LUCKY US!
What a week and a bit we’ve had. It certainly is a time to reflect on how lucky we are not living in a fire-prone area. Our hearts, and on Friday, our pockets go out to all those affected and we once again thank our fireys and other volunteers for their sacrifices.

We will naturally be supporting others in this with our fundraiser on Friday. I was grateful to Lauren Howell and Tayla Simonis who first approached me about this once again showing Blayney students as a caring bunch of students.

BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISERS
Donations of cakes/slices or biscuits for the Bush Fire Appeal fundraiser would be most appreciated.

Deliver to the Canteen on Friday morning.

Friday, 1st November, 2013

Wear something red or orange. Bushfire Appeal to help out those who have been affected by the bushfires.

Gold Coin Donation for out of uniform.

So bring your money for lunch and wear orange or red to do your bit to support those in need.

FIREY FRIDAY CANTEEN MENU

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Generous donations from Canteen Sales will be for the Bush Fire Appeal

Normal Friday menu options will not be available.

Whilst we haven’t had fires it has been hot here – hot with successes AGAIN!! Our Aggies have been at the forefront of these successes. I congratulate them all and the staff and leave it to your to read it all later in the newsletter – fantastic news!
At a management level the hot topic last week was the RAM – which is one of our financial statements including the flow-on from the Gonski review. I must say we have done well. This will allow us to run and staff further initiatives for student learning and engagement next year.

YEAR 12 NEWS
Our HSC is well underway and student reaction has been as positive as we could possibly hope. In other words – no major dramas. They will be over soon and students have the Graduation Ball to look forward to on Friday, 15th November. I know some have already been accepted to Wollongong University and CSU offers will be out not long after exams finish. We continue to wish them well.

MATHS IS FUN
Maths was the chosen topic for this year’s Heritage KLA and once again Blayney High School hosted all the Stage 3 students from across the area. In comparing responses at the beginning and end of the day, students did indeed come to see not only was Maths fun and interesting but it was very useful in later life.

A number of CSU students in the Future Moves program assisted with Maths relays, building challenges and puzzles whilst primary staff dazzled students with designs and co-ordinates. Overall it was another successful day helped along by Miss Riley and Mr. Cambey as well as our very hardworking student helpers – Grace Mooney, Laura Funnell, Chloe Anderson and Tahlia Brown who also found Maths can be fun.

Thanks also to the canteen – it was a massive day for all concerned with milkshakes and paddle pops especially popular.

PARENT SUPPORT
We have at last got our new soccer jerseys and they will make us look very professional indeed. One set was made possible by the kind donation of Linda Ewin under the CADIA volunteer program and we are very grateful. If any other parent is able to support in this way we’d really appreciate it.

Linda has previously provided donations for softball uniforms so if you are in this program you can tell us where you’d like the money to go.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS
Please see below for 2 opportunities to earn prizes and recognition for your artistic endeavours. And show everyone your talents.

Photographers: any student with a photo they may have taken either at school or home (not mum or dad!) can enter the Heritage Comp as well. If you have a great photo(s) send it to Miss Jones (susan.jones@det.nsw.edu.au) or bring it in on a thumb drive and she will get them all developed for their show. They need to be at school by this Friday (1st November).

Heritage Art Competition 2013

1. A free theme
   Categories:
   - Photography
   - 3D
   - Painting

2. BHS Art Competition & P&C sponsored
   - No theme
   - Stage 5 and 6 Prizes

3. Principals’ Award - Landscape
   - Years K – 12 prizes

Due: 8th November Show: 13th November
COMING EVENTS

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YEARLY EXAMS YEARS 7-10
Coming Soon: Week 7
18th – 22nd November

Study hard and do your best!

- Any student with organised absences during this week MUST have parents contact – Phone or letters to the Principal a.s.a.p.

PINK RIBBON DAY FUNDRAISER
Once again staff and senior students came together in what has become an annual event for Pink Ribbon Day. Enjoying many ‘pink’ foods and donations flowed raising $252.00.

Senior students joined staff to help raise funds on Pink Ribbon Day

ASSESSMENT TASKS

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MUSIC HAPPENINGS
SHOWCASE is coming again!

With all the exciting music that happens in the Elective classes, Band, Vocal Group and Instrumental Ensemble under Ms Langbein and Mr Browett, it has come time for a concert to demonstrate and celebrate the talent of our students.

After the success of the Stage 6 SHOWCASE earlier this year we have put our heads together to find a way to encourage our younger students to do more to live
their dream of being performers. We will continue with the SHOWCASE series, this time SHOWCASE MARK III to celebrate our students – the elective classes and all our ensembles and, we hope, some special invitation items!

Put aside the time to come and see the show! SHOWCASE MARK III will be happening on TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER at Blayney High School.

There will be an evening show starting at 7pm. Tickets are $4 each or $10 per family.

Hope to see you there. (Ms. Langbein)

INTRODUCING …. MR. CAMBEY
Visiting the quaint primary schools in our area by Mr. Mat Cambey to introduce himself as the Year 7 Adviser for 2014 has taken quite some time this year with 93 students expected from ten primary schools.

The kitchen garden at Trunkey Creek Public School was a highlight. Taran Walters proudly gave a tour of the vegetables that are thriving as shown in the photo.

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY FUNCTION
The family and friends of the Year 11 Hospitality students, along with Ms. Jones and Mr. Browett, were treated to a luncheon by the these students. This was a culmination of their Year 11 work and they were able to display their new talents and skills. The students had the morning to prepare a minestrone soup with a damper roll for the main meal. The dessert was a decadent brown sugar panna cotta with espresso syrup, decorated with spun sugar.

The kitchen was transformed into a restaurant, decorated with a black and hot pink theme and the mood created by candles and background music. All comments from our guests were very positive, especially about the panna cotta. The Year 11 Hospitality class are to be congratulated on their responsible and enthusiastic attitude towards the day. We would also like to thank all the guests who attended and supported the students.

(Ms. Adams)

FARM PLANNING COMPETITION
In May this year our Senior Agriculture classes attended a field day run by the Central West Catchment Management Authority. The aim of the field day was to assess “Keirmont” and develop a sustainable farm plan that would suit the needs of the farmer.

Our Year 11 Agriculture class took on the challenge of developing a farm plan that would then be entered in the farm planning competition.

Jordan Lane, Harry Meek, Nick Reeks, Annika Brown, Gillian Turner-Mann, Lisa Tolhurst and Jack Anderson set to work researching sustainable farming options including fish, chicken, bees and alpaca farming as well as lucerne, pasture and tree lot production systems. The competition also asked that the student find any grants that may be available for the farmer to help setting up the sustainable system. On submission the students had to ensure that each of the chosen enterprises supported each other and would ensure the sustainability of the land, natural resources and all enterprises. This tied in very well with their Farm Case Study unit of study.

On Friday the class attended the Australian National Field Days where the winners were announced. The students should be congratulated on their effort and their understanding of sustainability to put together
their plan. Our Year 11 Agriculture Class was awarded First Place in the 2013 Farm Planning Competition, A great effort!!

(Mrs. Dowsett)

OUR VERY OWN KARATE KID
Thomas Field travelled with the Blayney Australian Martial Arts Academy to Tokyo to compete in the Koshiki World Title in Sendia. He competed against 18 contestants in his age division where he placed 3rd in the world.

Following the competition there was a chance for them to do some sight-seeing in Osaka and then back to Tokyo where they visited the Tokyo Zoo and Disneyland.

Congratulations to Thomas on such an outstanding achievement.

Thomas with Lisa Carr receiving his certificate and trophy.

COWS CREATE CAREERS
Last Thursday, 24th October, a group of Year 7 Ag D&T students attended the ‘Cows Create Careers’ presentation ceremony at Cowra. This was an event that has been running since 2004, and Blayney High School has been involved in for the last three years.

‘Cows Create Careers’ is a National program and initiative that is funded by the Australian Dairy Industry. It gives more insight into the careers and further education that students may want to look at for their future choice of study and occupation. This is achieved through a range of activities including industry advocate visits, students caring for dairy calves at school and in class assessment tasks involving research into different aspects of the dairy industry.

Blayney High students as always completed all of the tasks to a very high and competitive level, but due to the ‘word getting out’ about how enjoyable this program is, the ever increasing number of schools becoming involved has grown, which in turn has seen the competition becoming stronger. As a result, Blayney did not bring home any of the major prizes this year, however we ‘creammed’ the other schools on the day with the activities.

We are all looking forward to next year, where we will be ‘udderly’ fantastic.

(Ms Dunford)
**Blayney/Cadia Festival Jumping Castle**  
**Sunday, 17th October, 2013**

Blayney High School will be operating a jumping castle at the Cadia/Blayney Festival.

If you are able to help with the jumping castle on any of the time slots below please call the office on 6368 2100.

- 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
- 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
- 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
- 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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**Canteen Worker Profile 2013**

**Belinda Jones**

Why do you volunteer at Blayney High Canteen?

- I enjoy helping to provide a happy and friendly service whilst meeting the needs of various teenage appetites.

What are the benefits?

- Great people to work with.
- Socialising with staff and students, including my own children and other that I’ve known through their schooling life.

Would you recommend it to others?

- Yes! It’s a great friendly community atmosphere.

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**Blayney Division of Orange Legacy**

C/- 22 Maple Crescent,  
BLAYNEY NSW 2799

23rd September, 2013.

Dear Sir,

Re: Legacy Appeals Week 2013

The members of the Blayney Division of Orange Legacy wish to convey their thanks and appreciation to the students of your school for their assistance in selling badges for the Legacy Appeals Week in September, 2013.

The students did a wonderful job and are a credit both to themselves and to your school.

Legacy really appreciates the assistance of help of your students and without the assistance of such people Legacy could not continue to help the widows and children of deceased servicemen.

Yours in Legacy

Helen Trent  
Hon. Secretary

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**The Headmaster**  
Blayney High School,  
Water Street,  
BLAYNEY NSW 2799
**SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

The Blayney High School Clothing Pool operates as follows.
If you need to purchase any items please complete the order form below and submit to the front office, before 1pm, this will be filled and be ready for pick up from 2.30pm. Orders dropped after 1pm will not be filled until the following school day.

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Clothing pool will still be open on pupil free days out of the canteen.
Attention Year 8 Students

Dear Parent or Carer

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 11 November and Friday 15 November 2013. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSAonline.

ESSAonline contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:

- Knowledge and understanding of science
- Understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigations
- Ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- Ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values.

Since students complete ESSAonline on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child’s school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during term 1 2014. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. You will be invited to complete a parent survey about the test and science learning.

The principal of Blayney High School is able to provide you with more details about the ESSA program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Ken Jones
Acting Head Teacher Science – Blayney High School
There is no doubt that 2013 is the year of the Zombie Apocalypse. According to IMDB there have been no less than 53 zombie movies in 2013 so far! In fact several surveys have recently concluded that a high proportion of Americans believe that a zombie apocalypse is imminent. So the question has to be asked: Are YOU ready?

Well, do not expect this year’s Nangana to help you out. Even though the “theme” is zombie apocalypse there will be no helpful hints, no maps to safe havens, nor hints and tips on how to get that really cute zombie to date you again…

What there will be are surveys for Year 12 (including some of their thoughts on the aforementioned apocalypse), surveys with selected students from other years, reports on excursions, sporting events, discos, mufti days, visitors and a general run-down of school life. You will also find examples of students’ work and photos. All in glorious living full colour.

Should you choose to also purchase the DVD-ROM you will also be treated to every single photo that we have taken throughout the school year (as long as it meets quality standards). So far this is in the range of nearly 4000 photos! In addition you will get electronic copies of the magazine, every newsletter of 2013, programs from various nights and assemblies, videos where available and electronic examples of student work such as powerpoints.

All at a very reasonable cost so you can still afford to buy your bottled water and longlife food.

I encourage every family to buy at least one copy of Nangana this year, remember that these are memories you can never have again, and in years to come you can look back at the stories, the photos and the funny anecdotes and remember what a wonderful time High School really is. In the long run, memories are priceless.

To order Nangana, please fill out the order form below and return to the school office with payment ASAP. Remember that if you miss the deadline you will miss out as no further orders will be accepted 😞.

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Friday 29th November 2013

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