**Principal's Message**

We have had a busy couple of weeks in the classroom and outside of school! I want to congratulate the students for their exemplary behaviour and attitude on each of the excursions and visits.

**Swimming Carnival**

The Goulburn Community of Small Schools swimming carnival was very successful – despite a few ‘showers’. Breadalbane students represented the school with great spirit. Jayden and Michael Jeffree both won their championship freestyle events and went on to represent the small schools at the Goulburn district carnival on Tuesday 26 February. Zayne Dokmak performed well throughout the day and came third overall in the senior boys championship. The relay team of Jayden Jeffree, Zayne Dokmak, Michael Jeffree and Elizabeth Norton did an outstanding job against the other, larger schools with Elizabeth Norton stepping up to complete her first 50 metres freestyle for the school!

All the swimmers did well in the 25 metres events and the K-2 students really enjoyed their novelty events carnival. Special thanks to the parents who gave up their time to work at the infants’ carnival.

**Breadalbane School History**

For the Goulburn Show on March 9-10 we are preparing a display about the history of Breadalbane Public School. To help us with this project, on Tuesday 26 February we were fortunate enough to have four ex-students from the 1940s Graham Morton, Shirley Thomson, Terry Hannan and Shirley Riches visit and tell us a bit about the history of our school.

We learnt that in the 1940s

- there were no school uniforms
- sometimes the boys

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**Term 1 - Week 5**

**2013**

**Term 1 Dates:**

**Wednesday 27 February:**
Photography & C&PA Day at Tirranna Public School

**Friday 1 March:**
Assembly and P&C meeting

**Tuesday 5 March**
Regional Swimming Carnival
Visit by Constable Croker

**Tuesday 12 March:**
GCOPS Concert rehearsal – 3-6 students

**Monday 25 March:**
Young Leaders – Year 6 students

**Friday 5 April:**
Goulburn Community of Small Schools Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 11 April:**
Assembly and P&C meeting

**Friday 12 April:**
Goulburn Community of Small Schools Cross Country Carnival and Last Day of Term 1
got the cane (if the girls were naughty they sat in the corner)
- they had no playground equipment – at play time they made up games and played rounders and marbles
- the teacher came from Goulburn on the train and there was only ever one teacher
- there was no electricity
- the roads were gravel
- they had pit toilets
- people grew their own vegetables and milked their cows – food was rationed during the war
- most of the students rode their bikes to school
- they had blackboards, not whiteboards
- they used pens with nibs and had to dip them in ink wells
- neat writing was very important and they could get in trouble if they weren’t neat
- a box of books from the Goulburn library came on the train and they read every single one
- the school room was heated by an open fire
- they had sports days once a year with the other small schools

Mrs Thomson said that she loved Breadalbane Public School because they had so much fun and everyone was always nice to each other – Sara told her that our school is still like that today.

Then we had morning tea and Mr Morton taught us to play rounders.

Meanwhile the K-2 students enjoyed a variety of visual arts, music and drama activities and had a chance for some positive social interaction with the students from Tirranna. It was another fun (but tiring) day for the younger students.

**Tirranna Photography Day**

On Wednesday 27 February we went to Tirranna Public School where we were joined by Windellama Public School for a photography workshop for Year 3-6 students. The workshop was sponsored by the Moran Foundation.

Each student was given a camera for the day and a professional photographer introduced them to photographic concepts like composition, perspective lighting, leading lines and focus. It was a fascinating experience and it gave the students a valuable opportunity to learn about communicating beyond language. I think all the students had a fun and fulfilling day.

**GCOPS Concert Rehearsal**

Tuesday 12 March is the first rehearsal for the GCOPS concert. The 3-6 students will travel by bus with Gunning and Dalton Public Schools to Bradfordville Pubic School for the rehearsal. The students will be introduced to the ten songs and sing with the 400 or so other students in Goulburn who will be part of the massed choir.

Please return the attached permission slip to the office.

**P&C AGM**

On Friday 1 March we will have our first P&C meeting of the year at 3pm, straight after the assembly. This will be the Annual General Meeting at which the new office bearers – president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be elected. Everyone is welcome – see you there!

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