Science Camp
Last week, Mingoola and Bonshaw students combined for a two day science camp. All students conducted experiments and engaged in different learning experiences appropriate to their stage, on the theme of Forces and Energy. On Wednesday night, those who were able to stay for the camp enjoyed a disco as well as dinner and a movie.

All students enjoyed the experience and were almost as exhausted as their teachers at the end of the camp.

Debating
Last week, the Mingoola / Bonshaw ‘Border Beraters’ took up the issue of whether ‘all children should be bought a pet’, with the Inverell PS debating team.

Both teams made strong arguments and structured their speeches well, with our team prosecuting the argument against pets being bought for all children.

Each debater from the ‘Beraters’ demonstrated that they have learnt and improved significantly from Round 1, and the debate could have gone either way.

Unfortunately, our team was not able to convince the adjudicators that they had mounted the more persuasive case, and the debate was awarded to Inverell.

Having said this, all speakers should be very proud of their performance.

Jacolene had her first taste of the pressure of the preparation room, having rotated into the role of Team Advisor for this round. She is looking forward to testing her mettle as second speaker in the final round for 2015 in the first week back at school.
Upcoming Excursions
We have several excursions planned for the final fortnight of school before the holidays. We will travel to Bonshaw for the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, visit the Warwick indoor pool for their behaviour and participation rewards excursion, and travel to Tenterfield for NAIDOC celebrations with SHPMPS.
We will also host two ‘virtual excursions’ in NAIDOC week as we video conference with the Australian Museum and Sydney Olympic Park Authority to learn about the symbolism of flags and the origins and meaning of NAIDOC, prior to our visit to SHPMPS.

P&C Wood Raffles
Thank you to everyone who supported the recent P&C wood raffle through baking, collecting wood and staffing the stall. The event was a success and will support the P&C in progressing the year’s major fundraising event - the Mingoola P&C Fishing Competition.
The next wood raffle is to be held at Coles Tenterfield on Saturday 25 July from 8am.

Supporting the P&C Fishing Competition
Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the flyer being distributed to advertise the fishing competition. We ask for your support in spreading the word to anyone you know that may be interested in attending – and in talking around those who initially aren’t!
Funds raised will directly benefit the students and may assist the P&C in supporting major excursions (Lake Ainsworth Sport and Rec Camp in 2015) and participation of students selected to play with the Small Schools’ Marimba Ensemble in Sydney.
Copies of the flyer are available from the school upon request.

Toshiba photocopier tender
Our school recently replaced the old black and white photocopier that has been in the school for many years. We will be disposing of the old machine via a tender process. If you are interested in the machine, please submit a written tender to the office by the end of term.
The printer/copier has a tendency to jam frequently. It can be viewed at the school.

Thank you
As this is my last newsletter as Principal of Mingoola Public School, let me reiterate my gratitude to students, parents and community for their support of the initiatives and day-to-day work of the school over the past four years.
Thank you for making my time at Mingoolia one which I will always look upon with fond memories.

Mr Cam Pryce
Principal

Highlights of Semester 1