The Billabong Prank

On the 20th of November at 5:00pm Gunning Public School (GPS) hosted a play of a musical called The Billabong Prank. The Billabong Prank is based on Waltzing Matilda by Banjo Paterson.

I was a shearer in the play. My costume was a pair of boots, white pants and a florescent shirt. I actually thought that the play was going to be an hour or two but it actually was quite quick.

The Billabong Prank is about a “sheep stealing swaggie” that helps a digger groom named Nugget get a sheep for the food at his wedding. But then the swaggie gets arrested by the evil squatter and the clumsy troopers but Nugget and the swaggie think up a plan to get him free before he gets hanged.

After the play I felt like a super star. I was also very proud of myself.

By Tristan Downey Year 6

Principal’s Message

It was wonderful to see so many people at the school performance last Friday evening. I would like to say how immensely proud the staff are of the hard work that all the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have put into making this performance a reality. Students have had to learn a wide range of songs and the primary students all had to challenge themselves by learning lines and acting in different parts. Well done everyone!

This week, we have started a “Breakfast Club” in the school kitchen room. All students are welcome to attend from 8:55am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is anticipated that this program will run indefinitely. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact myself directly.

Mr. Danny Scott
Principal

As we have well and truly moved into the hottest part of the year, students are asked to ensure that they bring a hat to school. If any student does not have a hat, they will be asked to play in the shade areas only. There will also be sunscreen available to student at the beginning of each break. Please be advised that a variety of “brands” may be used and as such any parent not wishing their child to use sunscreen for whatever reason, will need to make this known to their child and advise the office.

Upcoming Events

November
23rd Nov to 4th Dec Swim School K-6
26th P&C Meeting 7pm

December
10th Presentation Night
6pm—Shire Hall
14th & 15th 3/4 Excursion
16th Last day of School

2016 January
28th 1st Day of Term 1

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Term 4 Week 8

“Together we are safe, respectful learners working hard to achieve success”
**Canteen Roster**

Term 4
- 27th Nov: Nicki Mokhiza, Louise Ridley
- 4th Dec: Jen Medway, Rhonda Ogilvie
- 11th Dec: Kel Horvat, Sandra Fowler

**Lost Clothing**

A black and yellow box will be kept in the alcove at the back of the admin building for lost property. This way parents and children can easily find any lost items.

**1st Gunning Scouts Car Wash Fundraiser**

1st Gunning Scouts Needs You to get your car(s) washed and or vacuumed at the Gunning Service Centre and Convenience Store on Saturday 28th November 9am to 3pm.

**Paradise 4 Kids**

Paradise 4 Kids will be open on Thursday 17th Dec, Friday 18th Dec, Monday 21st Dec, Tuesday 22nd Dec and Wednesday 23rd Dec from 7am to 6pm.

**Notes Due**

- School Swim Scheme
- 3/4 Excursion

**Reminder that our school is a Nut & Egg aware school.**

Please don’t send in egg or nut products with your children.

**P&C Meeting**

Change of Date and Venue

The next P&C meeting is tonight Thursday 26th November 7pm to 8pm at Chez’s Place (92 Biala Street.). Children are very welcome. Due to Term 4 being very busy we have decided to combine the November and December meetings into one to wrap things up for 2015. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Town Library**

Food for Fines

From Monday 23rd November to Sunday 13th December you can help bring Christmas cheer to families across the Upper Lachlan Shire by donating a food item. If you have a library fine bring a non-perishable, unopened and within date food item. For each food item you bring in, up to $5.00 of fines will be waived. Food items collected will be donated to Gunning AREA for families in need.

**Preparation for the Billabong Prank**

The Billabong Prank took a lot of hard work and effort to make it happen. All students from K to 6 did an exceptional job and I would like to tell you how we did it all.

Term 2

What … how are we supposed to remember all these lines, 24 pages worth? That’s impossible, how can we remember these lines in 2 terms!

Well that’s why we are going to give you scripts to take home to practise your lines.

But we don’t know what roles we are going to have to go here where we supposed to practise.

That’s because we are going to have auditions called 3/4/5/6 cast the billabong prank.

End of term 2

Right now you know your parts, so practise practise practise your lines and don’t worry about acting. We will do some on Tuesdays at lunch.

But what if you have lots of lines and you don’t think you can memorise all of them? We’ll have to try even harder won’t you?

The next day

Can I please have all of the characters here? We chose your characters to represent your characteristics so you can act out your role better.

But what represents all the troopers’ roles because they have different personalities?

We just chose people who we thought would do a great job and I am sure you will.

K.1.2 room

What a beautiful sound but it still needs a bit of work. Just remember infants you are the main singers so sing loud because the 3/4/5/6 kids won’t be singing most of the time.

Term 3

All characters in scene 1 and 2 start practising your lines so we can rehearse. Everyone ready?

Yes Mrs Ragic and Mr Scott

In 54321 start… great that still needs a bit of work but I’m sure it will be phenomenal

Term 4

Good job everyone but we still need to memorise scene 7.

O.K I reckon all the infants are spot on with their singing right know.

Friday 20th of November

We’re having one full rehearsal today which is our last, have fun … ok guys get ready for scene 1 but don’t worry there’s only 120 people watching you.

Finally the performance was over. It was so hot in there you could cook sausages on the ground

I was so happy it was over I never want to do that again, it’s too nerve-racking.

By Breea Waters Year 4