

Outback Report

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Making Movies

Senior students try their hand at directing

This week the senior students have been introduced to the website www.xtranormal.com this website allows students to turn the texts they have written into mini animated movies.

This technology allows students to explore the expression, tone, speech and setting of their own writing in a very meaningful and exciting way. It also allows them to further imagine their writing by using the features that allows them to manipulate sound effects, character movement and the backgrounds that their characters inhabit.

When the students have finished their movies we will be uploading them to www.youtube.com and linking them to our school website so that they can be found and viewed by our families and friends easily. Check out our school website www.euabalongw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au at the end of week 6 to see if we could make successful careers as movie directors.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Lest we forget

Students of Euabalong West along with every other public school student in NSW took part in a Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday of this week. Students took time to investigate the meaning of Remembrance Day and its many symbols and ceremonies.

Several of our senior students spoke demonstrating their understanding of how special and important this day is not only to our small community but also to young people and all Australians.



I particularly enjoyed the poem read by our year four and five students and I have included a copy in this newsletter.

Not a Hero

The ANZAC Day march was over - the old Digger had done his best. His body ached from marching - it was time to sit and rest. He made his way to a park bench and sat with lowered head. A young boy passing saw him - approached and politely said, "Please sir do you mind if I ask you what the medals you wear are for? Did you get them for being a hero, when fighting in a war?"

Startled, the old Digger moved over and beckoned the boy to sit. Eagerly the lad accepted - he had not expected this! "First of all I was not a hero," said the old Digger in solemn tone, "But I served with many heroes, the ones that never came home. So when you talk of heroes, it's important to understand, the greatest of all heroes gave their lives defending this land.

"The medals are worn in their honour, as a symbol of respect. All diggers wear them on ANZAC Day - it shows they don't forget." The old digger then climbed to his feet and asked the boy to stand. Carefully he removed the medals and placed them in his hand. He told him he could keep them - to treasure throughout his life, A legacy of a kind - left behind - paid for in sacrifice.

Overwhelmed the young boy was speechless - he couldn't find words to say. It was there the old Digger left him - going quietly on his way. In the distance the young boy glimpsed him - saw him turn and wave goodbye. Saddened he sat alone on the bench - tears welled in his eyes. He never again saw him ever - but still remembers with pride, When the old Digger told him of Heroes and a young boy sat and cried.

Clyde Hamilton

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Calendar of upcoming events

What's happening?

Week 6

Monday	15 th /11/10	Senior fundraiser, Bike-a-thon, beginning 9:30am – 10:30am
Tuesday	16 th /11/10	Best Start network meeting at Euabalong West, Miss J off class but at school, Miss L relieving
Wednesday	17 th /11/10	Kindergarten transition activities
Friday	19 th /11/10	Year Six orientation activities

Week 7

Monday,	22 nd /11/10	NAIDOC day activities at Beckom, students leave school at 8:00am, ETA back at school 4:00pm
Tuesday,	23 rd /11/10	Regional meeting in Wagga, Miss J out Miss L relieving
Wednesday,	24 th /11/10	Swim School begins, will run every school day for 10 days
Wednesday	17 th /11/10	Kindergarten transition activities
Friday	19 th /11/10	Year Six orientation activities

Environmental Grant Success

Euabalong West Public School becoming part of the solution

We have just been successful in a grant from the Lachlan Catchments Authority. Our school has been approved for two separate grants. The first grant is for \$2000 to revegetate and establish a learning area along the Lachlan River and the second is for \$500 to create an Aboriginal bush tucker garden and continue our frog sanctuary project. These upcoming projects will be an opportunity to build both another new learning area for our student as well as create a beautiful space for our community and the people who pass through it.

This is an opportunity for our students to work with the community to make changes that we both help our students and benefit everyone in our community.

We will be revegetating and creating a picnic area along the banks of the Lachlan River, at this stage opposite the Euabalong progress committee hall. Any and all community members who would like to be part of this project at any stage are welcome. We will be having a meeting to discuss the project, its timeline and possible uses and benefits during our next P&C meeting, which will take place at Euabalong West Public School early in term one of 2011.

The bush tucker garden will be an addition to our current frog sanctuary. We will be asking local elders and members of Murrin Bridge to help us plan, create and maintain this space, as well as inform our students of the many uses and importance of local native plants to the Aboriginal culture. But again any members of our community with an interest in the project are encouraged to come along to any and all activities. These will be posted on both the weekly calendar and the website next year.

NAIDOC Day

Celebration our Aboriginal culture and history

On Monday the 22nd of November our students will travel to Beckom to take part in a special NAIDOC project. Our school along with our network of schools including Naradhan, Rankin's Springs, Beckom, Binya and Barmedman were awarded a grant to create a NAIDOC day that asked our students to consider the effect of past events on the Australian Aboriginal population, their own opinions of these events and how they want to move forward as the next generation of Australians.

Our students will watch the movie Rabbit Proof Fence and take part in a variety of Aboriginal activities as well as have their views, opinions and ideas for the future recorded in a series of interviews.

This is an exciting event for our students to take part in and is an opportunity for them to have their thoughts heard by a variety of people who will include other students, teachers, Education directors, local politicians. We are endeavouring to instil in our students that they have the power to make change and that this process often starts with reflection, whether it be self reflection or reflection on the actions of a culture or a country.

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Swim School

What we need to remember

With swim school now only a week and a half away here are a few reminders of what students will be up to.

Students will travel to swim school at 1:00pm everyday after having an early lunch and will return to school after leaving the pool at approximately 2:30pm. Euabalong students and village students will be dropped home on the return journey. This means that the late bus will run at the usual time.

Students will need to bring \$1 a day to pay for their entry into the pool but the bus trip and swimming program itself are both free.

We would like all students to bring a towel, a spare set of clothes including undies, a sun shirt if they have one, a hat they can wear in the pool, goggles, a plastic bag, sunscreen and their swimmers. Please remember to write the students names on all pieces of their equipment including towels and goggles.

Messages and Reminders:

P&C Meeting: I do expect that there will be one last P&C meeting for this year but a date is yet to be confirmed.

Decommissioned Library Books: We still have a few encyclopaedias and reference books left that we can no longer use in our library. If you would like to look through them and perhaps take some home please feel free to come in and have a browse. Any books remaining at the end of week 6 will be either donated to good will or recycled.

Head lice: Please remember to keep checking your children's hair. At this stage all known cases of head lice at school have been successfully dealt with but it is that time of year again when these little bugs tend to pop up and reoccur.

Walking to and from school: Please remind children to stay on the paths as they walk to and from school and to avoid areas with long grass or where they can't see the ground clearly. With the lovely wet, warm weather come the snakes in their droves and it's important for the children to be aware of the danger.

Some dates to remember:

Thursday Dec 2—Christmas carols at Seniors Day Care, Lake Cargelligo

Thursday Dec 9 —Swimming Carnival (NB Change of date)

Friday Dec 10—Yanco Speech Day

Wednesday Dec 15—Presentation night

Student of the Week:

These students are being recognised for their excellence. This week we congratulate:



Week 4



Week 5

Logan Biggin for his strongly developing leadership skills and ability to work as part of a group or a team and Shantelle Ohlsen for her improvement in reading.

This week's quote:

'Through learning we re-create ourselves. Through learning we become able to do something we were never able to do.'

Peter Senge

