

# BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

## 'SCOOP'

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**Term 1 – Week 10 (B)**

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS VISIT TO SYDNEY**

Our journey to Sydney started with a 4 am departure from the school so that we were able to make it to the Wagga airport to catch our flight at 6.30 pm. The flight was very bumpy because it was very cloudy. When we arrived in Sydney, Mr Black, Jessica and I explored Sydney and grabbed some breakfast. Then it was time to head to Parliament House, where we got to meet the other schools in our electorate (Wagga High School, Koorringal High School and Mount Austin High School).

During our time at Parliament House, we learnt about the way that our government works and how it makes the decisions that shape our nation. After that, we had some light snacks for lunch and headed off to Government House. The first part was tour of the house which was much more extravagant than I could have ever imagined. Then we all went out into the garden where we were greeted by Margaret Beasley and her husband. We asked her some questions and we all went back inside so that she could meet all of us officially and just have some general conversation with her.

Once we were all done, it was time to head back to the airport where we jumped back on the plane and headed back to Wagga Wagga. Overall, it was an eye-opening experience, I had found out so many things about the government I didn't know before. I'd like to thank Mr Black for taking us to Sydney and back.

***Carter Ironside***

On Wednesday the ninth of June, Carter and I attended the School Captain excursion to Sydney, where we went to the Parliament and Government House. We started our long day at the Parliament House, meeting up with other Parliament House members, we learned how they got to where they are in the parliament. During the event we had a group activity, and we met up with our local MP for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr and discussed our local problems.

After, we went to Government House where we met the Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley. She gave us a tour of the government house. Overall it was a great day. First plane trip for me.

***Jessica Bedard***



***Carter and Jessica with Dr Joe McGirr MP***



***Carter and Jessica at Government***



## Principal's Message

### Parents and Carers

Term 2 has finished very quickly; school is such a busy place and time goes past quickly. Students have had a busy term and are very tired. I hope the holidays are a time of rest for all, space for families to reconnect and spend quality time catching up.

It is always enjoyable when students come to visit me in the office and read the stories that they have written or let me know how their day is progressing. As often as possible I visit all the classes and spend time engaging with students and become involved in their learning. Ryan came to visit me on Tuesday, sat in the Principal's chair and discussed his day and the activities that he had completed during the morning.

Students that have reached Gold level on our Merit system had lunch at the Batlow Bakery, on Wednesday, they walked to the bakery and celebrated their positive level with Ms Fallon and myself.

A reminder to all families that the office hours are 8.30 am- 3.30 pm. There is no supervision at school until 8.45 am, please try to ensure that your children are not on school grounds until that time.

Term 3 is generally colder, please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately in school uniform and if there are any queries please contact the school office.

I wish everyone a safe, warm break and welcome all students back on Tuesday 13 July 2021.

### ***Michelle and Staff***

#### ***Ryan's visit to the principal***



## SCOOP -STAFF INTERVIEWS

by Annie, Cate and Shari (Primary Leaders)

### Mrs Cooper

What's your favourite part about being at BTS?

**All the students**

For how long have you worked in Batlow?

**30+ years**

How many children do you have? **3**

What is your favourite colour? **Red**

you were an animal what animal would you be (and why)?

**Cat- because cats are a pretty choosy on who they live with and where they live.**

What is your favourite type of apple? **Jonathon**

What's your favourite flower? **Roses**



### Miss Jarnouen

What's your favourite part about being at BTS?

**To be in contact with children**

For how long have you worked in Batlow?

**Nearly 2 years**

How many children do you have?

**3 (2 boys, 1 girl)**

What is your favourite colour?

**Green**

If you were an animal what animal would you be (and why)?

**Horse- because I can escape if I ever feel under pressure**

What is your favourite type of apple? **Kanzie**

What's your favourite flower? **Gladiolus (in French Glaïeul)**







### **Cold**

It's cold  
We're now old  
Marshmallows in the chocolate  
Making my heart topple  
The fires glowing  
While it continues snowing  
Reading books in front of the fire  
We want the fire Higher! Higher! Higher!

### **Fire Poem**

It was as big as a monster  
It roared through the town  
It ate anything in its road  
And this is what it found  
Brave people taking it on  
Rooooooooooooooooar  
Batlow is saved now, thank you RFS

**Shari Thompson**  
**Year 6**

When it rains, raindrops fall  
Off the trees leaves  
Onto the ivy covered wall

When it snows,  
Snowflakes drift down,  
The trees are bare,  
A blanket of snow covers the ground

When the sun shines bright,  
The trees are green.  
The days are long,  
But then light fades into night

When it's windy,  
The wind howls loud  
Blowing the leaves on the trees about

When the fire is here,  
The trees turn black,  
The leaves are gone as the fire cracks

The fire is over,  
The trees regrow,  
The bright green leaves begin to show

**Ivy Hilton**  
**Year 5**

## **WHOLE SCHOOL MERIT AWARD ASSEMBLY**

Last Friday 12 June 2021, a whole school assembly was held to present Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to those students who had reached that level in our Wellbeing Program.

Congratulations to the students below who have reached Gold and Silver Level.

### **Gold Level**

Aiyana Ironside, Annie Jones, Shari Thompson, Hayley Poi, Charlotte Martin, Scarlet Poi, Connor Williams, Bailee Skein and Harper Crouch.

### **Silver Level**

William Anderson, Grace-Anne Anderson, Lily Cowin, Harlee Crain, Tyson Dougherty, Noah Gardner, Leela Hill, Georgia Hilton, Ivy Hilton, Jim Howell, Ben Howell, Jack Hughes, Mira Lesniak, Lillie Linden, Brent Martin, Katana McGovern, Emily Murphy, Phillip Murphy, Jayla-Marie Ngatikaura, Brian Nolan, Lily Nolan, Patrick Osborne, Ryan Osborne, Care Pascoe, Lily Pope, Chelsea Rowley, Bonnie Saunders, Edie Skerry, James Skerry, Tobie Stubbs, Ari Thompson, Caitlin Wilkinson, Josie Williams

## WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 16 June 2021 an assembly was held to present ribbons and acknowledge our athletic and cross-country champions.



**Cross Country** - Age champions: Carter Ironside, Cody Lee, Kurt Stuenkel, Joshua Ovenden, Ben Howell, Jim Howell



**Athletic** - Age champions: Rebekah Gardner, Caitlin Wilkinson, Emily Murphy, Shari Thompson, Cassie Ross and Mackenzie Morton



**Athletics** - Age champions: Brock Cobden, Tobie Stubbs, Noah Gardner, Jim Howell, Chayse Membrey, Tim Gardner and Carter Ironside.



**Cross-country** - Age champions: Shari Thompson, Cassie Ross, Mackenzie Morton, Rihana Miles-Moorby, Aiyana Ironside, Caitlin Wilkinson and Rebekah Gardener.



## Movie-Marathon

The high school students were extremely lucky to participate in a Movie Marathon, coordinated by the staff at Batlow Technology on Friday 18 June 2021. The students were able to view films such as; 'Luca' which was released on the evening of the event; 'Cruella' which is still showing in cinemas, 'Onward' which is a popular new release and 'Cars' which is a fan favourite of our students. The students enjoyed fresh popcorn, tasty nachos, decadent ice-creams and cold drinks. Prizes were handed out for observant participants throughout the night, who were able to notice minor elements of cinematography in major moments of the individual films. Students were rugg'd up in the warmth of the Learning Hub and enjoyed one of our favourite spaces in a unique way. A massive thank you to all the staff who participated in the successful event, coordinating logistics, food preparation and supervising long after their normal bedtimes. Congratulations to all the students involved, your wonderful behaviour and positive attitudes will result in more activities such as this occurring. Well done to all involved!





## SECONDARY NEWS

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

An early morning start was no obstacle for students from Years 11 and 12 as they attended the 2021 Youth Mental Health Forum at Wagga Wagga Christian College. Throughout the day, the students interacted and engaged with students from other schools discussing positive changes they could make at school, at home and in their local communities. The students from Batlow Technology School also heard about issues facing regional youth and also from guest speakers who talked about their experiences with mental health and the impact it could have on their daily lives. After a question and answer session with an expert panel, Batlow Technology School students developed an action plan to bring back to the school to help raise awareness of mental health issues which they are hoping to implement in Term 3.



**Pictured:** Carter Ironside, Kurt Stuenkel, Leith Kawana, Rebekah Gardner, Ashley Christian, Mette Sweeney, Jessica Bedard and Alana Stanton.

## PRIMARY NEWS

### KINDERGARTEN/1 and YEAR 2/3

#### Enviro Mentors – Education for Sustainability ‘IN THE BIN’ talk

Students from K/1 and 2/3 attended a talk about the new waste management that will be coming to Batlow in July. The students really enjoyed the talk, gave lots of input from their knowledge of the topic and learnt new things too.



## **SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS RADIO NEWS TERM 2 WEEK 8**

"Good morning listeners. We have been very busy at Batlow Technology School."

"Mrs Kass and the SRC have started a table tennis competition for the whole school, students didn't have to compete if they didn't want to though lots of the kids did. Secondary days are on Tuesday and Primary is on Thursday, students are all out to win, though if you don't sadly you are eliminated from the competition. Good luck to the finalists.

Mr Dewar and his Year 5/6 class have been studying music on Wednesdays, they have been learning to play keyboard, ukulele and the drums. Sometimes Mr Dewar will have a go on the drums and guitar, the class have been learning a few songs on keyboard and ukulele, "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons, and "Happier" by Ed Sheeran.

This coming Monday is the Queen's Birthday Long-Weekend. The students and staff are all looking forward to having a well-earned sleep in and I hope you are too.

Mr Dewar and his Year 5/6 class have been helping the whole school by making delicious muffins for morning breakfast club. Last year we did this twice, baking blueberry and banana muffins. This time we made apple, carrot and ginger muffins. It sounded weird at first, but they turned out to be quite nice.

Students are reminded to be on school grounds before 9 am until 3 pm. If you are late please go to the office for a slip. Senior students are allowed to leave the school to get food at lunch time, please remember to sign in and out.

Year 2-8 have been doing a three-week Rugby League program with Tatiana and Courtney funded by the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Students have been having a lot of fun playing games such as ten pass and maroon and blue.

Listeners are encouraged to head to the school Facebook page to view photos and videos of many of the fun learning opportunities available to the Batlow Technology School students.

Shane and Tahlea from NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services visited on Wednesday 26 May 2021 to work with Years 9/10 to explain how to make a canoe and Coolamon making. A Coolamon, is a traditional Aboriginal carrying vessel with curved sides they are traditionally used to carry tools, babies, food and, depending on its shape, water.

A tree was selected from within our school grounds and the outermost layers of bark were carved from the tree's trunk. The tree is now 'scarred'; however, it has the potential to heal itself in time. The Coolamon will remain in the Batlow Technology School office. This was an amazing opportunity for the school students.

That's the end of this week's news.

**The Staff at Batlow Technology  
Wish all our families  
a Happy and Safe Holiday**



## PRIMARY NEWS (continued)

### Year 3/4 Miss Fallon

Miss Fallon's Year 3/4 students have been having a very busy and enjoyable few weeks. We are fortunate that the School's Sporting Funds have allowed the primary students the opportunity to be coached by NRL representatives. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

In our Art lessons, students have been looking at the use of oil pastels, using techniques for beginners, to create some really beautiful artwork.





## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **COSTUME PARTY**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1pm - 5pm

Batlow Bowling Club - Hosted by Clare Miller

Food, Fun, Games, Dancing and Hamper Raffles!

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes for Best Dressed!

Glowsticks and Props will be for sale to raise money

All children under 12 are welcome!

*All children will require a parent or guardian*

Tickets \$5

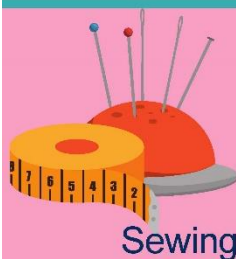
A fundraiser event for Clare's Laugh n Learn Academy Playground Project

### **COSTUME PARTY**



## JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Ages 3 to 18yrs



Sewing

MTB Shuttle  
Day



Drawing,  
Painting, Arts  
and Crafts



Fitness  
Classes

Lego and  
Playdoh



Make and  
Bake

To view the full program and for all details visit  
[www.svc.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays](http://www.svc.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays)



# Cupcake Day

Friday 25 June 2021



Support CanAssist Tumut and buy a cupcake for a gold coin donation

## REMINDERS FOR TERM 3 2021

### P&C Meeting

Tuesday 3 August 2021  
Learning Hub on Tuesday at  
6.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join P&C and  
discuss issues.

Mrs Wainwright, Batlow Technology  
School Principal will be attending.

### What's on at BTS

12 July 2021

Staff Development Day

13 July 2021

Students Return

14 July 2021

Sculpture by the Sea

26 July-30 -July 2021

Education Week

30 July 2021

National Tree Day