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TERM 4 Week 4

Principal's Report

1986: Bringing Back the Book

When I was 10 years old my Auntie Robyn gave me a pack of Roald Dahl books for Christmas. I was never particularly interested in reading and visits to Gunnedah Public School library generally involved trying to race my friends to the *Asterix* section, without getting caught by the librarian.

On Monday this week, I shared a chapter from Roald Dahl's, *The Twits*, with students in assembly. *The Twits* is a magnificent book, a very easy read, with dreadful tricks that 10-year-old boys would quite like to play on their sisters.

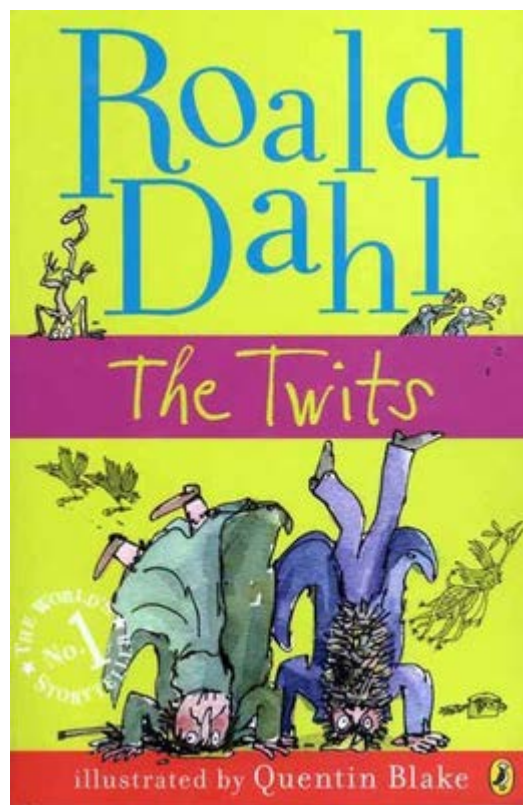
Overnight, in 1986, Roald Dahl became my favourite author, and I've enjoyed all of his books ever since. From bone-crunching giants, in the *BFG*, to the dastardly jewel thief in *The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me*, his books are filled with delightful characters and tremendously-engaging stories. My favourite book, *Danny the Champion of the World*, has shaped my thinking as a teacher, and also as a father.

The main purpose of our *Bring Back the Book* challenge, has been to capture the hearts of students with a love of reading. With more students borrowing from the library, and a general excitement about reading around the school, I would suggest the campaign has been a tremendous success. While this is our last week of the challenge, my hope is that students will have found an author, or a series of books, that they can't put down – that the momentum for reading will continue for the remainder of the year, and for many years to come.

1986 was the year I was introduced to Roald Dahl. I wonder if 2018 will be a special year for one of our students - falling in love with the world of reading.

School Planning

In recent weeks, teachers have been carefully reviewing school evaluation data as we refine and update the 2018-2020 School Plan. A number of measures are used in evaluation, including the surveys completed by students, staff and parent/community members. At next week's P&C meeting, I will provide an overview of the school's performance in this year's NAPLAN assessment, which also informs decision-making.



Finally

Year 5 have enjoyed a rewarding trip away to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Next week, students will undertake leadership training as they consider nomination for school leadership positions.

Simon Mulready, Principal

This week's virtue is **ASSERTIVENESS**:

Being assertive means being positive and confident. You are aware that you are a worthy person with your own special gifts. You think for yourself and express your own ideas. You know what you stand for and what you won't stand for. You expect respect.

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
4	8/11	AFL Clinic (Yrs 3, 4, 5) K-2 Assembly (10) 2.10pm-3pm
	9/11	Primary Assembly (6F) 12.20pm-1pm
5	12/11	Jollybops Science Show (Yr 1&2) 9am-1pm
	13/11	P&C Meeting 6.30pm-8pm
	14/11	Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session 9.15am -10.30am Yr 5 Leadership training 11.30am-1.30pm
Reminder of Money Due: Jollybops Science Show \$6.00 (Yrs 1&2) Luna Park \$55.00 due Thursday 22 November (Yr 6) Interrelate Family Sessions (Yr 6) \$30 1 session or \$35 for both sessions due Thursday 22 November Fort Scratchley and Foreshore Park \$11.00 due Thursday 29 November (Yr 3&4) Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due		

News from the Office

Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions.

We now have parent online payments through the School's Website as well as eftpos at the office.

You can now pre-pay fees and excursions in advance through our new system.

Please use our School App to notify the school of any absences for your child or any change of details.

SPORT NEWS

AFL

Our Years 3, 4 and 5 students will participate in the final free [funded through Sporting Schools grant] AFL clinic at Marks Oval this Thursday during PE.

Primary Sport

Great news! Students who attend PCYC or Valentine Pool for sport each Friday, will now have two separate buses each week. This will allow students to have more time at each sport, with less travel. There will be NO extra cost to students for the extra bus. Thanks to the Sport Committee, funding was again supplied through the Sporting Schools grants. Finally, it's going to be warm again on Friday, so maybe pack some extra water and apply sunscreen before leaving home.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bring Back the Book

The draw for the Week 3 \$50 Book Club vouchers was done on Friday. Congratulations to the winners; Cohen Smith KG, Gabrielle Wigginton 1/2G, Caoimhe Cogan Ennis 1O, William Street KS, Isabella Gertsch 3/4A, Olivia Bell 4B, Tye Banek 5G and Tobie Eeles 6K.

If you missed the information about this challenge, check the school website or the Brief from Week 1.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

MORNING TEA FOR 2019 KINDER PARENTS

The Kindergarten orientation process is almost complete. The last session for the children is Wednesday 14th November. As a way of welcoming new parents to our wonderful school, the P&C has traditionally provided the new kinder parents with morning tea on this day. If you are able to contribute a small plate of food it would be very much appreciated. Please take it to the canteen when you arrive at school. Thank you very much to the canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and all the people who have helped to make the orientation process a success.

Jenny Barclay

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.

BAND NEWS

MINI MINORS BAND



MAJORS BAND



CANTEEN NEWS

Coming Up

Kinder 2019 Morning Tea – Wednesday 14 November

Christmas Lunch Bags – Monday 19 November

Canteen Volunteer Night out - Monday 3 December

Kindergarten 2019 Morning Tea

Wednesday morning 14 November Floraville Public School canteen and the P&C will be holding a Kindergarten 2019 Morning Tea for parents and visitors. We are looking for volunteers & donations of cakes, slices etc. If you are able to help with either or both of these

, a note will be coming home today please complete and return to the canteen.

Thank you.

Roster

Thursday 8/11 – Trish Oakey, Nicole Hooper, Suzanne Halpin

Friday 9/11 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman, Sarah Soewarno

Monday 12/11 – Kristy Reid, Kylie Wells, Peta Warland

Tuesday 13/11 – Rachael Searle, Melissa Eastham

Wednesday 14/11 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Sharon Robertson

P&C NEWS

The Final General Meeting of the P&C for 2018 will be held next Tuesday 13 November commencing at 6.30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Save the date - Carols on the Green will be held on the front grass on Tuesday 11 December. We will be looking for helpers on the night. Further details will be provided in coming weeks.

Bryan Garland - President

fpspresident@gmail.com

BANKING NEWS

Thanks to the 61 students who submitted their banking last week, you are all adding towards your reward tally and also continuing with a great savings pattern. Don't forget all books need to be handed in on a Thursday morning as and counting takes place that day. If your child does not receive their book, please remind them to ask their teacher. Our teachers are busy people so if we can have students take ownership for their banking it will mean books will be returned in time for the next banking day. KS were our class champions for last week. Great work KS.

Some rewards were received at the school late last week some did not make it in time to go home for last Thursday but will be sent home this week. We still have many students (roughly 70) that are eligible for their banking reward, we would love to send home as many as we can before the end of term. Last day for reward ordering will be Thursday 6th December. Please send a note to the banking team if you think your child is due for their reward. Notes were sent home some weeks ago.

Sandy Green

SCHOOLS COMMUNITY PROGRAM

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Where is the program run?

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When do programs run?
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Wet 'n' Wild Water Play is back this summer at Vacation Care

**Vacation Care is available from
Thursday 20th December -
Thursday 24th January**

(closed 25th-26th December & 1st January due to public holiday)

7.30am - 6.00pm

Meals Included

The Hunter Sports Centre has achieved a Meeting National Quality Standards rating under the National Quality Framework.

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