**Principal’s Report**

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and you are all ready for an exciting and busy Term. I know I am.

Yesterday the teaching staff attended the ‘Habits of Highly Effective Teachers‘ workshop at Lake Wyangan. This was very worthwhile, providing us with strategies to improve our classroom management skills and improve student outcomes. It was also a fantastic opportunity to network with other small schools.

This week we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week, a national celebration of Australia’s Indigenous cultural heritage. Our activities will be based on the wonderful multitouch book “Traditional Wiradjuri Culture”. This book explores the culture and traditions of the Wiradjuri People, including chapters on shelters, bush resources, tools, weapons and traditional art. Students will learn about Wiradjuri culture through detailed text, interactive activities, videos and beautiful images. The book is available to download for free from the iBookstore.

Miss Wythes will be attending the Soccer Gala Day on Wednesday with ten of our senior students. We wish them good luck. Thank you to the P&C for putting their hand up to run the canteen on the day.

KROP rehearsal will be held on Thursday. Miss Wythes and Mrs Violi will be supervising the students.

The SRC are organising our annual lap-a-thon and students will be running each day in preparation. Please send you children to school with appropriate footwear. A date is yet to be set for this event as the original date clashes with the Small Schools Athletics Carnival.

Kerry Dal Nevo
Relieving Principal

**PSSA Tennis Knockout Competition**

Tuesday the 23rd of June was a day of stiff tennis competition in the little town of Barellan. The event was the Riverina Final (5th round) of the PSSA knockout competition. This means that out of the whole of the Riverina, our tiny local teams were the victors, playing it off for the title. The friendly town seemed a fitting host to the big day.

Famous for ‘The Big Tennis Racquet’ and even more famous for its ties to the lovely Evonne Goolagong, it provided a wealth of inspiration for the kids competing and some nostalgia for the older generations.

Photograph from left.
Harrison Ryan, Tom Taylor, Airlee Savage, Jemma Luelf, Paige Kenny, Jane and Norm Haeuster, Jake Bourchier.

Teacher, parents and coaches watching the tennis today couldn’t help but think of the girl from the bush, who made it so far, as we watched the kids hit up against the training wall, now named in her honour. The high level of tennis today reaffirmed that the Riverina still has it, in terms of sporting talent! While we were reminded of Evonne, today was a celebration of this generation’s tennis prowess, not to mention a celebration of so many of the small schools in Riverina region.
Griffith Small Schools team, Jemma Luelf (Weethalle P.S), Airlee Savage (Tharbogang P.S), Tom Taylor and Harrison Ryan (Goolgowi P.S) turned up to face the Barellan/Ardlethan team which was made up of brother and sister dynamic duo Norm and Jane Haeusler, Paige Kenny and Jake Bourchier, all from Barellan Central.

The students wowed their audience with the strength and consistency of each of their returns, some aces were smashed and many a rally had us holding our breath.

Best of all the students all took every mistake or lost point with grace, proving themselves not only as fine athletes but also fine characters. The Barellan team took it out in the end, winning 5 sets to the Griffith Small Schools’ 3. The Barellan team go on to compete against all the other regions in the state.

It could also be said that the success of today, and the tennis talent in the area could be largely be attributed to the hard work and dedication of Cheryl Rowle, who has been a force to be reckoned with when it comes to tennis in Griffith for many generations of children. Priceless dedication like that does brilliant things for a sport. You never know, a child hitting up against that training wall today may have been having those same dreams as Goolagong.

Jessie Wythes
Teacher

Peer Support
This week in Peer Support the children will reflect on the skills they have learned over the past few sessions. These include empathy, assertiveness, positive self talk, problem solving, perseverance and cooperation. Putting these skills into practice regularly will help children to be more resilient and adopt a more optimistic approach to life.

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Tissue Roster

- Cameron, Casella and Catanzariti Families

Lunch Roster - Friday 17th July

- Pick Up / Drop Off