What's on this Week

Monday
- Kindergarten commence school in KG & KM
- SRC class elections to be conducted
- Staff meeting

Tuesday
- P & C Meeting at 7pm in our Community Centre

Wednesday
- Sporting House meetings

Thursday
- BHNPS Swimming carnival for primary students

Friday
- School Assembly @ 9am hosted by Mrs Dougherty and school captains

Dates to Remember

1. Mon 15th Feb - Staff meetings in stage teams
2. Thurs 18th Feb - P&C / SRC Family Fun Evening concluding with BBQ tea
3. Fri 19th Feb - School Assembly @ 9am hosted by 5/6M

Principals Report

I trust everyone has had an enjoyable break from the routines of school life and have had the opportunity to recharge the batteries. 2016 promises to be another positive year with plenty of initiatives and programs on the agenda, as we strive to deliver on our school improvement plans. I hope all our students, parents and staff members are ready to be part of our team as we strive to be the best we can be. Whilst our first week back was only 2 days for our students, it was nice to sense such positivity at our place.

A very big welcome to Cassie Ross, Jessica Parker and Anna Osland Johnston who are new members of the North team. Apart from these changes we are very fortunate to have the vast majority of staff with us again this year which is invaluable in moving forward in our planning and shared understanding of what we are trying to achieve.

Mrs Jodie Parker was successful in her application to relieve as the Learning & Engagement Officer based at the Far West Schools Office for Term 1. Her skills will be invaluable in supporting our schools and we wish her the very best of luck as she engages in this new opportunity. Mrs Cass Leighton and Mrs Zoe Gimbert will share the responsibilities as our Special Education Assistant Principal for Term 1.

A very warm welcome to all our kindergarten students who will be starting their educational journey with us this year. Everyone is very excited about seeing our newest recruits and providing them with a positive start. We would also like to acknowledge our new enrolments in other grades- Frank & Felicity Etrich, Shem Reynolds, Wezley Edwards Riley and Shakay & Kyan Coombe. Welcome to the school where - "Learning is for All"

Our school’s swimming carnival kicks off on Thursday at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre. We trust the weather will suit and all our primary aged students will be attendance. Mrs Burke and Ms Cutting have been working...
hard behind the scenes to make sure the day goes smoothly.

What’s planned for 2016?

- Continue to implement the Early Action for Success (EA4S) Initiative in K-2
- Best Start initiative for Kindergarten
- L3 professional learning for our K-2 teachers
- Improve our school’s attendance rate
- Continue our HOW2Learn professional learning project
- Continue our focus on Quality Teaching, Focus On Learning & Community Engagement as our strategic directions in the delivery of our school plan
- Improve outcomes for all our students
- Continue our focus on raising responsibility and see more students, staff and parents adopting growth mindsets
- Continue to provide enrichment activities for students

Getting Involved

Another aspect of our school that I would love to see develop further this year is the connection our families have with the school. I would love to see more people involved and sharing in their child’s or grandchild’s education. Our school and our kids need parents to feel comfortable coming into the school and being involved in their child’s education.

How do you do that? Come to an assembly that your child’s class is hosting. Come along to the Family Fun Evening on Thursday 18th Feb, attend your child’s class meetings in Weeks 4 & 5. Come along to a P&C meeting. Have a chat with your child’s teacher. Ask if there’s any way you can help in the classroom. Volunteer a day in the school canteen. Come along to our special days – Easter Hat Parade, Anzac Day march, school fete …….. Your involvement may only be limited by your imagination and willingness. As with anything, the first step is always the most daunting.

School Organisation - 2016

Executive
Principal: Brett Cumming
Assistant Principal: Sonja McEvoy
Assistant Principal: Jarvis Semmens
Assistant Principal: Cass Leighton & Zoe Gimbert (Relieving)
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Class Teachers
Kindergarten
K M: Danielle Miller
Kindergarten
K G: Kristy Grieve
Stage 1
1-2 F: Marie Fisher
Stage 1
1-2 M: Kellie Molloy
Stage 1
1-2 P: Laura Peters
Stage 2
2-3 B: Mannie Burke
Stage 2
3-4 G: Sherie Gaiter
Stage 2
4-5 S: Jarvis Semmens
Stage 3
5-6 M: Sonja McEvoy
Stage 3
5-6 P: Jessica Parker
Special Ed
3-6 C: Kylie Cutting
2-6 J: Nicole Jennings
2-6 W: Lavinia Weaver
K-2 T: Jessica Thompson
El: Zoe Gimbert

Support Staff
Library/RFF
Kathy Robertson
EA4S Support
Anna Osland Johnston
RR/ EA4S Support
Peter Oriel
Learning & Support
Cass Leighton
Exec RFF
Rachel Harvey
RFF
Cassie Ross
IST-V
Hope Brain
IST-H
Rosemary Brown
School Counsellor
Helen Walton
Student Welfare Teacher
Glenda Beeston
SAM
Allyson Dell
SAO
Chris Roney & Hayley McClure
Home School Coordinator
Kathy Yates
Aboriginal Educ. Worker
Carol Kickett

School Learning Support Officers
Sue Meadows, Di Odgers, Sandra Wilson, Anita Dettore, Nicole Howe, Kellie Morgan, Melissa Simmons, Kathy Ferguson, Ange Stewart, Rylie McInnes, Tara Hosking, Kym Charles, Shelby McINerney and Sophie Regan

General Assist.
Terry Johnson
Cleaners
Jenny Johnson, Helen Keher & Sam Donohue
HOW2Learn
One of the major professional activities we have in place is HOW2Learn which is a research based package aimed at increasing our teaching skills and improving outcomes for our students. A huge focus at this stage of our learning journey is the impact of mindset in the teaching / learning process. Each week I will endeavour to propose aspects of mindsets and challenge you to take it into consideration in your role as parents / carers.

Proposition 1 – When faced with a challenging task, what is your likely reaction?

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Which mindset is most likely to result in learning? **Change the words, change the mindset!**

Book Club
Your child will have brought home Scholastic Book Club brochures. This will occur 2-3 times per term. If you wish to purchase anything, fill in the form on the back, place correct money in an envelope or plastic zip lock bag and give this to your child’s class teacher or hand them in to Mrs Robertson in the library. Please return orders by Friday 19th February. Orders take approximately a week to arrive and be distributed. The school is given coupons and free pics to order resources for the library as a result of your participation.

Borrowing
Students in K-2 must have a library bag/plastic bag in order to borrow. Students who have not as yet returned their library books from last year will be allowed to borrow but the book will stay in their classroom.

Library Days
Monday – 5-6 W, 2-6 J, K-2 T
Tuesday – 3-6 C, 3-4 G, 5-6 P
Wednesday – K M, 1-2 F, 1-2 M, K G
Thursday – 4-5 S, 5-6 M, 2-3 B, 1-2 P

Lunchtime
The library is open to the children every day during lunch play from 1.30 - 1.55 pm. Children my read, play library games, draw etc. The computer network is available for students.

Community News

Moxie Drama Group
Moxie Drama Group will start for first term on Sunday 14th February at Theatre 44, 189 Wills Street. This is an opportunity for kids in Years 3 – 7 (Aged 8 to 12) to learn theatre skills such as speech, acting, working in a group, stage presence, confidence, etc. Time: 10.30 to 12.00 pm Sundays. Cost: $25 per term
Phone Marilyn Harris on 8087 9585 or 0413 905 048 for details and bookings.

YWCA Girls Group
YWCA Girls Groups start Monday 15th February, 349 Blende Street and Thursday 18th February, St James Church Hall, Wilson Street. Time: 4 pm to 5.30 pm. After school fun activities for girls 6-12 years. Cost is $2 for members or $3.50 casual. Ring 8087 3573 – 0438 085 338 for more information.
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Team / Staff / Professional Development Meetings – Mondays 3.20pm
Learning Support Meetings – Tuesdays 2.00pm Executive Meetings – Tuesdays 8am

Learning for all at North