School Plan
The school plan will be published early in Term 2, once it has been signed off on by the Director, Public Schools.
Following initial consultation with our community and several rounds of feedback from planning experts within the Department, the plan has been through several iterations. Our three strategic directions have been honed to the following:

Excellence in teacher professional learning
Socially engaged, competent students
Students engaged in society using 21st century competencies

I look forward to providing a more detailed update and a final chance for input and feedback at the next P&C meeting.

Debating in 2015
Since 2013, Mingoola PS has entered a team in the Premier's Debating Challenge. The growth in our competitiveness over the two years made the prospect of not entering a team in 2015 due to a lack of senior students all the more disappointing.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I inform you that we have been able to combine with Bonshaw PS to enter a team in the 2015 competition.

The Premier’s Debating Challenge is a fantastic opportunity for students to apply their learning and develop confidence and speaking skills.

Book Fair
Our book fair is just around the corner – Tuesday next week! The fair will include book readings by staff, craft activities, a fancy dress competition (Kings, Queens & Castles), games and book voucher prizes.
We will begin at 11am with an expected finish at 12:30pm. Morning tea will be provided for parents and children.

Oracles of the Bush
A reminder to parents that students should be practising their chosen poem or verse for performance on Friday 27March.

Attachments
• Nil

Calendar

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Students enjoyed their trip to see the German Band perform at THS last Friday.
Instructional Rounds
My Pryce and Miss Brown will be out of school on Monday 23 March to conduct the first set of instructional rounds within our community of schools. A casual teacher will be at school to ensure students’ learning is not interrupted.

Mr Cam Pryce
Principal

Mingoola & Bonshaw PS students working together to analyse texts.

Vet, Mr Harpham delivering a talk on fruit bats as part of our unit of study.

Principal’s Award

Jacolene De Jager
for being increasingly self-motivated in her pursuit of learning and improvement in English.

Jacolene’s desire for improvement is evident in her effort to use the strategies she learns in class to improve her writing and spelling.

Congratulations Jacolene!
THE BUMBLEBEE BAT

Classification
Bat wings are made out of the same bones that are in your hand but with skin stretched between called membrane. Bats are mammals, so they have no feathers, a backbone, and their babies are born live and warm blooded. They are the only mammal that can fly, lizards and other mammals can leap from tree to tree but that’s gliding not flying.

Diet
Bumblebee bats come out on at night to feast on insects that can be twice their size. They use echolocation and other senses such as smell and sound to catch insects.

Habitat
Bumblebee bats live in the depths of humid and dense limestone caves surrounded by bamboo forest in Thailand, and Myanmar. They only come out at night to avoid predators.

Predators
Bumblebee bats only come out at night to avoid predators but their predators have adapted to this. Like many snakes now live in the same caves with the bats nesting up above, while the snakes are waiting for the young or weak to fall—other predators like owls are as well. They are nocturnal as well, and when the bats are hunting they are too. So are they—

Description
Bumblebee bats can be 29mm to 33mm fully grown they are the smallest mammal that we know of. Their wingspan is 170mm and they weigh 2g that’s lighter than a ping pong ball.

Behaviour
Bats use echolocation to see in the dark, how they do this is by screeching until there voice hits an object then it bounces back to them, but not all bats use echolocation like Flying foxes they have very good eyesight.

Lifecycle
Bumblebee bats live 10 to 15 years. Bumblebee bats mostly have one baby, it’s very unlikely that such a tiny animal has more than one baby!—

Screenshots of interschool peer editing – Mingoola PS and Niangala PS students develop their editing and text composing skills through offering and receiving feedback to their virtual classmates.

Thanks to Monique for sharing her work.

Lookout for our joint ‘Bat Information Website’ coming soon!
**CLAIM THE DATE**

Werris Creek Public School

HORSE SPORTS

DATE: Friday 7th August 2015
TIME: 8AM Gear Check for 8.30am Start
COST: $20.00 Per Rider

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CLAIMING THE DATE

Narrabri West Public School
Horse Sports Day

Friday 12th June 2015

Saturday 13th June
Narrabri Pony Club Show Riding Gymkhana

Sunday 14th June
Narrabri Blench Trophy Day

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