

# BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week 8 ~ Term 3 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 9

**Monday 16 – Friday 20 September**

Year 7-10 Exams

K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday 18 September**

Infants Sports Day

Rugby League 9's Stage 4 & 5

**Friday 20 September**

Kindergarten Transition 9am-12pm

**Saturday 21 September**

Golf Day Fundraiser

### Week 10

**Monday 23 September**

Seven French Legends Day – Primary

**Tuesday 24 September**

K-6 GRIT Rewards Day

Year 7 2025 Transition Evening 5:15pm

**Wednesday 25 September**

SRC Glow Disco

**Thursday 26 September**

K-2 Excursion – Warialda

Stage 3 CPR course

7-12 GRIT Rewards Day

**Friday 27 September**

Kindergarten Transition 9am-12pm

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

**Monday 14 October**

Students return

*Reading is*  
**MAGIC**

As Book Week wraps up we would like to thank the BCS community who have helped make it such a success for our students.

Special thanks to Mrs Boyle who, in the spirit of the theme 'Reading is Magic', fitted out the library in the most inspiring way, making our Book Fair a huge hit.

As part of the special day, Infants' and Primary students broke into groups to participate in a range of fun reading and book-based activities.

We were able to welcome parents, carers and friends into classrooms to showcase the fabulous work being done by our students from K-12. It was a great reward to see how excited our children were to share their learning with their families.

## GET IN TOUCH

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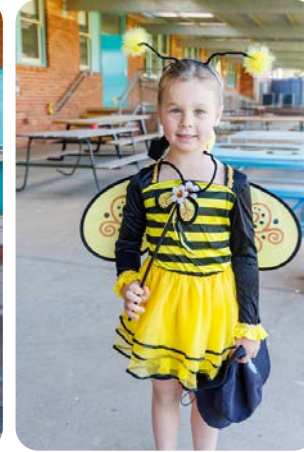
[www.bingara-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bingara-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)

[www.facebook.com/BingaraCentralSchool](https://www.facebook.com/BingaraCentralSchool)

# MAGIC continues

Mrs Boyle ensured the whole school was able to participate in a colouring in competition, with our winners of each Stage being Phoebe G, Matilda G and Akylah W.

It was a very difficult decision for judges but following a vibrant Book Week Parade our Best Dressed students were awarded. Congratulations to Willow R (Infants), Ben C (Primary) and Dallas K (Secondary) and well done to all students on the effort put in to dressing up on the day.





# School News

## From the Principals Desk

This week our school community celebrated Education Week, Book Week and the remarkable teaching expertise that shapes our students' lives. It's a time to honour the power of learning, the magic of reading, and the dedication of our educators who inspire the next generation every day.

Last year, Mrs. Fiona Craddock was not only awarded her 20 Years of Service certificate but also received a special recognition on the floor of parliament. Adam Marshall, former Member for Northern Tablelands, delivered a statement in the NSW Legislative Assembly celebrating Mrs. Craddock's dedication to her students and her commitment to the Department of Education at Bingara Central School. Congratulations, Mrs. Craddock, on your remarkable impact and success!



We are also delighted to have Mrs. Anna Boughen back with us this year. While she didn't receive a 20 or 30 Year Service Certificate, she achieved a significant milestone, being awarded her teaching proficiency last year. She was a bit busy at the time, raising her newborn, Brooks! Now, she is balancing motherhood with her early career in teaching, and we're thrilled to have her back.

Another achievement within our teaching department goes to Mr. McGowan, who has received his 30 Years of Service to the Department of Education award.



Mr. McGowan's journey with Bingara Central School began in 1968 when he was enrolled in Kindergarten. After graduating, he pursued a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at Sydney University, living with his cousins and driving taxis two nights a week for a local Italian family. Following university, Mr. McGowan's career took him across the globe—working on a potato farm in Ireland, a cattle stud in Scotland, and even attempting photography in Russia. In the late 80s, he returned to Bingara, playing Rugby Union for Barraba as a fullback while working on the family farm.



It wasn't long before Mr. McGowan decided it was time to invest in the younger generation, completing his Diploma of Education at the University of New England in 1992. By 1993, he was teaching across Courallie High School, Bundarra Central School, and, of course, Bingara Central School—the school where he always dreamed of teaching. In 1997, his dream became a reality, and he was officially appointed to Bingara Central School in a permanent capacity. Thirty-one years later, he's still living his dream, balancing both teaching and farming.



I came across a staff photo from 1997, Mr. McGowan's first year as a permanent teacher. He was a young, strapping lad with a well-groomed beard. What struck me was seeing familiar faces alongside him—Mr. Mitch, Mr. Fullbrook, Mrs. Groth, and Mr. Johnston. Remarkably, Mr. Fullbrook and Mr. Johnston returned to Bingara Central School last year, reuniting with Mr. McGowan, Mr Mitch and Mrs Groth, 26 years after that photo was taken!

Over the years, Mr. McGowan has taught many of our current staff members, including Mrs. Hellmuth, Miss Lucie, Miss Amanda, Mrs. Caban, and Mrs. Hall. He's also taught Miss Mandy, Mrs. Kristy Johnson and Mrs. Kylie Johnson—and, in this instance, their children as well. A point of pride for Mr. McGowan is that one of his former students, Mrs. Pleffer, is now his boss!

We recently put out a call for memories from Mr. McGowan's former students. One of my favourites comes from Adam (Tobe) Reading, who remembers the 2000 cricket state final against Braidwood in Mudgee. Adam took 5/17 in that match, and Tim McManus scored a brilliant 101. The real highlight? Dismissing their captain, who had scored 150 the previous day, with a Royal Golden Duck on the first delivery. Mr. McGowan still refers to it as the 'ball of the century!'

Congratulations, Mr. McGowan, on an incredible 30 years of service, and thank you for the lasting impact you've made on our school and community."

Brooke Wall  
Principal



**BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL 1997**  
**Staff**

- Back Row: Nora Dufty, Richard Fullbrook, Alan Mitchell, Mark McGowan, Chris Hill, Marian Bull, Cathie Brown.  
 Middle Row: Kathy Groth, Chris Withers, Warren Luxford, Maxine Foyel, Meredith Burton, Dorothy Robinson, Jill Perkins.  
 Front Row: Melinda Hill, Tanya O'Dell, Tony Perkins, Roy East, Bruce Robinson (Principal), Bob Johnston, Amanda Foran, Michelle Tanner.  
 Present: Richard Abra, Trevor Galvin.



I'm **here**  
to **hear**

This week BCS students checked in with THEMSELVES, FRIENDS and FAMILY. Sometimes, just asking "Are you OK?" can make a big difference.

Remember, it's okay not to be okay, and opening up about it is a sign of strength. Let's take a moment to show our support for friends, family, and colleagues.

Take a few minutes to:

- Reach out - Send a text, make a call, or even drop by for a chat.
- Listen - Be there to really hear what they have to say.
- Offer support - Let them know you're there for them, no matter what.

Together, we can make a big impact by showing that we care.

How are you doing today? Feel free to share your thoughts, and let's keep the conversation going #RUOK



# School News

## Class of the Week – Year 5

We're now in our third week of the Kindy Gritters program, and we couldn't be prouder of how well our Year 5 students are stepping up! The program aims to help our youngest learners in Kindergarten feel comfortable and welcomed as they settle into school life.

Our Year 5 students have been doing an exceptional job in their role as buddies, guiding and supporting the Kindy Gritters with care, enthusiasm, and patience. Whether it's helping them in the playground, sharing morning greetings, or assisting with

small tasks in the classroom, the Year 5s are showing true leadership and responsibility. Watching these cross-year friendships blossom has been heartwarming, and it's clear that the Year 5s are making a positive impact on the newest members of our school community.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Kindy Gritters program such a success so far. We look forward to seeing these bonds grow even stronger over the coming weeks.

*Classroom Teacher*  
**Mr Smith McEwan**



# School News



## BCS GRITTERS



This week our GRITTERS learnt about the /o/ sound we counted out the sounds in picture names and found where we could hear the /o/ sound. Then we helped an Ollie find objects that begin with the /o/ sound. We read 'Frog on a log' by Kes Gray and spoke about the characters and setting of the story and we practiced our fine motor skills by tracing letters. Our GRITTERS math focus this week was the number 9 and we practiced writing it. We had our buddies with us again today to help us at recess and in the classroom.





# School News

## Postcards of Honour

On Monday this week, we were pleased to welcome Tex, Gillian, Peter and Steve as part of the 'Postcards of Honour' program. This initiative, coordinated by RSL NSW sub-Branches, aims to educate primary and high school students about the significance of the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) commemoration.

The 'Postcards of Honour' project is designed to help students understand the historical and personal importance of postcards and letters in supporting those on active duty. By participating, students not only learn about the MEAO but also express their appreciation for the service and sacrifices made by past and present service members. They do this by creating and decorating postcards to be sent to these heroes, showing their support and gratitude.

The students were deeply engaged and loved hearing firsthand stories about military life and experiences. The personal insights brought the history and significance of the MEAO to life, making the project even more impactful.

We're grateful for the opportunity to be part of this touching and educational endeavor, which helps foster a deeper appreciation for our military history and the individuals who have served our country.

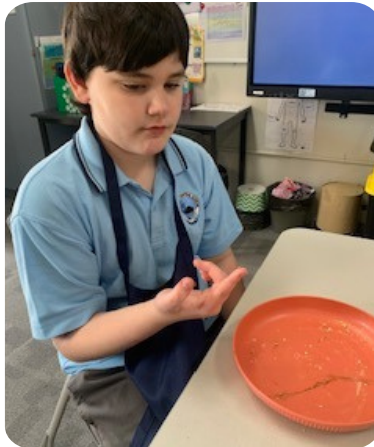
Thank you to the Bingara RSL Sub Branch helping to make this educational experience so memorable for our students.



# School News

## Cooking with MC

This week students had the luxury of cooking up a sweet treat this week - Rocky Road! We had a wonderful shopping experience followed by an eventful cook up, with everyone enjoying the finished product.



# School News

## Student of the Week Primary Hugh M

Hugh has demonstrated an eagerness towards his learning journey and growth throughout all his Key Learning Areas. He consistently provides 100% focus to all tasks and shows self-motivation by following class procedures without assistance, ensures all work is completed to the best of his ability and offers assistance to others when completed. Hugh has a love of sport and a challenge, particularly in the classroom and mathematical tasks. He attends school every day with a smile on his face and ready to learn. Quite often, Hugh will have a fantastic piece of trivia to share with the class, exemplifying his broad range of knowledge. It is for these reasons and many more that our BCS STAR of the Week this week is Hugh Mack. Keep it up Hugh!



## Student of the Week Secondary Aylah M



Aylah consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, always putting in her best effort in all assignments and class activities. Her dedication and perseverance are evident in the quality of her work. Aylah not only sets clear goals and works hard to achieve them, but she is also kind and considerate towards her peers. She always demonstrates respect towards others and helps foster a positive and supportive environment in Secondary. Aylah is resilient, reflective, engaged, self motivated and creative, making her an excellent student of the week.

# Sport News

## CHS State Athletics

Huge congratulations to Liam J on receiving a Silver medal in the 4x200m relay at the CHS State Athletics Carnival, representing North West! This was the first year the event has been run at CHS, making it even more special. What an amazing achievement—so proud of you, Liam!



## CHS State Athletics

Great news coming out of the NSWCHSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney with Jarrod Petrus taking a bronze medal in the 15 Years Boys Javelin. Jarrod threw an impressive 41.53m to place third. Congratulations Jarrod!



## NSWPSSA Rugby

Congratulations Faithlyn A who received the Players Player Award as well as being selected for the 2025 NSW Development Squad after wrapping up a successful campaign at the NSWPSSA Girls Rugby 7s State Cup this week. Faithlyn was the only girl out of the North West side to gain selection. Well done, BCS is very proud of you!



# School News

## SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INITIATIVE

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) to provide free home internet for up to 30,000 unconnected families with school aged students until the end of December, 2025.

To be eligible for SSBI, families must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep in Qld/Vic/Tas, Kindy in NSW, Reception in SA, Transition in NT/ACT and Pre-Primary in WA).
- Not have an active **nbn**<sup>®</sup> network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- Live in a premises that can access the **nbn** network via a standard connection.
- Not have had an active **nbn** connection during the previous 14 days.



### School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by **nbn**<sup>®</sup>

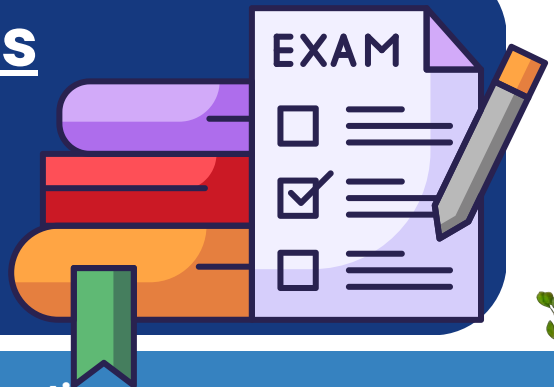
PARENT  
TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS

K - 12  
Week 9  
Book via Sentral App

## Upcoming Assessments

### Stage 4 & 5

Yearly Examinations – Week 9





BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL

REGISTRATION

SIGN UP NOW USING THE  
QR CODE



# GOLF DAY

2024

\$40  
PER  
PLAYER

BINGARA GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

12:30 PM FOR A 1 PM SHOT GUN  
START

9 Holes  
4-Player  
Ambrose

NOVELTY GAMES/  
PRIZES

- ✓ BEST DRESSED TEAM
- ✓ LONGEST DRIVE
- ✓ STRAIGHTEST DRIVE
- ✓ NEAREST TO THE PIN

Sausage sizzle  
and a half way  
café will be  
provided for the  
players

All money raised will go towards supporting students at Bingara Central School.

For more information please contact Bingara Central School on 02-67241606

# INFANTS SPORTS DAY

# \$10 MEAL DEAL



**WEDNESDAY  
18 Sept**



## Sausage in Bread Roll + Lamington + Drink

Our Infants Sports Day 'meal deal' fundraiser is open to all students  
Preschool, Kindergarten - Year 12 and parents/grandparents  
attending the Infants Sports Day

**Order via the Flexischools App or by using the form below**

**NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 9:30AM MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**



## INVERELL DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET

**2024/2025 SEASON IS HERE!**

**ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE A PLAYING SHIRT.  
8-11YRS AND 11-13YRS \$140 AND WILL  
BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY MORNINGS  
9AM-12PM IN INVERELL.**

**COLTS REGISTRATION \$170 AND IS  
PLAYED AT VARLEY OVAL FRIDAY NIGHT  
5PM-9PM.**

**NO CRICKET GEAR?  
DON'T WORRY WE HAVE A KIT  
READY TO USE!**



**TO REGISTER GO TO PLAYHQ WEBSITE  
MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND  
ON THE INVERELL DISTRICT JUNIOR  
CRICKET FACEBOOK PAGE.**

# SBAT OPPORTUNITY

**DEPT OF COMMUNITIES & JUSTICE**

- Available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- Complete a traineeship whilst at school.
- Achieve an industry recognised qualification in Workplace Skills or Business as well as your HSC.
- Combines paid work, training and school.



**INTERESTED - SPEAK TO  
YOUR CAREERS ADVISER**

# AECG Meeting Notice

The Gwydir Local AECG will hold its Annual General Meeting on October 16, 2024, at Gravesend Public School, to be followed by a General Meeting. The meeting will be attended by representatives from Warialda Public School, Bingara Central School, Gravesend Public School, St Joseph's Primary School, Warialda, Warialda High School, Elders, Parents/Caregivers, Community Members.— in Gravesend.

Educational Pathways Program

## Local Careers and Employment Expo



Opportunity for students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12, and their parents/carers, to engage with local employers, training providers and other stakeholders with:

- Current student employment opportunities
- Information and advice on Careers
- School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Opportunities for School Leavers

Register your exhibit using below QR Code



Tuesday 10th September 2024  
5.30pm to 7.30pm  
MPU, Inverell High School  
Brae Street Inverell



Jacinta Gorton | Head Teacher Careers | Jacinta.Gorton1@det.nsw.edu.au | 0460 031 947  
Melissa Daskey | SBAT Engagement Officer | Melissa.Daskey2@det.nsw.edu.au | 0460 029 621  
Tracey Walsh | School Administration Officer | Tracey.Walsh20@det.nsw.edu.au | 02 6722 3777



## Gwydir Local AECG Inc General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024  
Time: Following Annual General Meeting @ 9:00 am  
Venue: Gravesend Public School - Library / Teams / Telephone

*If you are unable to attend the meeting please ensure that your apology is recorded or we can organise Teams to video into the meeting or telephone call into the meeting to discuss what is happening, you can do this by contacting:*

Donell Hope      Warialda Elder in Resident      0429 771 195  
Aunty Donny Email:      Donell.Hope@det.nsw.edu.au

### AGENDA / TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

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|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | Welcome to Country    | Minute Silence  |
| 2 | Present and Apologies | All Members Present   |
| 3 | Agenda                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing schedule for meetings</li> <li>• Student memberships</li> <li>• Regional correspondence</li> <li>• Outstanding membership forms and payment</li> <li>• Language Hub</li> <li>• Next General Meeting</li> </ul> |

Please contact Aunty Donny if you wish for anything to be added to the Agenda. If it isn't on the Agenda it will not be discussed.

## Gwydir Local AECG Inc Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024  
Time: 9:00 am  
Venue: Gravesend Public School - Library / Teams / Telephone  
Returning Officer: Dan van Velthuisen or Brooke Wall (If Dan is unavailable)  
NB: The Returning Officer **CANNOT** be a full financial member of the Local/Regional AECG whose AGM it is.

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Please contact Aunt Donny if you wish for anything to be added to the Agenda. If it isn't on the Agenda it will not be discussed.







# Educational Pathways Program

**Move.Forward**

## EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Educational Pathways Program complements existing careers education activities through the provision of additional resources. Head Teacher Careers and SBAT Engagement Officers work closely with schools to:

- Ensure students have access to sound advice, great training pathways and rewarding work opportunities.
- Promote SBAT opportunities, a proven pathway for students to successfully transition to work and/or further education.
- Support students with barriers to education

Program initiatives include:

- Innovating Careers Education
- Enhancing SBAT Engagement
- TAFE Start Your Future Courses
- Job Readiness Workshops
- Educational Pathways VET Ambassadors
- Apprenticeship and Traineeship Head Start
- Back In The Game
- TAFE NSW Early School Leaver

Talk to your school's Career Advisor or contact The Educational Pathways Program (EPP) Team

### EPP TEAM

(Based at Inverell High School)

Head Teacher Careers: Jacinta Gorton  
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SBAT Engagement Officer: Melissa Daskey  
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School Admin Officer: Tracey Walsh  
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Supporting the following schools:

- Inverell High School
- Macintyre High School
- Ashford Central School
- Bingara Central School
- Barraba Central School
- Bundarra Central School
- Wialda High School

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TO ORDER**

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for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class.

BCS will be participating in Scholastic bookclub twice a term during the school year, with each order earning points for free books and teaching materials for our classrooms!

## HOW-TO MAKE PARTIAL PAYMENTS THROUGH THE SENTRAL PORTAL



1

Go to the  
payments menu

2

Filter to 'unpaid'

3

Select the item you wish  
to pay for  
- it will turn green

4

Click on the amount to  
adjust the value

5

Click 'make payment'

6

Follow the prompts



# Contact & Online Information For Parents/Carers/Family



Headspace provides information and support for both young people and their family and friends. It also offers an online & phone support service, staffed by experienced youth mental health professionals and family clinicians. This service is FREE

 1800 650 890  <https://headspace.org.au/>  9am to 1am - 7 days a week



Lifeline provides all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24/7 support and suicide prevention services.

 1300 224 636  <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>  24/7



Beyondblue provides mental health information and support for young people and adults of all ages. This service is FREE.

 13 11 14  <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>  24/7



13YARN is a free national crisis phone line for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. It offers a one-on-one yarning opportunity with a lifeline trained Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter

 13 92 76  <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>  24/7



Suicide Call Back Service provides support and information for those worried about a friend or family member - including recognising signs of suicidal thinking, how to talk it over and support a person to seek help.

 1300 659 467  <https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>  24/7






Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available anytime and for any reason.

 1800 551 800  <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>  24/7



The NSW Transcultural Mental Health Line connects you to experienced clinicians who understand your culture and can communicate in your language (covering over 30 different languages).

 1800 648 911  <https://www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au/transcultural-mental-health-centre>  Mon-Fri 9am-4pm