

BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

'SCOOP'

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4 September 2020

Term 3 – Week 7 (A)



Congratulations to Annie Jones and Shari Thompson from Year 5 who represented Batlow Technology School in the NAIDOC Public Speaking competition.

This year's theme, "Always was-Always will be" created great discussion in the Year 3/4/5 classroom.



Principal's Message

Dear parent

Many exciting activities involving our students have been occurring this term. It has been wonderful to see our Year 5 students participate in the NAIDOC Public Speaking competition. Shari and Annie were very proud of themselves for being able to compete. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions the public speaking activity was online instead of face-to-face at another school, this presented new challenges to which the girls were able to show maturity and engagement.



Mr Dewar continues to have the Year 3/4/5 class create: music and cooking every Thursday. They have also been entering into competitions, one of which Jayla-Marie was recognised for her efforts in poetry writing.

Year 12 Industrial Technology students have handed in their major works, the completed products look beautiful and the time and effort that has gone into their projects is to be commended. Year 12 Design and Technology major projects will be featured in the next "Scoop" as their date for completion is Week 8.

Year 12 students do not officially complete school until Week 1 Term 4 Friday 16 October 2020. We will have the formal Graduation ceremony that week, also other activities to celebrate their completion of schooling. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Notes have been sent home about Parent-Teacher interviews, please ring the school office to ensure you are given appropriate times to be able to discuss your child's schooling with their teacher.

Guidelines from the department of Education (DoE), NSW Health and the Australian Health Protection Committee (AHPPC) are still in place and this continues to guide our meetings, assemblies and many other school activities.

Due to these restrictions, Kindergarten orientation and also Year 6 into 7 orientation are on hold until further notice. If you require any assistance with both of these activities, please ring the school and we will assist you with Enrolment forms. Ms Fallon has created some Kindergarten packs for 2021 students, these will be available from Batlow Apple Tree Learning Centre and the school office.

Enjoy the beginning of Spring and please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns.

Michelle Wainwright
Principal



Principal's Awards

Tobi, Connor, Brian
and Ari

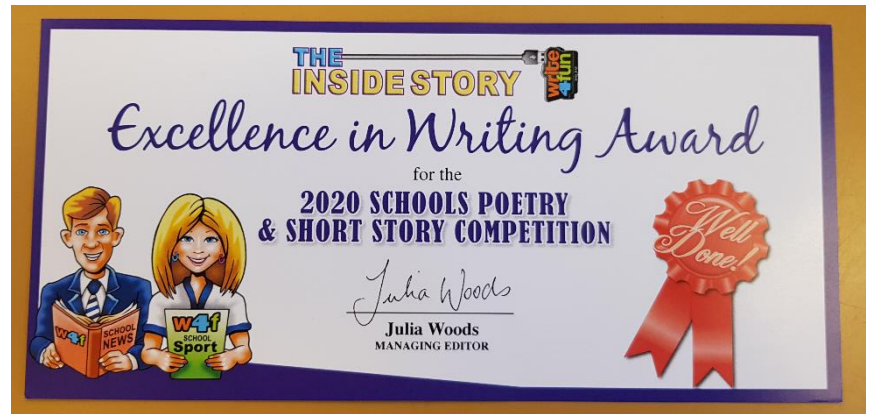
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growth and maturity
in changing classes

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations goes to Jayla-Marie in Year 4 who has been awarded a certificate for Excellent in Writing from the judges of the 2020 Schools Writing Competition for her poem 'Sun Sets'. The judges stated that they specifically enjoyed her poetry and she has been recognised in the top 5% of over 7000 entries!

Congratulations Jayla-Marie!



'THE SECRET GARDEN' by Frances Hodgson Burnett's



Mr Dewar and Year 3/4/5 are reading Frances Hodgson Burnett's amazing, classic 1911 novel 'The Secret Garden'.

The students are very engaged with the 1900s world and the 600-year-old house with over 100 locked rooms. The characters, plot twists, secrets upon secrets and the unusual Yorkshire language have created a lot of quality discussion, predictions and interest in the classroom.

Here are some reflections:

What I am loving about 'The Secret Garden' is...

- that the characters all help each other-*Annie*
- the ivy vines covering the door-*Ivy*
- all the animals, Mary and the garden-*Cate and Leela*

My favourite character so far is...

- Mary because she is learning to be loving and caring to other people-*Annie*
- Dickon because he is so interesting and he likes animals-*Emily and Shari*
- Dickon because he is a boy animal whisperer-*Adam and Tobi*
- Mr Archibald Craven because he reminds me of Snape from Harry Potter- *Ivy*

The most interesting part has been...

- when Mary discovered the buried key and unlocked the garden door after 10 years- *Ari, Hayley and Jayla*

Favourite quote so far

"Is the springtime coming?" ***"It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain falling on the sunshine, and things pushing up and working under the earth."*** Chapter 13



NAIDOC Public Speaking speech by Annie Jones, Shari Thompson, Mr Dewar and Year 3/4/5

To begin, we would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri and the Wolgalu people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, past, present and emerging. We must remember that this land, always was, always will be, traditional Aboriginal land

Australia is one of the lucky countries. We can lay claim to the oldest surviving culture anywhere on this planet. Aboriginal people called this great land home for over 65,000 years.

The traditional caretakers of this land were this nation's first inventors and scientists, the first teachers and students, doctors, builders, farmers, story tellers, artists and leaders.

Then in the 1770s the European settlers arrived, saw this amazingly diverse and valuable land as unoccupied, and they took it for themselves. We cannot believe that they could be so incredibly rude and unkind to carry out this invasion.

Over the next 100 years the first nation people suffered at the hands, the laws and the ideals of these new comers who saw the natives as primitive, uneducated and inferior.

Fast forward to the 1900s and Australia's federation, however there is no mention of the indigenous people in Australia's new rule book-the Constitution. Removed from their land. Unable to vote. Looked down upon and excluded, and they didn't even have a flag to call their own.

Sadly, the beautifully designed Aboriginal flag is now, restricted by copyright laws that need payment for the use of this powerful symbol of the land, life and the first nation people.

We have studied the very slow handover of Uluru to the traditional owners. We were shocked to hear the destruction and disrespect visitors showed this sacred landmark. As students and the future leaders of this country, we cannot help but wonder what were the past generations thinking?

We look on at the Black Lives Matter campaign and are saddened that such inequality still occurs in our own country and across the world.

As children we are taught to be kind, show respect and to include others. We think this is something that many adults need to be reminded of today.

We would like to conclude by reading a poem that our class teacher wrote especially for NAIDOC week. It is entitled, Always.

Sunrise over this ancient land

Blue sky, ocean deep

Red dust, golden sand

Our history, our traditions

Ceremony and rituals

Passed down from elder to the young

First nation, Dreaming

65,000 years of meeting

Absolutely original

Generations sadly stolen

No rights to our land we cared for

This is not fair

As the sun sets over Uluru

We must ensure,

the future generations recognise...

This land, always was

Always will be

Traditional Aboriginal land

Thank you

HSC MAJOR PROJECTS



Kurt Osborne-Jaques designed and completed a coffee table with a steel RHS frame and then fitted Red Gum timber into the spaces.

The frame took him around nine-ten weeks to complete from cutting all the steel to required lengths and fitting in the cross braces to get the desired effect he was after.

Each corner is cut so all three sections meet and took him a

bit of time to perfect, but once finished looks good.

All the red gum has been cut and shaped to fit exactly in each space then high sanded and polished with tung oil and bees wax.

Well done Kurt



Mitchel Glynn made his major project from Karri timber which he sourced from Gundagai.

Once at school it was machined down to the sizes he needed and glue together to make his base, shelf and top.

Each end has been laser etched with a mountain view and deer on it. These were then put into a frame to make his endplate for the table.

The sliding doors are barn door style which were all machined

by Mitchel and work very well.

The finished project has been highly sanded and then coated with tung oil and bees wax polish.

Well done Mitchel



Found at school



A pair of reading glasses. If you own these please let the office know and we will return them to you.



PRIMARY

Parent-Teacher Interviews
via Telephone

Monday 14 September until
Thursday 17 September 2020



Ring the school office
on 6949 1208

Secondary

Parent-Teacher Interviews
via Telephone

**Parent
Teacher**
Interviews

Monday 14 September 2020 until
Friday 18 September 2020

Ring the school office on 6949 1208



FOR TENDER FURNITURE SALE



Four x four draw filing cupboard



One mobile shelf unit



One office chair on wheels



One large table



One Wooden table



Two chairs



One large desk with draws



One large desk unit



Two modular computer desks similar to this photo



Five office chairs



Twenty-nine double school desks



Three small school desks brown in colour



One small square table buff in colour



Bench with shelves 177 cm length x 87 cm high x 54 cm width



Chalkboard 2.4 metres x 1.25 metres



Desk with wooden top-drawers missing



Two bookcases 2 metres tall



Desk with back



Computer work station



Notice board complete with letters
2.4 metres length x 1.2 metres high



Two Pigeon hole shelf units



One round table



Front of teacher's desk



Rear view of teacher's desk



Two Square storage tub



Wooden desk with two drawers



Teachers desk with drawers



Small child's desk



Science bench chest of drawers



School desks with shelves



Six square tables 900 mm x 900 mm

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Batlow Technology School has 'surplus to needs' furniture items available to be purchased by the tender process.

We have included photographs of the items in this week's Scoop.

As the tendering process is of a confidential nature – it is as follows:

Place in an envelope marked 'confidential' – to be returned to the school office.

Or email your tender to fiona.cooper@det.nsw.edu.au.

The following information is required from you:

- **Name the particular item/s ie: bookcase**
- **Your name**
- **The amount tendered**
- **A contact phone number or mobile number**

If you wish to tender for an item, please note that all 'tenders' must be received by Monday 14 September, 2020 at close of business – 3.30 pm.

Successful tenders will be notified by telephone, payment will be required before pickup. Payment can be made in cash when picking up the item or POP (Parent Online Payment) on our school website.

Arrangements should also be made to pick up the item/s during school hours from the rear of the school opposite the multipurpose hall.

Please do not hesitate to phone the school office if you have any enquiries.

BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

FUTURE KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 12

ENROLMENTS

We are in particular need of information for any students enrolling in 2020.

Could you please assist us by filling out this form and return it to Batlow Technology School office.

The children in your family who have not yet started school:

| Child's Name | Name and Address of parents | Child's date of birth | Year of intended enrolment at BTS |
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FUTURE ENROLMENTS FOR OTHER STUDENTS

Children in families known to you who may not have access to this form:

| Child's Name | Name and Address of parents | Child's date of birth | Year of intended enrolment at BTS |
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Thank you for your assistance

Michelle Wainwright
Principal

REMINDERS FOR TERM 3-2020

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 KINDERGARTEN



Please contact the school office on

6949 1208

to arrange a time to speak to
Assistant Principal, Claudia Fallon

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

What if my child has to be away from school?

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 circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



What's on at BTS Sounds of the Mountains Radio Talk

Friday 11 September 2020
1.15 pm

Year 11 Exam Week Week 8

Monday 7 September 2020

Book Club-due back
Tuesday 8 September 2020

Parent-Teacher Interviews Primary

Monday 14 September 2020 to
Thursday 17 September 2020

Parent-Teacher Interviews Secondary

Monday 14 September 2020 to
Friday 18 September 2020

End of Term 3

Friday 25 September 2020

HSC Exams start on

Tuesday 20 October 2020

School Photo Day

Friday 23 October 2020