boiled eggs, two poached eggs, two fried eggs, two eggs in bread, scrambled eggs for seven and an omelette for Mrs Wainwright. Simple, delicious and fun.

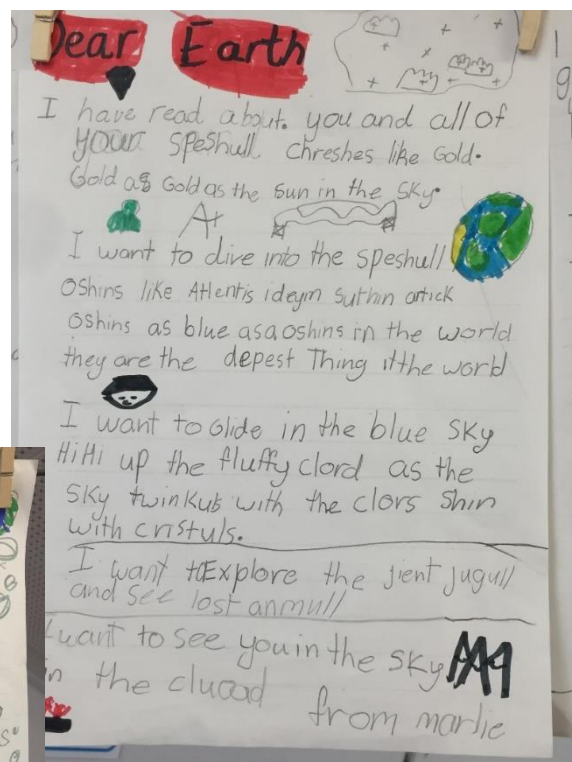
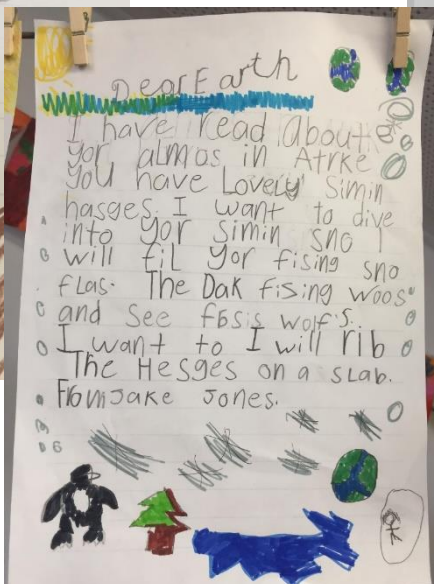
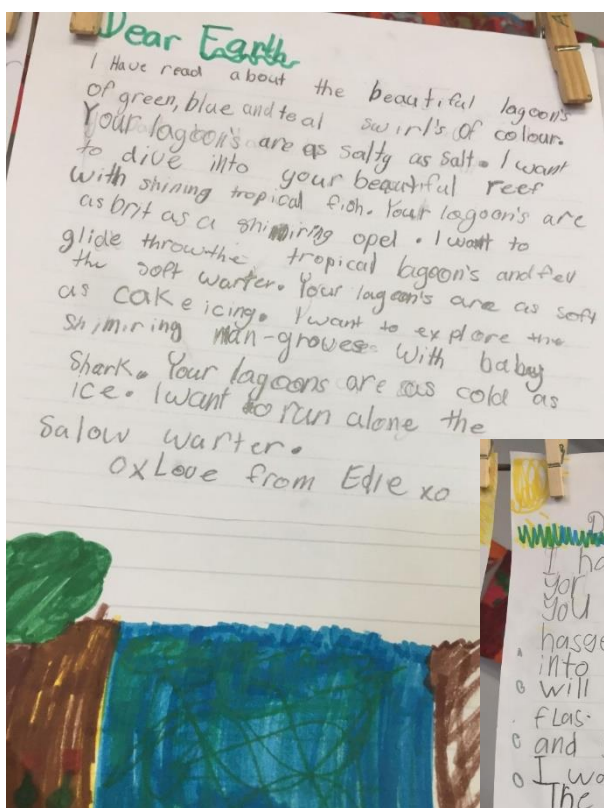
Thanks to Mrs Elliott for her assistance and photography. We all had such a great time that in Week 4 we will again prepared more delicious egg dishes. This time, the egg in bread proved to be most popular.



Mr Dewar, Year 3/4/5 Teacher

## NEWS FROM YEAR 2/3

Year 2/3 have enjoyed a happy and productive start to learning in Term 4! In science, geography and English we are studying concepts of environmental sustainability and resource management. We have explored quality texts in English including "Dear Earth", "What a Wonderful World" and "A River". Taking inspiration from "Dear Earth", we wrote our own letters to Earth using beautiful imagery and similes.



In science, this fortnight we have learnt that “everything comes from something” and have studied the origins of some tasty treats, clothes and even toys.



Maths lessons are always fun and engaging, with students studying fractions and concepts of whole number. Maths card and dice games to develop number sense and addition strategies are always a fun start to the maths lesson.

*Miss Singleton, Year 2/3 Teacher*

## **HOCKEY COACHING KINDERGARTEN/YEAR1**

Despite the freezing cold conditions on Monday 26 October 2020, Kindergarten and Year 1 gave hockey a red-hot go!!

Students practiced holding a hockey stick, dribbling and Indian dribbling. The students had so much fun and they are all looking forward to participating in this for the next three Mondays of Term 4.

*Miss Cooper, Kindergarten/Year 1 Teacher*





## YEAR 6 COOKING LESSON

Miss Fallon's Year 6 class has been cooking this term with students learning to read and follow procedures, safely use the kitchen appliance and utensils. Students have baked white chocolate and berry muffins and apple slice the students were required to peel, slice and stew their apples, as well as make their pastry. Students love to then share their creations and eat them with one another.

*Miss Fallon, Assistant Principal/Year 6 Teacher*



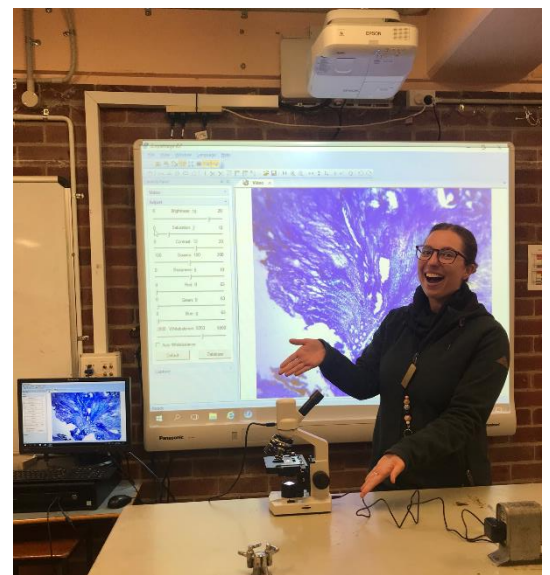
## BATLOW DIGITAL MICROSCOPE

Mrs Kass is pictured with the school's newest digital microscope.

It allows specimens to be projected onto the smart board. This means that students can observe specimens simultaneously, they can see specimens in larger detail with the zoom function and students with limited vision have access to microscopic images!!

Mrs Kass is excited to use this technology with all stages.

*Mrs Kass, Relieving Head Teacher, Science Teacher*



28 October 2020

## **Stay safe from COVID-19 this Halloween**

As Halloween creeps closer, NSW Health is offering trick or treaters some advice on staying safe from COVID-19, which is still lurking in the shadows.

Executive Director of NSW Health Protection, Dr Jeremy McAnulty, said as long as levels of community transmission remain low, NSW Health is supportive of Halloween celebrations going ahead.

“Halloween celebrations will need to be a little different this year due to COVID-19 and we are urging everyone in the community to play their part,” Dr McAnulty said.

NSW Health advises:

- It should be a front-yard event, not a front-door event (keep it outdoors and have no more than 20 people on your property at any one time)
- Provide closed packaging for treats and instead of communal lolly bowls, consider other ways of distributing treats (e.g. strewn along the front fence, have hand sanitiser at the front gate)
- Trick or treat on a household basis (e.g. a supervising adult and children from the same household), rather than groups of young people together, with a maximum of 30 people gathering outside
- Maintain a 1.5-metre distance between people of different households – don’t all crowd together in a pack
- Keep it local – put effort into decorating the front yard rather than focusing on well-known “treat streets” which attract crowds
- Don’t share costume face masks
- Stay home if feeling unwell
- People isolating should not receive Halloween visitors
- Practice good hand hygiene and use hand sanitiser after touching common surfaces.

For more advice, see <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/halloween-advice.aspx>



# ≡COMING UP IN WEEK 5≡

## BOOK WEEK



## NAIDOC WEEK



"NAIDOC 2020. The theme, *Always Was, Always Will Be*, recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time. It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. *Always Was, Always Will Be*."

– The National NAIDOC Committee, Commonwealth of Australia, 2020. <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>

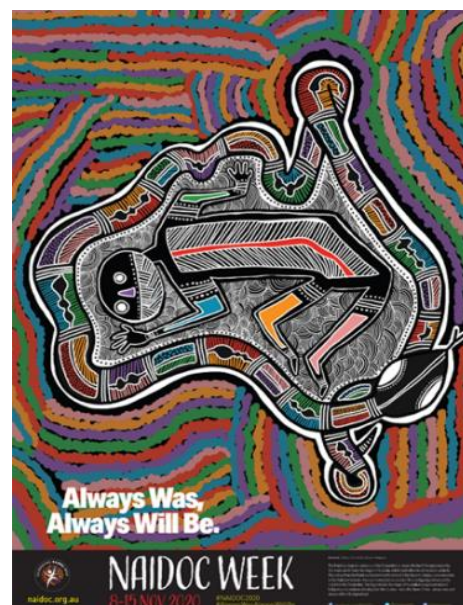
This year Batlow Technology School will engage with **Book Week** (different dates, same amount of fun!) whilst celebrating **NAIDOC week**.

During Week 5, on

FRIDAY 13  
NOVEMBER

Students will:

- **Dress up** in their favourite book character costumes, this is for Kindergarten to Year 11.
- **Study NAIDOC inspired texts** throughout their various subject areas, and
- Be provided with an individually packaged **lunch**.





## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

# WANT TO PLAY BATLOW NIGHT TENNIS?

If you are interested in playing in our 2020/2021

### Night Tennis competition

please contact us.



E-mail us

Call us

Batlow Tennis Club

[batlowtennis@gmail.com](mailto:batlowtennis@gmail.com)

Karen: 69491528 or Paula: 69491165

OR

Write your name on a '**Player interest**' sheet located at the following places around Batlow:

- \* The Batlow Post Office
- \* The Batlow Bakery
- \* The Batlow Library
- \* Batlow Technology School Learning Hub

If you are interested in playing Tennis this season and can commit to playing once a week (Tuesday night approx. 7pm start until around 9-9:30pm), please put your name down for some fun, social games.

(**Juniors** can start Night Tennis if they are in year 6 heading into **YEAR 7**).

(Yearly memberships: Juniors - \$15; Singles - \$25; Family - \$50. Ball fees per night of play \$5 each)

## BATLOW SWIM CLUB EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Week Commencing 16 November 2020,

through to pool closing, usually in March

If you would like to be involved, please go to the Batlow Swim Club

Facebook page and request membership, we are currently polling

the group to see which nights are most suitable for training and race nights

We do need Parents to assist with set-up, pack-up and time keeping

A Covid-Safe Plan will be in place for all activities

For more information, join the Facebook group, or

call Jen on **0429 491 229**

BATLOW SWIM CLUB

## Learn to Swim



Monday 4 to Friday 15 January 2021

(Dates to be confirmed)

Beginner groups (from 4yo) through to  
Advanced groups learning competitive strokes

As part of planning for a Covid-Safe

Learn-to-Swim,

we need to know numbers in advance

If you would like your children to participate,  
or for more information, please contact the

[Batlow Swim Club Facebook Group](#)

or the Club Secretary

Jen Taylor on 0429 491 229

# REMINDERS FOR TERM 4-2020

## Kindergarten

### Orientation Information 2021

#### Term 4

Week 5-Thursday 12 November 2020

9.30 am until 11.30 am

Week 7-Thursday 26 November 2020

9.30 am until 11.30 am

Week 9-Thursday 10 December 2020

9.30 am until 11.30 am

Please ensure that a completed enrolment form, birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address have been provided to the school prior to the start of Kindergarten Orientation.

Parents and carers are required to report with their child to the front office. This is the designated drop off and pick-up zone. COVID-19 safe practices will be in place and a record will be maintained for tracing purposes

**We look forward to meeting you!**



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## What's on at BTS

### Radio Talk

Friday 6 November 2020

### P&C Meeting

Tuesday 3 November 2020

### Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11 November 2020

### Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Thursday 12 November 2020

### Year 12 Formal Evening

Thursday 26 November 2020

### Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Thursday 26 November 2020

### P&C Meeting

Tuesday 1 December 2020

### Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Thursday 10 December 2020

### Last Day Term 4-Students

Wednesday 16 December 2020

### HSC Results

Friday 18 December 2020



# Evaluating School Plan 2018-2020

Please rate how effective BTS is in the following statements (1 being the least effective and 10 being the most effective).

1. My teachers know my child's learning needs.

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2. Even better if ....

3. My child has a good relationship with their teacher.

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4. Even better if ....

5. My child enjoys learning at school.

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6. Even better if ....

7. Do you believe we have high expectations for your child?

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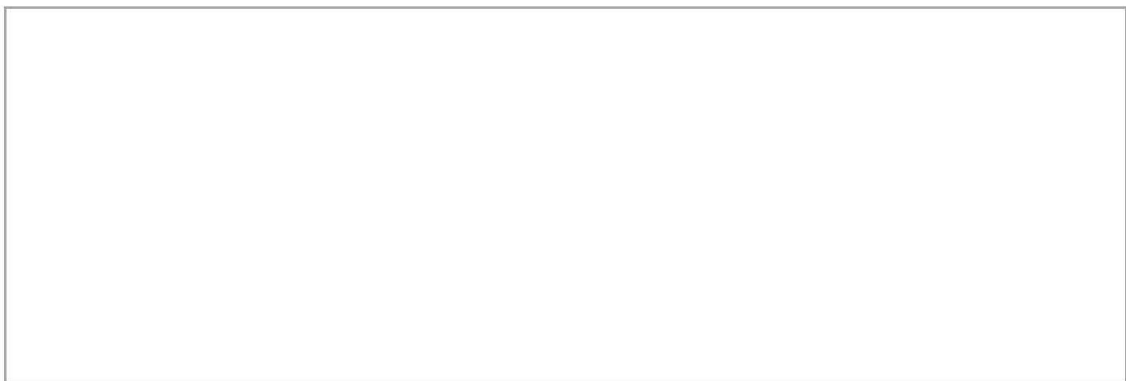
8. Even better if ....



9. My child enjoys coming to school.

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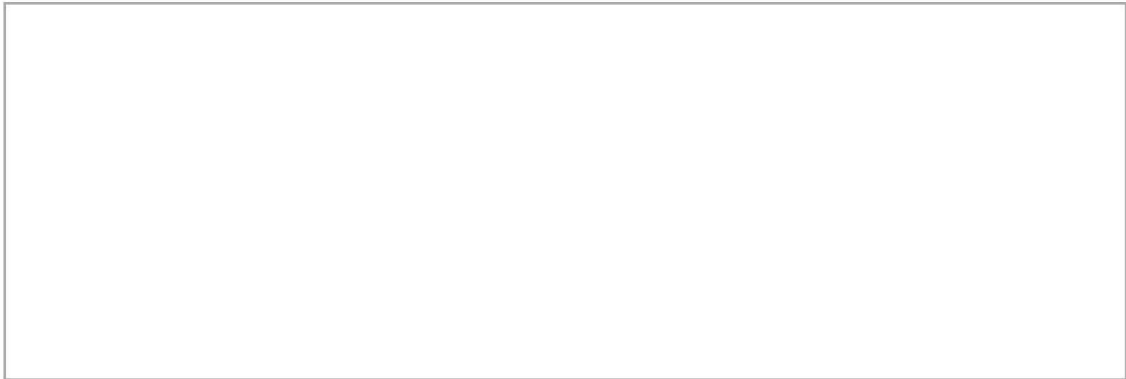
10. Even better if ....



11. My child feels a sense of belonging.

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12. Even better if ....



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Batlow Technology School is currently evaluating our 2018-2020 school plan. We are asking parent to complete the survey provided either through the hard copy, QR code or link provided.

Please send the hard copy back in with your child or scan the QR code using your phone and opening the link.