Binda Public School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 4 2021

Coming Up	
District Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 8 th September
Last day of term 3	Friday 17 th September

Dear Parents and Friends of Binda Public School

Well the cold, wet weather has certainly continued to come our way. Our students have been fortunate to be able to use the COLA with it's new roller doors to block the wind. We have been able to get outside between showers, but the ground is still very wet. Students can bring slippers to wear in the classroom if they wish, as their socks and shoes can easily become wet in this weather. It would be great if a spare pair of pants could be brought to school as we have had a few slides in the mud.

This term we have been learning dance for sport. An online dance program, Footsteps is providing students with professional dance lessons delivered at school. This is perfect as we are minimising the number of visitors in our schools as much as possible. Some of the moves are tricky, but our students are trying their best as usual. Hopefully we will be able to share our dancing with our families in term 4 sometime.

WHS

This week I have been updating our Work Health and Safety procedures. Anyone with a child who has allergies or Asthma will need to ask their GP for a new asthma action plan. These must be updated each year or after a serious asthma attack. It must contain a current photo of your child. I know this may seem unnecessary, but circumstances can

change and asthma is a life threatening illness. We have the forms at the office if you need one.

District Athletics

The carnival has been cancelled again due to the wet ground. The new date is 8th September with a backup of Friday 17th September.

PE Online

Every Wednesday and Friday, both students and



teachers get blood pumping and heart rates rising as we all do our best to get active with our new PE programme 'Get Active@home.' This new programme has mainly been designed for students K-6 stuck in lockdown at the moment, however it has been proven effective during these last few weeks due to the terrible cold and wet weather we've had.

It involves two comedian coaches (Elissa and Adam) instructing the children in age appropriate ways of how to learn and practice certain skills such as, simple throwing and catching techniques. Children have their own logbooks to record their progress in all the activities and challenges, to see if they've improved over time.

The COLA

There is excitement with finally having the first stage of our COLA upgrade finished. Roller doors have been built into the area in order to close it in and use it as a windbreak. A now great space that is available to use in the colder weather, which the kids are very excited for. It looks smart and we are grateful to Mrs Hickey for organising it for us. We have plans to enclose the final side in the future and line the roof to stop the drips.





Kindies progress

Our kindies have been doing an amazing job at school by trying super hard with all their learning. Their reading and recognising of sounds, tricky words and handwriting have definitely improved and it is extra special to see their little faces light up when they realise that they've actually 'got it'.

In Maths, the children have been learning about the mass of objects in everyday life. (Heavy or light) and the difference in their weights compared with other things. We've been collecting objects around the classroom to investigate this as well as having discussions as a group on why this is.

All children have been learning to work more independently over these last couple of weeks too, which is terrific to see!



<u>Drama</u>

Every Tuesday, the students have been lucky enough to learn drama with Mr Stephens. Skills such as teamwork, problem solving and communication are involved in these sessions through a variety of fun games and acting, which the children are loving. Giggles and laughter are always heard from the other rooms.

"I like all the games we play with Mr Stephens especially 'Kill the king' where you have to freeze, otherwise you die. I like acting like an animal and everyone has to guess what you are." – Jake



School Photos

Even though our school photos have been postponed until further notice please keep sending your photo money so that we can be ready.

Have a wonderful and safe fortnight with your family.

Diane Hickey and the team at Binda Public School