It is the start of a new school year and boy it’s been a good one so far. School started on the 4th of February and it was great getting back. Then on the 5th we had the annual swimming carnival. This year we had it at Goondiwindi with the schools of Yetman, North Star, Boggabilla, Tulloona, Cropper Creek and Toomelah. It was a very successful day for Bonshaw and Ella and Dan Ramsay got junior boy and girl! This year we got one new student in kindergarten by the name of Tom Hickson, he is a lovely energetic boy and also easy to get along with. During our second week we have learnt heaps including most of the new schedules. Our new learning spaces for years 4, 5 and 6 are working heaps better than last year I think. One of our new school activities are $5 Friday where every Friday we are at school we come to school in our work clothes and bring $5. We bring our work clothes because this year we are continuing gardening every second Friday. We bring the $5 dollars for a totally new event where we pay $5 and you get somebody else’s favourite lunch or if it’s your turn your favourite lunch. I love this because if you can’t decide what is your favourite you choose one thing and if you’re lucky somebody else might choose the other food. Thank you for reading.

By Tom Ramsay—School Captain

Welcome back to a great year at Bonshaw Public School.

We welcome back all of our families and welcome Tommy Hickson to our Kindergarten class. Tommy and Jake make up our Kinder class for 2016. Here at BPS, educating our students to the best of their ability and then pushing them a little more is exactly what we do. Stability and continuity is one of the key elements for our student’s achievements.

Throughout 2016 Mrs Blackford will be in the classroom everyday implementing the Jolly Phonics program with Kindergarten and assisting other students with their learning. Mrs Newton will join us on a Wednesday and Thursday to implement split Science lessons, coordinate sport and teach some aspects of Mathematics. Mrs Bentley is also back this year with five days a fortnight in the office. We would also like to welcome Mr J, who has taken over the role of General Assistant one day a week. Don’t worry, Miss Kimba will still be around helping our school to shine.

Imagine having a great weekend away only to come home to your house on fire. This was the devastating reality for Lizzie and Shane Elliott late in January. They could do nothing as they stood back and watched the fire engulf their home taking with it all their worldly possessions. They, however, were safe. Together, with the help of people from near and far, Lizzie and Shane are slowly getting back on their feet. Ashleigh and Hannah have returned to school and started the year well.

This wonderful family would like to say thank you. Thank you to everyone that donated items. Thank you to anyone that was nearby helping. Thank you to the people who had them in their thoughts. Thank you.
On Friday we had a swimming carnival at Goondiwindi. I got up to get ready. I packed my bag and my mum got my towel out of the cupboard. Then we left to go to school and we met Mrs Magann and we went to Goondiwindi. My races were kickboard race, noodle race and rocket. Dan got a medal and Ella got one too. Sally and I were Mrs Magann’s runners. We had to run papers down to the other teachers. The best thing about the day was the frozen coke.

By Hannah Ringuet-Year 2

On Friday we had a swimming carnival at Goondiwindi. I got up to get ready. I packed my bag and my mum got my towel out of the cupboard. Then we left to go to school and we met Mrs Magann at school. Mrs Magann drove Hannah, Ashleigh, Daisy and Tommy and Jake and Kane and me to Goondiwindi. When we got to the pool and we found a spot then we sat down. Tom was the first one to swim. I did the noodle race with Hannah and I did the kickboard race with Hannah. Next I did the bubble and breathing race. Lastly I went in the 25 meter race. I was tired but Mrs Magann got us frozen coke and we went back to school and played on the monkey bars and I scared K–2 because I said I heard a snake and they screamed and they went to their homes.

By Sally Magann-Year 2

On Friday we woke up and I got dressed. Then I had Weetbix. Then I met Mrs Magann. We went on the bus to the swimming carnival. The swimming carnival was at Goondiwindi. Then we jumped in the pool. My first race was kickboard. Second was noodle races and after I swam 25 meters of freestyle and last of all I swam 50 meters. I couldn’t believe it. I was in a relay with Ella and Tom and Dan. I had a really, really good day and my best part was 50 meters swimming.

By Daisy Hickson—Year 1

On Friday I had breakfast and then got ready. We met Mrs Magann at school and then Mrs Magann took us to the swimming carnival and then we did our races. I did 25 meters. I did kickboard too and I did noodle races. The best bit of the day was the 25 meters.

By Dan Ramsay-Year 2

Thank you to all the parents that were able to come along and help out on the day. It was a great day!

By Dan Ramsay-Year 2

Wishing Kane and William an amazing 2 weeks at Stewart House. This is great opportunity for our students to gain friends through social expansion, discover Sydney and learn some new things. Have fun boys!