Dear Parents and Friends,

The Spirit of ANZAC

Congratulations to all involved on producing such a wonderful show last Thursday and Friday evenings. The feedback we have received has been very positive and huge thanks needs to be extended to:

- The staff for their commitment, drive, creativity and positivity when working with their students and pulling together a production such as this. It was a massive team effort which encompassed teachers, support workers and office staff!
- The RSL club for their cooperation and support of our school
- The P&C for coordinating the raffle
- Deniliquin High School, Berrigan PS and district office for allowing us to borrow equipment
- Parents, for purchasing tickets for the show, for assisting students rehearse, find costumes, getting children to the club on time and ongoing support our school
- All those others who were seconded to assist in numerous ways – including husbands, children, friends and neighbours!
- The students for their commitment and determination to do a great job and ‘shine’ on stage.

Included in today’s newsletter is a letter we have received from Mrs Joan Bradley. Positive feedback such as this is greatly appreciated and is worth sharing.

CONGRATULATIONS EDWARD

Last Friday evening I was privileged to be amongst an appreciative audience at the Deniliquin RSL Club to enjoy Edward Public School’s 2015 Production ‘The Spirit of Anzac.’ I have been a regular attendee of the Edward School Production over more than three decades to witness the performances of grandchildren and now great grandchildren and have never ceased to be impressed by the talents, efforts and enthusiasm of the students.

The 2015 production was a particularly poignant, moving and meaningful portrayal of the Anzac story, our heritage and growth as a nation.

Themes such as nationalism, community, service and mateship were all explored through a skilful combination of verse, mime, song and drama – all complemented through wonderful historical video footage accompanied by a superb musical soundtrack.

I enjoyed every moment of the show but was particularly moved by the touching performance of Shannon King with his rendition of the verse ‘Not a Hero’ and young performers miming to the song ‘Forever Young’ on the theme of Australians through life at school, their youth and finally as young men and women in service in the military or as nurses. ‘The Sapphires’ dancers were so colourful and energetic and the massed finale choral item – ‘The Spirits of the Anzacs’ was an uplifting and magnificent conclusion to a fabulous show.

I am sure the learning experiences that the staff created and engaged the students in will help develop a lasting appreciation of our military legacy and our development as a nation.

Congratulations to the students for their wonderful performance, the talented and dedicated staff for creating and producing such a marvellous show and the efforts of a supportive and very proud parental group.

Well done Edward – a beautiful, respectful and memorable performance.

Joan Bradley
Deniliquin

Father’s Day

In what was a weekend of beautiful spring weather, we hope that our fathers, grandfathers and those special in the lives of our students, enjoyed their day.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

This Thursday, our school finalists will be travelling to Corowa to compete in the next level of this year’s spelling bee challenge. We wish Gabby Clarke, Kelsey Wesierski and Eliza Bermingham, all the best in this competition.
TEN Training

This term, EPS has been hosting professional training for teachers from around the area on Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) philosophy and strategies. The facilitator travelled from Sydney to instruct local teachers and Mr Day undertook this training on behalf of our school. Special thanks to our P&C and Shirley Jennings in the canteen, for the delicious catering and to the local Educational Services team and district office for contributing financial and logistics support.

Aspire Me, Arts Camp

Last week, Jay McCully represented EPS at this camp. His letter appears below as does a letter received from Mrs Peach.

Dear Principals,

Last Thursday and Friday, 45 students from 21 schools attended the Aspire Me Art Camp at Moulamein PS.

The Art camp is designed for students to:
- have the opportunity to explore their creativity and individuality;
- see the possibilities available to them in art making by exploring familiar and unfamiliar art forms and mediums;
- understand the impact and influence of Visual Arts as an expressive medium;
- make and appreciate art and see the Creative Arts syllabus 'in action';
- work with and appreciate local artists and the vocational opportunities that these people have found in the Arts;
- develop confidence and independence through the experience of camping overnight with same age peers.

Students participated in workshops run by five artists-in-residence over the two days. The artists were assisted by five teachers (including me, and with one of us assigned to each artist). Carmen Wood (Balranald), Rebecca Simpson (Coleambally), Gillie Arnold (Berrigan) and Emma Quinlan (Mulwala) and myself were our artists’ assistants. A huge thank you to Carmen, Rebecca, Gillie and Emma for their time and expertise. Your assistance with the workshops and with overnight supervision duties was invaluable.

Last Thursday at 8.15am, I caught a bus from Deni North school to Moulamein Public school to go to the art camp. When we got off the bus we had to get our stuff and meet in the hall to see what we were doing. I chose dry point etching. First, we had to go outside to sketch some things that had a line of symmetry. When we came in we had a look at everyone’s in our group. Then we had to rule a rectangle 15cm x 10cm and do a line that you could hardly see and we had to draw a bug. We had to get a thick piece of plastic and get sticky tape to stick it over the drawing. Then, we got a pencil with a sharp pin instead of a lead and we had to carve in to trace the bug. When we were finished, some school kids came in to have a look. When We went over to a table with a black cloth over it. We got some gloves on and an art smock. We had to get a little piece of cardboard and fold it in half and dip it in the ink and put ink all over the plastic and it soaked into the cracks. Then we had to get a cloth and do a circular rub for the background and when we were happy with it, we took it over to the presser and soaked water colouring paper in water. At the presser we put the plastic down with the wet paper on top and then we spun the wheel. When it was finished, we took it out and it was pressed onto the wet piece of paper. It was framed the next day. We had to get our drawings and colour them in water colour. I did about 5. I had a great time.

Jay McCully

Most of all I would like to thank the students who attended this year’s camp. Each student is to be applauded for their attention and application. All of the...
artists spoke of how pleasing it was to work with the students and how it was obvious to them that the students wanted to be there and were keen to be making art. The two days is always jam-packed with activity as artists take students through the process of art making in one specific art form, teaching them about planning, materials and techniques. Day 1 begins with an early start for students travelling over and getting to know each other and the Art Camp leaders. Day 2 is always a challenge after an overnight stay and often a bit of a late night, but students were respectful of each other and the need to get a good night's sleep and be on their game over the two days. Please extend my thanks and congratulations to the students for the way they accepted the challenges of this camp and embraced the opportunity provided for them, and for their behaviour throughout their stay. It was an absolute pleasure to have them at the camp and to work with them over the two days.

Aspire Me Art 2015 culminates in an exhibition of the students’ art works at the Peppin Heritage Centre in Deniliquin for a two week period in Term 4. Students and their parents, Principals and teachers will be invited to attend the evening opening of this exhibition (dates to be confirmed). I look forward to celebrating the achievements of the students on this night, and hope to see teachers, principals and students and their families at the opening. 

Kind regards,
Mrs Peach
Principal, Barham PS

Canteen Roster

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I have some lovely helpers, but of course would like some more. Come along and enjoy social interaction with a free lunch.

I am introducing some healthier options and the recess sandwiches are getting very popular.

There will be a new menu for Term 4, similar to the old one. Please remember sauces are 25¢ each.

To those that donated items for the recent catering job the P&C ran, please collect your containers from the canteen. The catering went very well with lots of positive comments from participants.

Chummy Bartlett Shield

On Thursday this week, our 5/6 students will be competing against other local schools for the Chummy Bartlett Shield. Competing in AFL, Netball and Newcombe ball, we wish our students the very best. Information notes accompanied students home yesterday.

PSSA State Basketball Knockout

Our Edward School Girls Basketball team have recently returned from the PSSA State Basketball Knockout held in Bathurst yesterday.

All members of the team played extremely well and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the competition, achieving 4th position in the state overall! A big thanks must also be given to Sacha Jefferies and George Day who coached the team and supported the team by teaching necessary skills and determination to progress and succeed at the level they achieved. A huge thanks also to the parents for transporting the team all the way to Bathurst!

Well done girls! We at Edward School are extremely proud of your efforts.

Professional Development

This week, we have many of our teachers participating in professional learning opportunities to further enhance their skills, capabilities and qualifications.

- Mrs Young - ARCO
- Mrs Bermingham and Mrs Blacker – Ipad in the Primary Classroom
- Mrs Druitt, Mrs Mulham, Mrs Larcombe & Mrs Barlow – OLIVER (new Library system) training
- Ms McGuiness – principal training in the new Wellbeing Framework, Schools’ Excellence Framework, Peer Consultation and Observation Models, and Principal Classification Model, as well as updates from EPAC (Employee Performance and Conduct Unit) and other recent reform agendas.
Book Week 2015
'Books Light Up Our World'

Early Childhood Winner

Picture Book Winner

Young Readers Winner

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

What A Great Week